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Taxonomy

Scientific Name **Conophytum
limpidum**
S.A.Hammer

Higher Classification
Family Dicotyledons
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National Status

Status and Criteria **Near Threatened
D2**

Assessment Date 2020/02/08

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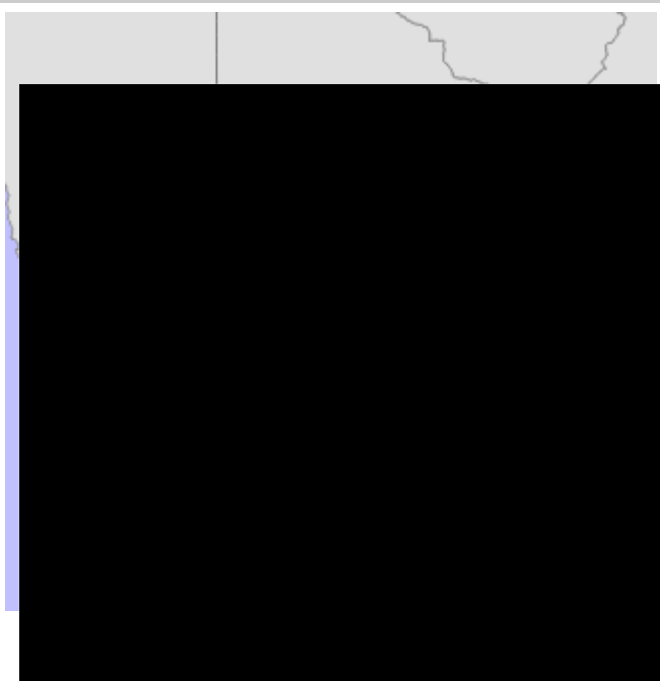
Justification This species is known from fewer than 10 locations, and is localized to a specialized habitat, it has an area of occupancy (AOO) of 70 km². Several subpopulations are potentially threatened by habitat loss to mining. The population is not currently declining, but habitat loss would increase its risk of extinction. It therefore qualifies as Near Threatened under Criterion D2.

Distribution

Endemism South African endemic

Provincial distribution Northern Cape

Range Bushmanland Inselbergs between Steinkopf and Pofadder in the



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Northern Cape,
South Africa.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system Terrestrial
Major habitats Desert, Succulent Karoo
Description Cool, shaded vertical crevices in rocks.

Threats

Several subpopulations occur in or near mining areas, particularly around Aggeneys. There is ongoing mining expansion in the area and this species is potentially threatened by habitat loss to mining.

Population

This species is fairly common, but localized to suitable habitat on inselbergs and ridges. It is locally abundant, with the population estimated to be between 5000 and 10 000 mature individuals.

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum limpidum S.A.Hammer	NT D2	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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