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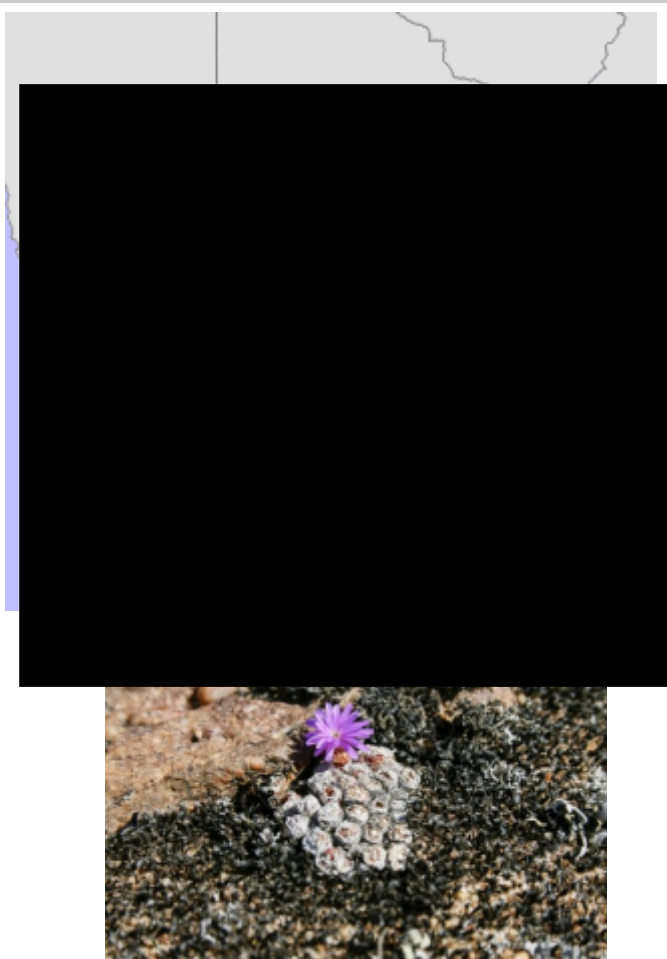
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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Conophytum minusculum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. subsp. minusculum
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE
Synonyms	Conophytum herrei Schwantes, Conophytum minusculum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. var. paucilineatum Rawé, Conophytum minusculum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. var. reticulatum (L.Bolus) Rawé ex G.D.Rowley, Conophytum minusculum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. var. reticulatum (L.Bolus) Rawé ex G.D.Rowley forma reticulatum, Conophytum minusculum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. var. reticulatum (L.Bolus) Rawé ex G.D.Rowley forma roseum (G.D.Rowley) G.D.Rowley, Conophytum minusculum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. var. roseum (G.D.Rowley) Tischer, Conophytum reticulatum L.Bolus, Conophytum reticulatum L.Bolus forma roseum G.D.Rowley, Mesembryanthemum minusculum N.E.Br.



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National Status

Status and Criteria	Least Concern
Assessment Date	2015/06/10
Assessor(s)	A.J. Young, P.F. Matlamela & D.A. Kamundi
Justification	Widespread, common and not in danger of extinction.

Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution Range	Northern Cape, Western Cape Bokkeveld Escarpment at Nieuwoudtville, Gifberg and the northern Cederberg near Clanwilliam.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Fynbos
Description	Moist sandstone cliffs, and shallow sandy depressions in sandstone pavements.

Threats

There are no severe threats to this taxon. Many of the areas where it occurs is extensively cultivated, and sandstone fynbos is being rapidly ploughed up for planting rooibos tea. This taxon's preference for shallow soils and crevices in rocky outcrops means that it is not affected by agricultural expansion.

Population

This taxon is abundant across its range and the population is not declining.

Population trend	Stable
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Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum minusculum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br.	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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