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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Conophytum minusculum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. subsp. aestiflorens S.A.Hammer & T.Smale
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria	Critically Rare
Assessment Date	2015/06/10
Assessor(s)	A.J. Young
Justification	A range-restricted taxon (EEO <100km ²) known from a single site that is not immediately threatened.

Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Western Cape
Range	Swartruggens, Ceres Karoo.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Fynbos
Description	Shallow sandy grit pans among rocks in dry quartzite fynbos.

Threats

There are no immediate threats to



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this taxon. Its habitat is not suitable to cultivation, but may possibly be affected by overgrazing and trampling, but its rocky habitat provides some protection against degradation. Infrastructure development is a slight potential threat.

Population

This taxon is known from a single subpopulation of more than 1000 plants. A recent attempt to locate the most northerly subpopulation has failed. If this subpopulation is included the EOO is about 100 km², but otherwise it is much smaller.

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum minusculum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. subsp. aestiflorens S.A.Hammer & T.Smale	Critically Rare	2017.1
Conophytum minusculum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. subsp. aestiflorens S.A.Hammer & T.Smale	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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