

Pedioplanis inornata* (Roux, 1907)*PLAIN SAND LIZARD**

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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.

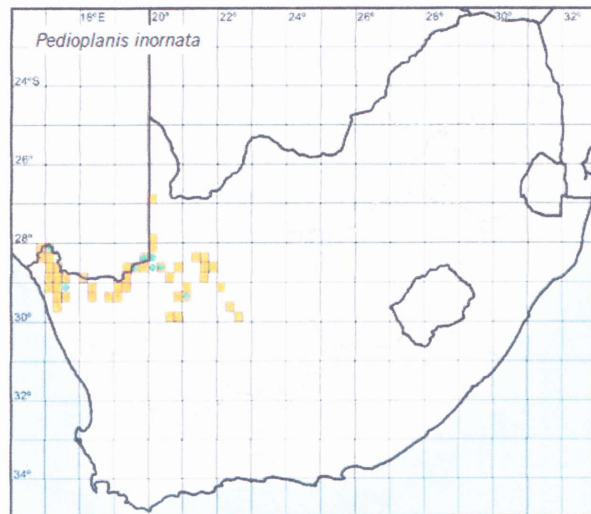
Distribution: Endemic to southern Africa. Found from Swakopmund in Namibia southwards through Namaqualand to Prieska in the Great Karoo. In reality, it comprises two taxa; one endemic to Namibia and another endemic to Namibia and South Africa (see Makokha *et al.* 2007).

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.



Pedioplanis inornata—near Potjiespram, Richtersveld, NC J. Marais