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Spiked sour-bush

Scientific name: ***Choretrum spicatum* ssp. *spicatum***

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

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

Description:

Erect semi-parasitic shrub to 1.5 m high with rigid and woody longitudinally ridged pale green to yellow branches. Tiny scale-like Leaves. Flowers white, clustered towards ends of the stems and along branches. Flowering between August and December.

Distribution:

Endemic to the western end of Kangaroo Island. Grows mainly in heath on sandy laterite soils.

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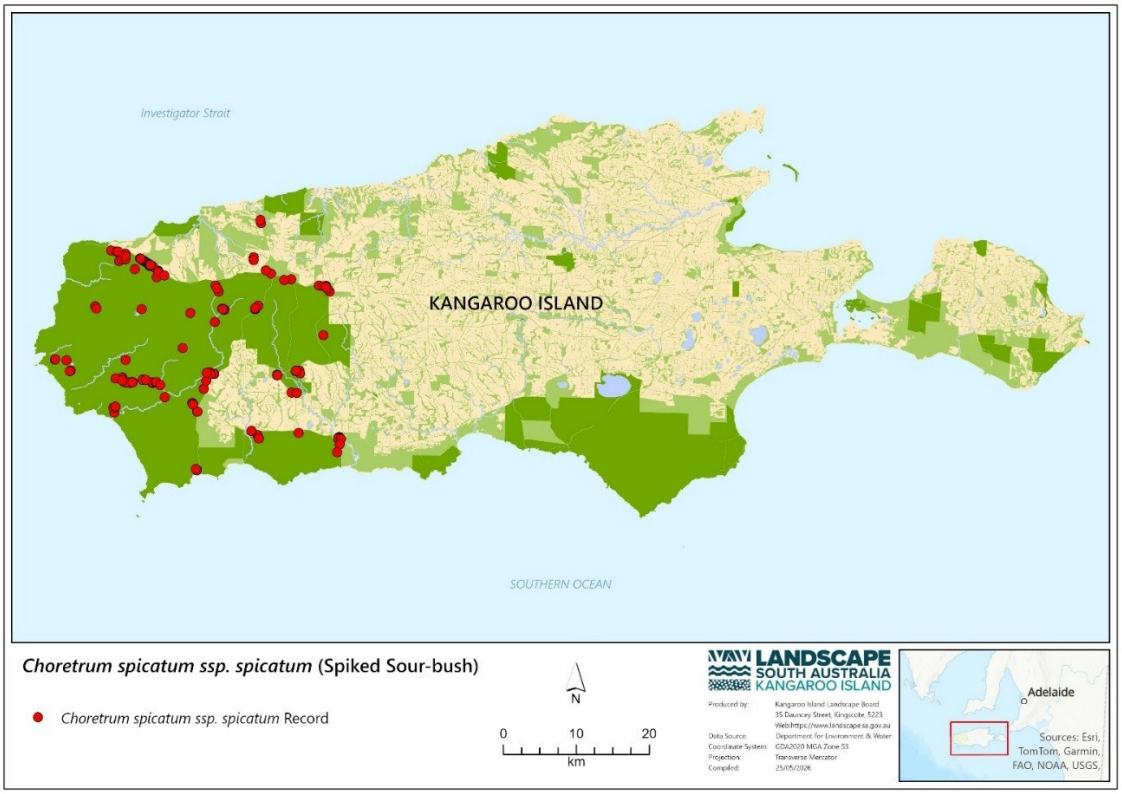

Specific threats:

Threats to *Choretrum spicatum* ssp. *spicatum* include habitat loss and disturbance, inappropriate fire regimes (lack of fire or too frequent fires), soil-borne disease (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*), weed invasion from Tasmanian blue Gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*) wildlings and climate change.

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