Conservation Advice

This Conservation Advice has been developed by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee based on the best available information regarding the conservation status and threats to this species at the time of listing.

However, this Conservation Advice should only be used as a guide for identifying priority conservation actions for this species, and is intended only as an interim measure prior to the development of a Recovery Plan.

Typhonium mirabile is a small tuberous herb with annual aerial parts. Leaves are blue-green in colour and the aerial part of the species is grey-green in colour. The leaves are produced one to two weeks before flowering in October.

Typhonium mirabile is endemic to the Northern Territory. The species is located at five locations on the western half of Melville Island. The total number of mature individuals is estimated to be 200.

The priority recovery and threat abatement actions required for this species are:

- Surveys to provide a more detailed assessment of its distribution, habitat requirements and population size;
- Promote eradication of ferral pigs from Melville Island, whilst they are still present in a restricted area; and
- Protect known sites from disturbance.

This list does not encompass all actions that may be of benefit to this species, but highlights those that are considered to be of the highest priority at the time of listing.

Priority for the development of recovery plan: A Recovery plan for the threatened plants of the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory of Australia 2004 – 2009 is already in preparation.

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