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# Symplocos buxifolia

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## **Taxonomy**

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Ericales	Symplocaceae

Scientific Name: Symplocos buxifolia Stapf

#### **Taxonomic Source(s):**

Board of Trustees, RBG Kew. 2019. Plants of the World Online Portal. Richmond, UK Available at: http://www.plantsoftheworldonline.org.

#### **Assessment Information**

Red List Category & Criteria: Least Concern ver 3.1

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#### Justification:

*Symplocos buxifolia* is a small tree, endemic to Sabah. The estimated area of occupancy (AOO) and extent of occurrence (EOO) are both 32 km². Although the AOO is calculated from known existing records, it is considered that the actual AOO may be considerably larger than this due to under sampling. It is found scattered around Mount Kinabalu, and currently facing no major threat to its population. It is assessed as Least Concern.

# **Geographic Range**

#### **Range Description:**

Symplocos buxifolia is endemic to Sabah, Malaysia. It is known from Mount Kinabalu.

#### **Country Occurrence:**

Native, Extant (resident): Malaysia (Sabah)

## **Population**

There is no information on population size. The population trend is inferred to be stable.

**Current Population Trend: Stable** 

## Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

*Symplocos buxifolia* is a small tree known from upper montane to summit of Mount Kinabalu (Stapf 1894, Beaman and Anderson 2004). It is rather scattered about the mountain.

**Systems:** Terrestrial

#### Use and Trade (see Appendix for additional information)

There is no information on the use and trade of this species.

#### **Threats**

There is no major threat for this species.

## **Conservation Actions** (see Appendix for additional information)

*Symplocos buxifolia* is protected *in situ* in Kinabalu Park, a protected area. There is no known *ex situ* collection for this species.

#### **Credits**

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# **Appendix**

## **Habitats**

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

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
1. Forest -> 1.9. Forest - Subtropical/Tropical Moist Montane	-	Suitable	-

#### **Plant Growth Forms**

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

Plant Growth Form	
TS. Tree - small	

## **Conservation Actions in Place**

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

Conservation Action in Place	
In-place research and monitoring	
Action Recovery Plan: No	
Systematic monitoring scheme: No	
In-place land/water protection	
Occurs in at least one protected area: Yes	
In-place species management	
Subject to ex-situ conservation: No	

# **Additional Data Fields**

Distribution
Estimated area of occupancy (AOO) (km²): 32
Estimated extent of occurrence (EOO) (km²): 32
Lower elevation limit (m): 2,400
Upper elevation limit (m): 4,000

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