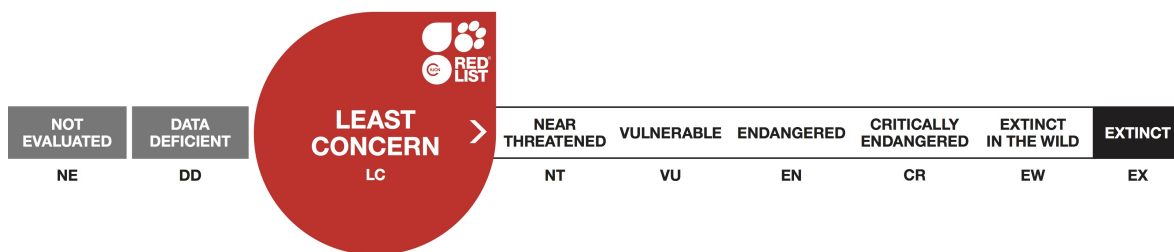


Rhachitopis curvipes, Namibian Agile Grasshopper

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Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Arthropoda	Insecta	Orthoptera	Acrididae

Taxon Name: *Rhachitopis curvipes* (Stål, 1876)

Synonym(s):

- *Euryphymus curvipes* Stål, 1876

Common Name(s):

- English: Namibian Agile Grasshopper

Taxonomic Source(s):

Cigliano, M.M., Braun, H., Eades, D.C. and Otte, D. 2017. Orthoptera Species File. Version 5.0/5.0. Available at: <http://Orthoptera.SpeciesFile.org>.

Assessment Information

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

Year Published: 2018

Date Assessed: March 2, 2018

Justification:

The Namibian Agile Grasshopper (*Rhachitopis curvipes*) has a wide distribution in Namibia and the west of Botswana. As it is widely distributed (EOO: 600,000 km²) and appears to be common it is very unlikely to meet the thresholds of a Red List criterion. It is, therefore, assessed as Least Concern.

Geographic Range

Range Description:

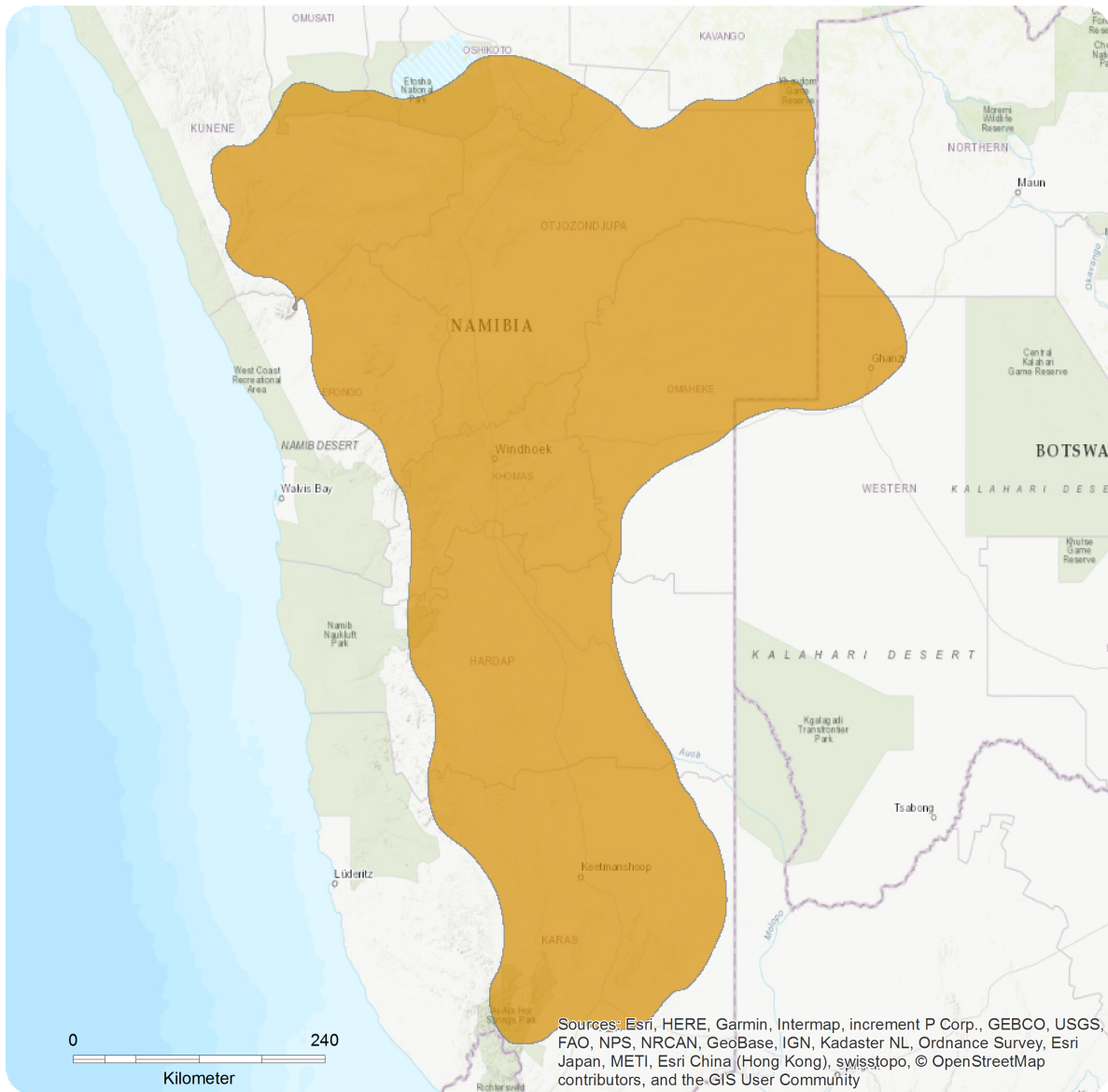
This species occurs in three subspecies in large parts of Namibia and western Botswana (Naskrecki 1992). Its extent of occurrence (EOO) is *ca* 600,000 km².

Country Occurrence:

Native: Botswana; Namibia (Namibia (main part))

Distribution Map

Rhachitopis curvipes

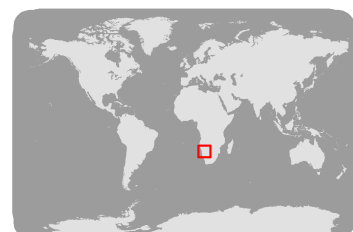


Range

Extant (resident)

Compiled by:

SSC Grasshopper Specialist Group



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



Population

Data on the population size or trends of this species are not available. As the number of records is relatively high (Naskrecki 1992) it is assumed to be a common species.

Current Population Trend: Unknown

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

The species has been reported from quartz/granite hills and sand/gravel plains (Naskrecki 1995). It appears to prefer areas with large amounts of bare ground.

Systems: Terrestrial

Use and Trade

The species is not utilized.

Threats

The threats to this species are unknown.

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

No specific conservation action is in place for the species, but it occurs in protected areas. There is a need for research into its ecology, threats and population trend.

Credits

Assessor(s): Hochkirch, A., Bazelet, C. & Danielczak, A.

Reviewer(s): Bushell, M.

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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	Resident	Suitable	No
3. Shrubland -> 3.5. Shrubland - Subtropical/Tropical Dry	Resident	Suitable	Yes
0. Root -> 6. Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)	Resident	Suitable	Yes

Conservation Actions in Place

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

Conservation Actions in Place
In-Place Research, Monitoring and Planning
Action Recovery plan: No
Systematic monitoring scheme: No
In-Place Land/Water Protection and Management
Occur in at least one PA: Yes
Area based regional management plan: Unknown
Invasive species control or prevention: No
In-Place Species Management
Harvest management plan: No
Successfully reintroduced or introduced benignly: No
Subject to ex-situ conservation: No
In-Place Education
Subject to recent education and awareness programmes: No
Included in international legislation: No
Subject to any international management/trade controls: No

Research Needed

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

Research Needed
1. Research -> 1.2. Population size, distribution & trends

Research Needed
1. Research -> 1.3. Life history & ecology
1. Research -> 1.5. Threats

Additional Data Fields

Distribution
Estimated extent of occurrence (EOO) (km ²): 600000
Population
Continuing decline of mature individuals: Unknown
Extreme fluctuations: Unknown
Population severely fragmented: No
Habitats and Ecology
Continuing decline in area, extent and/or quality of habitat: Unknown
Movement patterns: Not a Migrant

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