

Response Statement - Black-foam Lichen

December XX, 2015

Common Name: Black-foam Lichen

Scientific Name: *Anzia colpodes*

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 Black-foam Lichen 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 Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Black-foam Lichen 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: In Canada, this lichen is at the northern edge of its range, and is known from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. It appears to be extirpated from Ontario and Quebec and has not been seen in New Brunswick for about a decade. It occurs on sites dominated by mature deciduous trees with high humidity and moderate light. In Nova Scotia, this lichen is widespread but not common. The reasons for its decline are not clear. The main current threat is deforestation. Additional threats may include grazing by molluscs and climate change.

Occurrence: Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

Minister responsible for the Parks Canada Agency

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

Ontario

Quebec

New Brunswick

Nova Scotia

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.