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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Oxalis fenestrata Dreyer, Roets & Oberl.
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	OXALIDACEAE

National Status

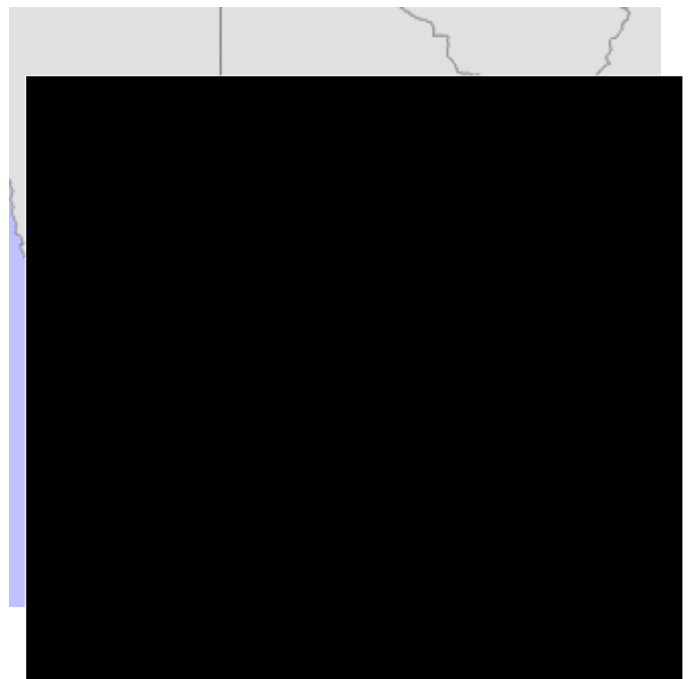
Status and Criteria	Vulnerable D2
Assessment Date	2015/05/01
Assessor(s)	L. von Staden
Justification	A rare, localized habitat specialist (EOO 14 km ²), known from two locations and potentially threatened by habitat degradation due to overgrazing and trampling. The population is likely to be small, but more surveys are needed to confirm its size.

Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Northern Cape
Range	Richtersveld, Ploegberg and Vandersterrberg.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major	Goariep



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habitats	Mountain Succulent Shrubland, Central Richtersveld Mountain Shrubland
Description	Shaded crevices between granite boulders on cooler, south- facing slopes.

Threats

Natural vegetation in this area is severely degraded due to overgrazing, especially on the plains surrounding the Ploegberg. This species' preference for rocky crevices may offer it some protection against the effects of grazing and trampling, although gravelly granite slopes are easily disturbed by large herds of livestock.

Population

Subpopulations are small and localized, consisting of about 50 mature individuals in two clumps about 1.3 km apart (Roets et al. 2014). A third subpopulation, known through historical records, has not been counted. It is likely that more subpopulations exist in this botanically still poorly explored area.

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Oxalis fenestrata Dreyer, Roets & Oberl.	VU D2	2015.1

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