

Acromastigum brachyphyllum

COMMON NAMES

Liverwort

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2009 | Data Deficient

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CATEGORY

Non-vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Liverworts

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Plants consisting of loose stems, shiny, golden to olive brown. Stems 60 mm, blackish, dichotomously branched from acute angles. Leaves scarcely contiguous to a little imbricate, obliquely spreading, small, 0.35–0.45 x 0.25–0.30 mm, bilobed, lobes triangular sometimes much reduced, apex usually decurved; ventral lobe the larger, scarcely 0.1 mm. long, sinus small acute; ventral margin straight or a little concave, mostly at an angle of 45 degrees from the axis, a little incurved. Dorsal margin strongly rounded at the base. Vitta of cells not clearly defined, and trigones indistinct, but the cells in the ventral area are larger than those in dorsal, ca. 25 micrometre, decreasing to 10 micrometre, at the dorsal margin and the upper portion of the leaf. Stipules 0.2 mm. wide at the base, slightly auricled and mostly extending across the width of the stem, narrower at the apex, and only 0.1 mm tall on stems examined, obtusely trifid to the middle, segments broadly obtuse. Inflorescences unknown.

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. South (Westland) and Stewart Islands (Tin Range).

SUBSTRATE DETAILS

Montane to alpine. Terricolous and corticolous on water saturated peat, on rotting logs and the lower trunks of trees and shrubs.

THREATS

This species is seriously threatened by coal mining at its main stronghold

GENUS

Acromastigum

FAMILY

Lepidoziaceae

AUTHORITY

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SYNONYMS

None

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FRUITING

Not seen

NVS CODE

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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

2004 | Threatened – Nationally Critical

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ATTRIBUTION

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