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Taxonomy

Scientific Name **Adenia natalensis**
W.J.de Wilde

Higher Classification Dicotyledons

Family PASSIFLORACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria **Critically Endangered (Possibly Extinct)**

Assessment Date 2007/05/15

Assessor(s) D. Styles, C.R. Scott-Shaw, D. Raimondo & L. von Staden

Justification Known from two collections made in 1865, this presumably very rare species may still be relocated in the area where it is thought to have been collected as intact habitat still remains. Search efforts are ongoing, but have not been successful to date.

Distribution

Endemism South African endemic

Provincial distribution KwaZulu-Natal

Range KwaZulu-Natal, possibly Tugela River Valley.

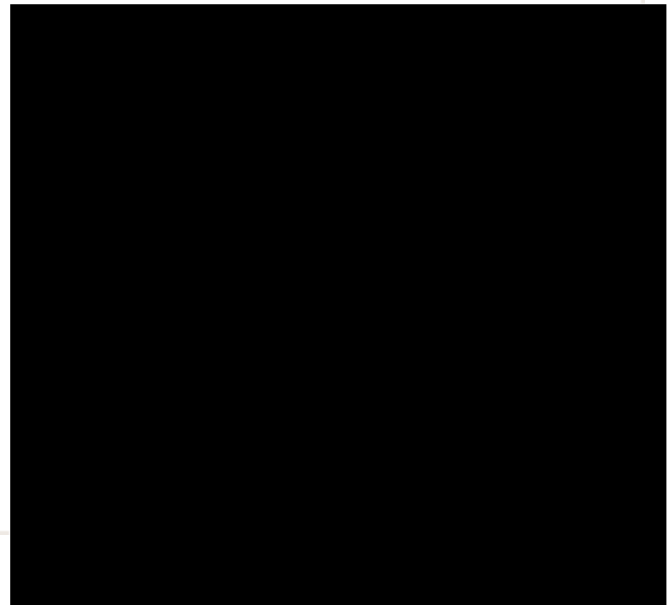
Habitat and Ecology

Major system Terrestrial

Major habitats Forest

Description Presumably low coastal forest.

Distribution map not available at present



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Threats

Unknown.

Population

Population trend Unknown

Notes

This species is vegetatively very similar to the common and widespread *A. digitata*, and may have been overlooked or misidentified as *A. digitata* when not in flower (D. Styles pers. comm.) It is very hard to determine what the flowering time of this species could be as Gerrard did not date his specimens. The type specimen was probably collected around July 1865.

Assessment History

Taxon	Status and assessed Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Adenia natalensis	Critically Endangered	Raimondo et al. (2009)
W.J.de Wilde	(Possibly Extinct)	
Adenia natalensis	Extinct	Scott-Shaw (1999)
W.J.de Wilde		
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