

GENERAL

Possible specialised horticultural potential as bonsai or pachycaul.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

A species endemic to the Orange River, with a very restricted distribution, though common where it occurs and not appearing to be threatened. The two herbarium records unconfirmed by the TAP could be indicative of a decline in the population or that the species may have been overlooked; one of the squares in which it was previously recorded was not well-atlased, the other was moderately atlased. As for *C. cervifolia*, the threat of firewood shortages in its area of distribution and increasing numbers of people in the area is a concern. Could potentially be threatened by the pachycaul trade. Assessed as 'near-threatened' (Craven & Loots 2002).

Commiphora karibensis

Angular-stem
Corkwood

[2 records from 1 square]

Very similar to *C. mollis*, but with deeply fluted trunk.

Both TAP records from Impalila Island. Uncommon as a shrub in the 1–3-m height class; locally common as a tree, 3–8 m high, on the river bank. No flowers or fruit recorded. Previously, not recorded in Namibia.

Commiphora krauseliana, leaves and fruit, S. Bethune

