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### Taxonomy

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Conophytum pellucidum Schwantes subsp. saueri S.A.Hammer &amp; T.Smale</b>
<b>Higher Classification</b>	Dicotyledons
<b>Family</b>	AIZOACEAE

### National Status

<b>Status and Criteria</b>	<b>Vulnerable D1+2</b>
<b>Assessment Date</b>	2015/06/10
<b>Assessor(s)</b>	A.J. Young
<b>Justification</b>	A highly localized taxon known from a single, small subpopulation of about 500 mature individuals. It is potentially threatened by illegal collection for the succulent trade.

### Distribution

<b>Endemism</b>	South African endemic
<b>Provincial distribution</b>	Northern Cape
<b>Range</b>	Western edge of Bushmanland.

### Habitat and Ecology

<b>Major system</b>	Terrestrial
<b>Major habitats</b>	Platbakkies Succulent Shrubland
<b>Description</b>	Shallow sandy grit pans.

### Threats

This recently described taxon is still



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rare in cultivation, and is somewhat difficult to grow (Hammer 2002). The type locality is easily accessible, and therefore illegal collection of wild plants is a significant potential threat. The wild population is very small and any collecting would immediately increase its risk of extinction.

## Population

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A highly localized taxon with a very small population, estimated to be about 500 mature individuals. The population is not declining at present.

**Population trend** Stable

## Assessment History

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Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum pellucidum Schwantes subsp. saueri S.A.Hammer & T.Smale	<b>VU</b> D1+2	2017.1
Conophytum pellucidum Schwantes subsp. saueri S.A.Hammer & T.Smale	<b>Least Concernal.</b>	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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