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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Cyclopia plicata Kies
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	FABACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria	Endangered B1ab(iii,v)+2ab(iii,v)
Assessment Date	2011/06/03
Assessor(s)	J.H. Vlok & D. Raimondo
Justification	EOO 219 km ² , plants at four known locations are declining due to honey bush tea harvesting and altered fire regimes.

Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution Range	Eastern Cape, Western Cape Kammanassie and Kouga Mountains.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Kouga Sandstone Fynbos, South Kammanassie Sandstone Fynbos, Eastern Inland Shale Band Vegetation, Central Inland Shale Band Vegetation
Description	Montane fynbos on shale bands in loamy rocky soil, 1 000-1 700 m.

Threats



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Severely threatened by harvesting for honey bush tea. No regrowth has been observed in severely harvested individuals in the Kammanassie Mountains. This reseeding species is also affected by altered fire regimes and is likely to decline if fire return cycles are too frequent.

Population

Population trend Decreasing

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Cyclopia plicata Kies	EN B1ab(iii,v)	Raimondo et al. (2009)
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