California Status Factors

Elcode NLPEL01010

Gname DENDRISCOCAULON INTRICATULUM

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Number of Occurrences

A = 1 - 5

Comments 5 occurrences.

Number of Occurrences with Good Viability

B = Very few (1-3) occurrences with good viability C = Few (4-12) occurrences with good viability

Comments Unsure if all sites are viable or not.

Population Size

B = 50-250 individuals

Comments

Range Extent

E = 5,000-20,000 km2 (about 2,000-8,000 square miles)

Comments

This species could easily be several. All ranges and populations are dependent on identification. Center of population (if it is one species) is Josephine County, OR to northern CA. Range is about 6,600 square miles.

Area of Occupancy

C = 4-20 km 2 (about 1,000-5,000 acres)

LC = 40-200 km (about 25-125 miles)

Comments Estimated occupancy is 4 square miles.

Long-term Trend in Population Size, Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy, and/or Number or Condition of Occurrences

U = Unknown. Long-term trend in population, range, area occupied, or number or condition of occurrences unknown

Comments

Although this (these) species has been known for a while, the extent of the West Coast populations not known. "Increases" are artificial: It appears to have increased because we new occurrences have been found.

Short-term Trend in Population Size, Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy, and/or Number or Condition of Occurrences

E = Stable. Population, range, area occupied, and/or number or condition of occurrences unchanged or remaining within ±10% fluctuation

Threats

H = Unthreatened. Threats if any, when considered in comparison with natural fluctuation and change, are minimal or very localized, not leading to significant loss or degradation of populations, occurrences, or area even over a few decades' time. (Severity, scope, and/or immediacy of threat considered Insignificant.)

Scope Insignificant Severity Insignificant Immediacy Insignificant

Comments

Number of Appropriately Protected and Managed Occurrences

B = Few (1-3) occurrences appropriately protected and managed

Comments CA has 1 protected occurrence, 1 matrix. Matrix could be viable protection depending upon its management. Microenvironmental conditions and humidity are critical.

Intrinsic Vulnerability

B = Moderately Vulnerable. Species exhibits moderate age of maturity, frequency of reproduction, and/or fecundity such that populations generally tend to recover from decreases in abundance over a period of several years (on the order of 5-20 years or 2-5 generations); or species has moderate dispersal capability such that extirpated populations generally become reestablished through natural recolonization (unaided by humans). Ecological community occurrences may be susceptible to changes in composition and structure but tend to recover through natural processes given reasonable time (10-100 years).

Comments Slow-growing.

Environmental Specificity

A = Very Narrow. Specialist or community with key requirements scarce.

Comments Extremely sensitive to air moisture; needs humidity.

Other Considerations

Since the actual ID of this lichen is unknown, it is difficult to say if the west coast grouped populations are even the same species. It has become clear that at least three different lichen species form Dendriscocauloid cyanotypes in Pacific NA (Tonsberg & Goward 2001).

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Greasons

5 populations known in California.

BCD Sources

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