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Taxonomy

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

National Status

Status and Criteria	Vulnerable D2
Assessment Date	2015/05/01
Assessor(s)	F. Roets, K.C. Oberlander, D. Raimondo, P.C.V. Van Wyk & L. von Staden
Justification	A localized species, known from five locations and potentially threatened by overgrazing.

Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution Range	Northern Cape Richtersveld.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Northern Richtersveld Scorpionstailveld, Central Richtersveld Mountain Shrubland, Stinkfonteinberge Quartzite Fynbos, Noms Mountain Desert



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Description South-facing, rocky mountain slopes.

Threats

This species occurs on upper slopes in more remote areas of the Richtersveld where grazing pressure is not as intense as closer to settlements and on the western plains. However, as grazing lands in these areas are increasingly degraded (in some of these areas no palatable species remain), herders are likely to increasingly move into the mountains in search of better grazing for their livestock. Some areas where this species occurs, such as the northern parts of the Vandersterberg, are already occasionally visited by herders.

Population

This species is a localized habitat specialist confined to the central mountain ranges of the Richtersveld, but locally common in suitable habitat. The population is currently stable.

Population Stable trend

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status	Citation/Red List version	Criteria
Oxalis rubricallosa	VU	D2	2015.1
Dreyer, Roets & Oberl.	Rare	2014.1	

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