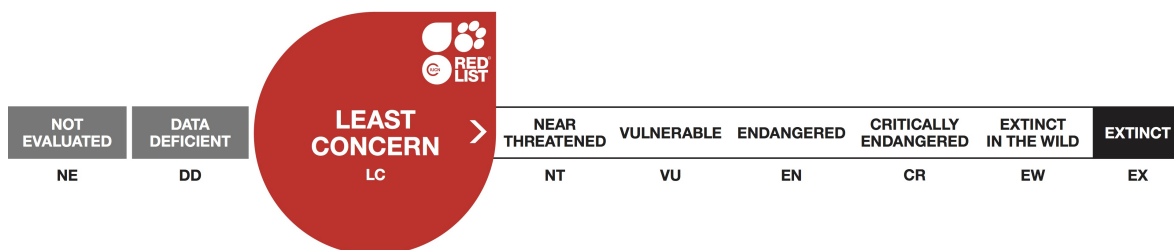


Romulea variicolor

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Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Tracheophyta	Liliopsida	Asparagales	Iridaceae

Taxon Name: *Romulea variicolor* Mifsud

Taxonomic Source(s):

Mifsud, S. 2015. A review of *Romulea* Maratti (Iridaceae) in the Maltese Islands. *Webbia* 70(2): 247-287.

Taxonomic Notes:

A newly described species arising from taxonomic confusion in the past (S. Mifsud pers. comm. 2015).

Assessment Information

Red List Category & Criteria: Least Concern [ver 3.1](#)

Year Published: 2018

Date Assessed: December 14, 2015

Justification:

This Mediterranean species is listed as Least Concern because it is widespread in the Maltese islands and, although subpopulations in Sicily are less common and locally impacted by urbanization and agricultural expansion, its global population is considered stable.

Geographic Range

Range Description:

This species is widespread throughout the Maltese Islands and a few localities on the southern coast of the island of Sicily in Italy (Mifsud 2015).

Country Occurrence:

Native: Italy (Sicilia); Malta

Distribution Map

Romulea variicolor



Range

Extant (resident)

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The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply any official endorsement, acceptance or opinion by IUCN.



Population

This plant is considered common in Malta, but rare on Sicily; the population trend is stable.

Current Population Trend: Stable

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

It inhabits exposed low garrigue and steppe, and is particularly numerous in coastal areas or rural pathways or clearings within these habitats (Mifsud 2015).

Systems: Terrestrial

Use and Trade

There are not known uses of the plant.

Threats (see Appendix for additional information)

Habitat loss due to urbanization and agriculture expansion are the only known threats to the species.

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

Considerable parts of the population occur within Natura 2000 sites (IUCN and UNEP-WCMC 2017). No conservation measures are in place or needed for this species.

Credits

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Appendix

Habitats

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
3. Shrubland -> 3.8. Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation	Resident	Suitable	Yes

Threats

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Threat	Timing	Scope	Severity	Impact Score
1. Residential & commercial development -> 1.1. Housing & urban areas	Ongoing	Minority (50%)	Slow, significant declines	Low impact: 5
	Stresses:	1. Ecosystem stresses -> 1.1. Ecosystem conversion 1. Ecosystem stresses -> 1.2. Ecosystem degradation 2. Species Stresses -> 2.1. Species mortality		
2. Agriculture & aquaculture -> 2.1. Annual & perennial non-timber crops -> 2.1.2. Small-holder farming	Ongoing	Minority (50%)	Slow, significant declines	Low impact: 5
	Stresses:	1. Ecosystem stresses -> 1.1. Ecosystem conversion 1. Ecosystem stresses -> 1.2. Ecosystem degradation 2. Species Stresses -> 2.1. Species mortality		

Conservation Actions in Place

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Conservation Actions in Place
In-Place Land/Water Protection and Management
Occur in at least one PA: Yes

Additional Data Fields

Distribution
Lower elevation limit (m): 0
Upper elevation limit (m): 254

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