**Pedioplanis inornata** (Roux, 1907)

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**Regional: Least Concern**

**Taxonomy:** *Pedioplanis inornata* is paraphyletic with respect to *P. gaerdesi*, with a clade from northern Namibia and another from southern Namibia and the Northern Cape. These clades represent two different species (Makokha et al. 2007). This impending taxonomic change is unlikely to affect the Red List status of the South African taxon.

**Distribution:** Endemic to southern Africa. Found from Swakopmund in Namibia southwards through Namaqualand to Prieska in the Great Karoo. In reality, it comprises two taxa; one endemic to Namibia and another endemic to Namibia and South Africa (see Makokha et al. 2007).

**Habitat:** Inhabits exposed bedrock on the lower slopes of mountains (Branch 1998).

**Biome:** Nama-Karoo; Succulent Karoo; Desert.

**Assessment rationale:** Widely distributed in South Africa. Occurs in areas that are not heavily impacted by human activities. No known threats.

**Conservation measures:** None recommended.