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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Conophytum bilobum (Marloth) N.E.Br. subsp. claviferens S.A.Hammer
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria	Vulnerable D1+2
Assessment Date	2020/02/11
Assessor(s)	A.J. Young
Justification	This taxon is known from a single location and has an extent of occurrence (EOO) and an area of occupancy (AOO) of 4 km ² . It has not been seen since its discovery. The population is estimated to be less than 1000 plants, and is potentially threatened by grazing and trampling and also by illegal collection for the specialist succulent horticultural trade.

Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Northern Cape
Range	West of Steinkopf, in the Northern Cape province South Africa.



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Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Namaqualand Klipkoppe Shrubland
Description	Shaded crevices on quartz ridges in Namaqualand Klipkoppe Shrubland.

Threats

The population occurs on a livestock farm, and the area is being grazed. Grazing and trampling may have led to degradation of the habitat. Illegal collection is also a potential threat to this taxon.

Population

This taxon is known from a single, small, isolated subpopulation of plants. It has not been seen for several years and no size estimate is available, but there are probably less than 1000 plants.

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status	Citation/Red List version
Criteria		
Conophytum bilobum (Marloth)	VU	2017.1
N.E.Br. subsp. claviferens S.A.Hammer	D1+2	
Conophytum bilobum (Marloth)	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)
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