

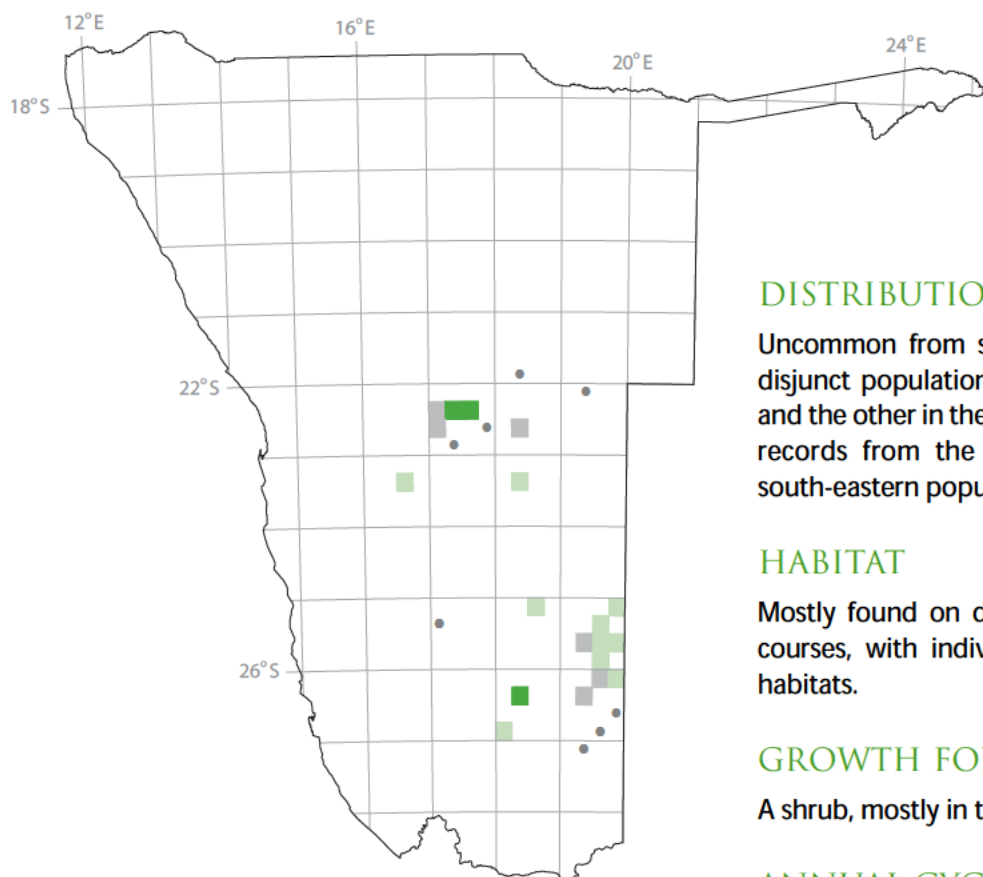
Lycium villosum

Hairy Honey-thorn

Harige sandkriedoring (A)

[19 records from 17 (2%) squares]

Richly branched, thorny shrub. STEMS rigid, **greyish to creamy-white with glandular hairs when young**; thorns longest on older stems. LEAVES simple, usually with a thinnish texture, occasionally a bit succulent; elliptic to narrowly obovate to obovate; **yellowish to greyish-green, with glandular hairs**. FLOWERS solitary, narrowly funnel-shaped; cream-coloured to whitish; lobes spreading, with **densely fringed margins**; **tube 9–12 mm long**, slightly hairy outside; **stamens slightly protruding beyond the flower**. FRUIT a small, roundish, red berry.



- Uncommon to rare
- Occasional
- Common to abundant
- No estimate of abundance
- Herbarium record, pre-1997

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Uncommon from scattered localities in two disjunct populations, one in central Namibia and the other in the south-east. There are new records from the northern section of the south-eastern population.

HABITAT

Mostly found on dunes and along dry river courses, with individual records from other habitats.

GROWTH FORM

A shrub, mostly in the 1–3-m height class.

ANNUAL CYCLE

Observations were few most months and absent in winter. FLOWERS September to April. FRUIT December, April and July (herbarium record). LEAVES recorded every time observations were made.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.