Kangaroo Island Phebalium

Scientific name: ***Leionema equestre***

National status (EPBC Act 1999): **Endangered**

South Australian status: (NPW Act 1972): **Endangered**

Description:

Dwarf, spreading shrub to 30 cm high with slender diverging branches. Saddle-shaped pale green leaves, sometimes pink-tinged, transversely oblong to 3.5 mm long and 1.5 mm wide. One to three white to pink flowers in terminal clusters. Flowering between August and October.

Distribution:

Endemic to Kangaroo Island. Grows on sandy and lateritic soils within coastal white mallee (*Eucalyptus diversifolia ssp. diversifolia)* and KI narrow-leaved mallee (*Eucalyptus cneorifolia)* mallee woodland.

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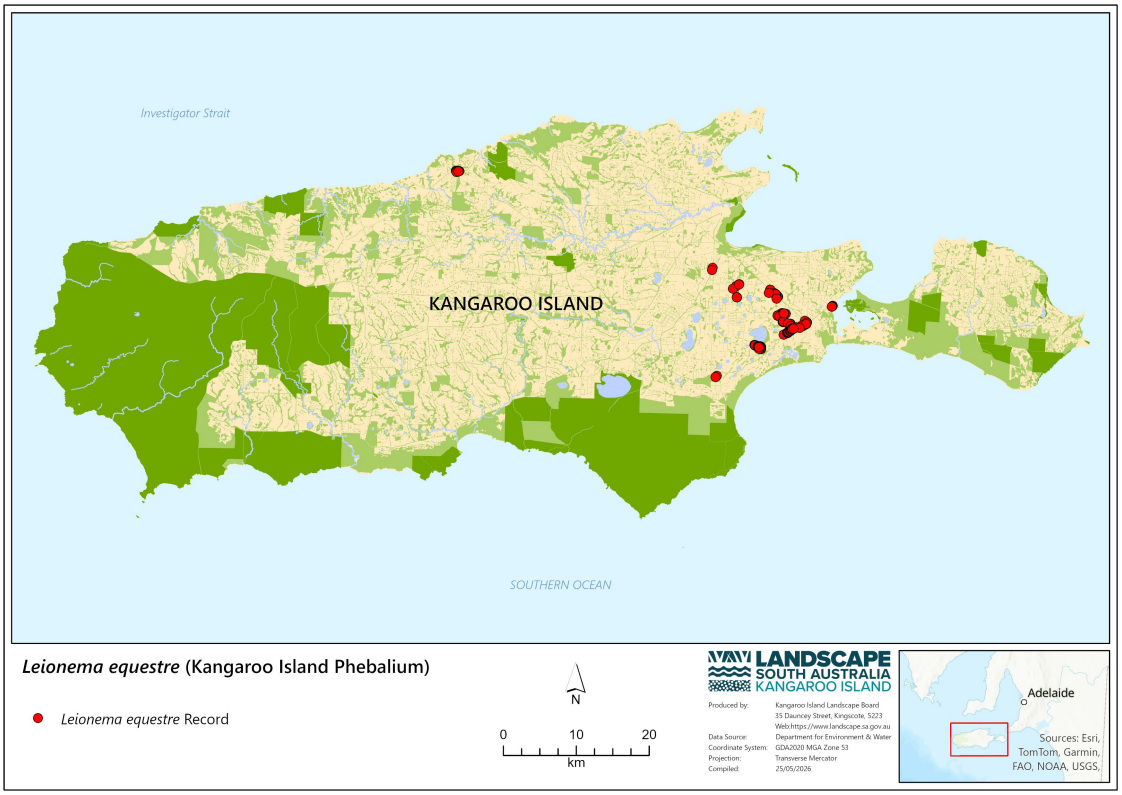

Specific threats:

Weed invasion (principally from bridal veil *Asparagus declinatus*), disturbance and vegetation clearance, over-browsing by macropods (kangaroos and wallabies), inappropriate fire regimes (lack of fire) and a small population size all contribute to the decline of *Leionema equestre*.

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