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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Conophytum obcordellum (Haw.) N.E.Br. subsp. rolfii (de Boer) S.A.Hammer
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE
Synonyms	Conophytum lambertense Schick & Tischer (in part), Conophytum lambertense Schick & Tischer var. rolfii (de Boer) Rawé, Conophytum rolfii de Boer

National Status

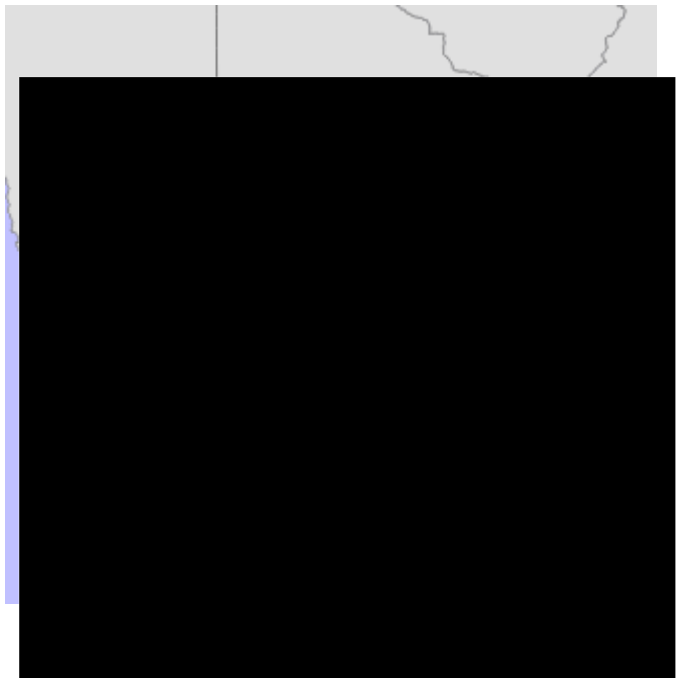
Status and Criteria	Rare
Assessment Date	2015/06/10
Assessor(s)	A.J. Young
Justification	A range-restricted (EOO 24 km ²), but locally common habitat specialist that is not threatened.

Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Western Cape
Range	West Coast, Elands Bay.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Fynbos
Description	Sandstone terraces



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near the coast.

Threats

There are no significant threats to this taxon. Sandy flats around Elands Bay are extensively cultivated, but the sandstone outcrops where this taxon occurs are unsuitable to ploughing. The population occurs close to a settlement, but there is very little expansion and coastal development in comparison to other West Coast towns further south.

Population

This taxon is localized in its distribution, but is known from several subpopulations. It is locally abundant in suitable habitat, and the population is not declining.

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
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Conophytum obcordellum (Haw.) N.E.Br. subsp. rolfii (de Boer) S.A.Hammer	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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