

Response Statement - Griscom's Arnica

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Common Name: Griscom's Arnica

Scientific Name: *Arnica griscomii* ssp. *griscomii*

Status assessment by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC): Threatened

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: The Minister of the Environment will forward the COSEWIC assessment of the Griscom's Arnica to the Governor in Council as soon as possible following completion of the normal consultation period and analysis as appropriate. During the normal consultation period, the Minister of Environment will consult with the governments of Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Griscom's Arnica should be added to the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) under the *Species at Risk Act* as Threatened.

Once a species has been assessed by COSEWIC, further steps must be undertaken before it is added to Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information on this process, please view [The Species Listing Process Under SARA](#).

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: This mat-forming plant is a Canadian Gulf of St. Lawrence endemic found only on small, isolated calcareous cliffs and limestone barrens of Quebec and the Island of Newfoundland, is increasingly under threat due to habitat shift in response to a changing climate. The instability of some sites increases the threat of a stochastic event that could result in the loss of some small subpopulations. ATV use in limestone barrens is of some concern.

Occurrence: Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

Minister responsible for the Parks Canada Agency

Province(s) and territory (territories) to be consulted:

Quebec

Newfoundland and Labrador

Applicable federal legislation: When the species is found within national parks of Canada or other lands administered by the Parks Canada Agency, it is protected or managed under the *Canada National Parks Act* or through measures or management tools available to the Parks Canada Agency under other legislation.