

Heritage Rank Status Factors

Elcode NLT0017450

Gname LOBARIA OREGANA

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Number of Occurrences

E = >300

Comments Abundant in the Cascades of OR and southern WA. Close to 900kg/ha standing crop in Douglas fir forest in OR (Pike et al. 1972). Also fairly common in the coastal forest zone of AK.

Number of Occurrences with Good Viability

F = Very many (>125) occurrences with good viability

Comments

Population Size

H = >1,000,000 individuals

Comments

Range Extent

G = 200,000-2,500,000 km² (about 80,000-1,000,000 square miles)

Comments AK to CA, west of the Cascades. Known east of the Cascades from only 2 sites (in BC and northern ID) (McCune & Geiser 1997). Jordan (1973) reported a restricted West Coast distribution, from northern CA to Cook Inlet, AK.

Area of Occupancy

H = >20,000 km² (greater than 5,000,000 acres)

LH = >200,000 km (greater than 125,000 miles)

Comments

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

E = Relatively Stable ($\pm 25\%$ change)

Comments

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 $\pm 10\%$ fluctuation

Comments

Threats

G = Slightly threatened. Threats, while recognizable, are of low severity, or affecting only a small portion of the population, occurrences, or area. Ecological community occurrences may be altered in minor parts of range or degree of alteration falls within the natural variation of the type.

Scope Low Severity Low Immediacy Low

Comments Fragmentation of old-growth is a threat; younger forests had a lower amount of *L. oregana* (Sillett 1994). Sensitive to air pollution (McCune & Geiser 1997). Riparian zones are not viable protection because this species is highly sensitive to edge effect.

Number of Appropriately Protected and Managed Occurrences

E = Very many (>40) occurrences appropriately protected and managed

Comments

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 Propagules large.

Environmental Specificity

B = Narrow. Specialist or community with key requirements common.
C = Moderate. Generalist or community with some key requirements scarce.

Comments

Other Considerations

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Reasons

This lichen species mostly occurs from Alaska to (northern?) California, west of the Cascades. Locally quite abundant in some areas, but moderate threats may exist from forest fragmentation and harvest.

BCD Sources

New Sources

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