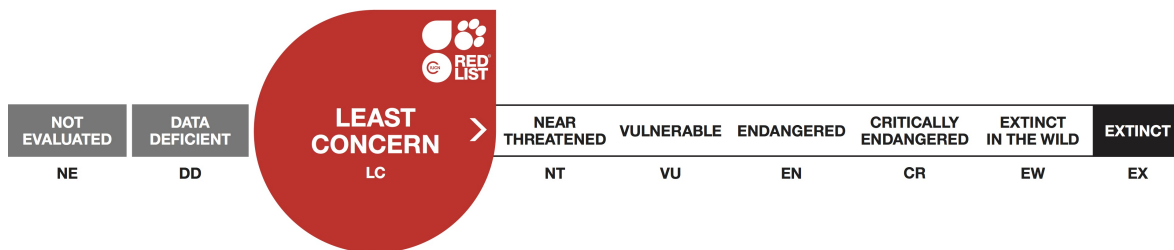


## *Laephotis namibensis*, Namibian Long-eared Bat

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## Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Mammalia	Chiroptera	Vespertilionidae

**Taxon Name:** *Laephotis namibensis* Setzer, 1971

### Common Name(s):

- English: Namibian Long-eared Bat, Namib Long-eared Bat

### Taxonomic Notes:

Could be the same species as *L. wintoni*.

## Assessment Information

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

**Year Published:** 2017

**Date Assessed:** August 31, 2016

### Justification:

Although this species is known mainly from isolated records from a relatively large area, it is listed as Least Concern in as most of the range is within well protected areas, there are no significant threats, and because it is unlikely to be declining fast enough to qualify for listing in a more threatened category.

### Previously Published Red List Assessments

2008 – Least Concern (LC)

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2305/IUCN.UK.2008.RLTS.T11137A3253552.en>

2004 – Least Concern (LC)

1996 – Endangered (EN)

## Geographic Range

### Range Description:

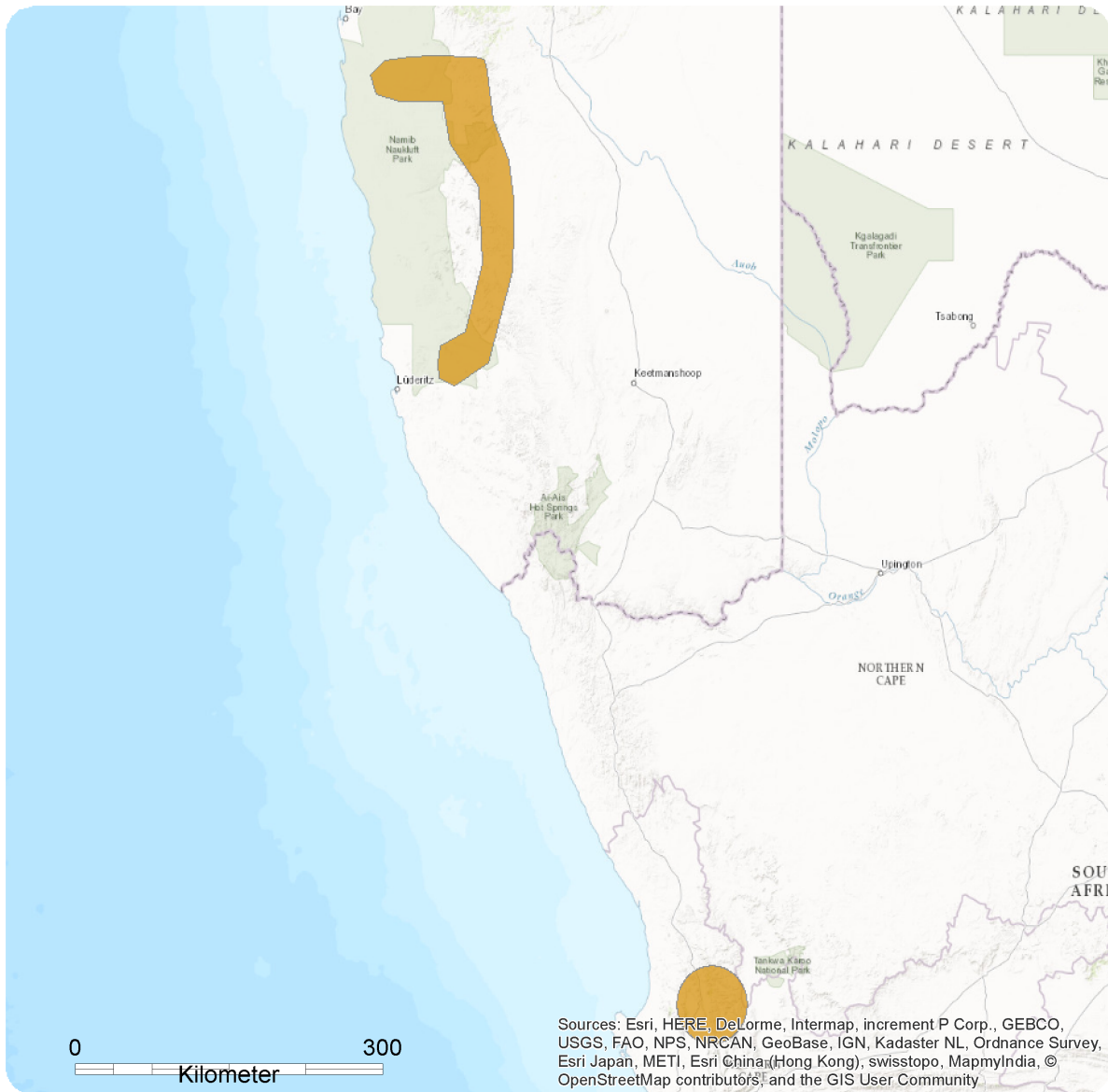
This little known species has been recorded from a few localities in Namibia (Kuseb River, Gobabeb, Zwartmodder, Klein Aus and Helmeringshausen), and a single area in South Africa (Algeria in the Cedarberg Mountains of the Western Cape) (Skinner and Chimimba, 2005).

### Country Occurrence:

**Native:** Namibia; South Africa

# Distribution Map

*Laephotis namibensis*

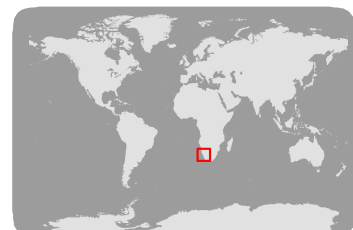


## Range

Extant (resident)

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## Population

Although the species appears to be naturally rare in the Namib desert, it is rather commonly captured in mist-nets set around water tanks outside of the Namib.

**Current Population Trend:** Stable

## Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

In general, this species has been recorded from temperate desert and dry savanna, with individuals most often found in close proximity to water. A specimen has been taken from a roost under exfoliating rock (Skinner and Chimimba, 2005).

**Systems:** Terrestrial

## Threats

There appear to be no major threats to this species as a whole.

## Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

Much of the range of this species is protected within the Namib-Naukluft National Park, Namibia. Further studies are needed into the distribution and general natural history of this species.

## Credits

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**Reviewer(s):** Piraccini, R.

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# Appendix

## Habitats

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

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
2. Savanna -> 2.1. Savanna - Dry	-	Suitable	-
8. Desert -> 8.2. Desert - Temperate	-	Suitable	-

## Conservation Actions in Place

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

Conservation Actions in Place
In-Place Land/Water Protection and Management
Conservation sites identified: Yes, over entire range
Occur in at least one PA: Yes

## Research Needed

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

Research Needed
1. Research -> 1.1. Taxonomy
1. Research -> 1.2. Population size, distribution & trends
1. Research -> 1.3. Life history & ecology

## Additional Data Fields

Distribution
Estimated extent of occurrence (EOO) (km <sup>2</sup> ): 147845
Lower elevation limit (m): 0
Population
Population severely fragmented: No
Habitats and Ecology
Generation Length (years): 5.63

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