

Species Factsheet

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Erotides cosnardi



Red List Status:
Endangered

Threat of extinction:
Very High

Main Threats:
Habitat loss,
poor habitat
management



Cosnard's Net-winged Beetle

Description: A medium sized beetle with black antennae and legs and a red/brown pronotum that is darker in the centre.

Lifecycle: Larvae develop in dead and dying beech trees. Adults have been reported from May to June and fly in hot sunshine.

Habitat: Dead/dying beech trees in ancient woodlands.

Distribution: Has been found in the Wye Gorge area and on the South Downs.

Status: Classified as 'Endangered', and is therefore considered to be facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild.

Reasons for decline: Loss of large old beech trees and poor management leading to the clearance of dead and decaying wood. Climate change may be an additional threat in the future by causing a decline in beech trees.

Protection under the Law: It is listed as "a species of principal importance" under Section 41 of the NERC Act (2006) and is included on the UKBAP list of species (2007).

What we are doing:

- Instigating surveys of the Wye Gorge and the sites on the South Downs
- Undertaking habitat restoration work in the Wye Gorge
- Providing guidelines for future management

What you can do:

- If you live locally volunteer to become a site monitor
- Become a species supporter and help fund the project

