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### Taxonomy

**Scientific Name** **Bulbine bruynsii**  
**S.A.Hammer**  
**Higher Classification** Monocotyledons  
**Family** ASPHODELACEAE

### National Status

**Status and Criteria** Vulnerable D2  
**Assessment Date** 2012/12/21  
**Assessor(s)** N.A. Helme & L. von Staden  
**Justification** A rare, localized habitat specialist, known from one subpopulation within an area of 29 km<sup>2</sup> and potentially threatened by habitat loss to construction and collection for the succulent trade.

### Distribution

**Endemism** South African endemic  
**Provincial distribution** Northern Cape  
**Range** Namaqualand, near Kotzesrus.



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### Habitat and Ecology

**Major system** Terrestrial  
**Major habitats** Namaqualand  
**Description** Heuweltjieveld  
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**Saline quartz patches.**

### Threats

This species is potentially threatened by infrastructure

development and other construction associated with a road bisecting part of the population. This species is also highly sought-after in the specialist succulent trade, and is difficult to grow from seed. It is potentially threatened by collectors removing mature individuals from the wild.

## **Population**

*Bulbine bruynsii* is a localized habitat specialist, known from a single subpopulation. A 2014 survey of the population recorded more than 2000 mature individuals, scattered in small clumps across 12 quartz patches. Five of these patches border on a road where it is potentially threatened by construction of a pipeline, but upon recommendation of the botanical specialist contracted for the survey, construction will be aligned with the road so as to avoid impacting the population. More than 50% of the surveyed population occur away from roads and other infrastructure, and is not threatened.

**Population** Stable trend

## **Assessment History**

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
<i>Bulbine bruynsii</i> S.A.Hammer	<b>Least Concern</b>	2012.1
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