

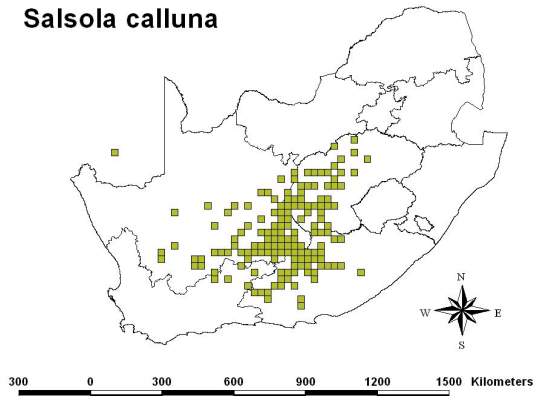
Salsola calluna

Common name: Rooilootganna

Family: Chenopodiaceae

Habitat: Fine-textured, saline soils around pans and on alluvium of seasonal rivers in summer-rainfall Nama Karoo

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Plant description: Low-growing, spreading shrub with red-stemmed shoot tips.

Palatability: ★★★/★★★★ moderate to high except on very saline (brak) soils

Seed description: Seeds are extremely small, black and enclosed in a covering of dead leaves.

Viable seeds per kg: 97,997

When and how to plant: spring-summer when thunderstorms are expected. Scatter seed in hollows made by hand or by a pitter-plough (hap ploeg).

Minimum sowing density 6 kg/ha

Habitat notes: silty saline soils such as those found in pans



Scale: 1cm



Characteristic red stems

References

PRECIS data on southern African plant distributions and taxonomy
<http://sibis.sanbi.org/faces/SearchSpecies/>