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**(28305) A REASSESSMENT OF IUCN THREAT CATEGORY OF  
*Verbascum bugulifolium* Lam. (Riva Mullein)**

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The genus *Verbascum* L. includes approximately 360 species worldwide. In Turkey, it is represented by 251 species and 130 hybrids. *V. bugulifolium* Lam (Riva mullein) has a very narrow distribution in Northwestern part of Turkey and is one of the vulnerable species in the genus. In addition to populations in Turkey, there is also a small population in Bulgaria. In 2009, *V. bugulifolium* has been evaluated as Endangered B1ab(ii,iii,iv)+2ab(ii,iv); C2a(i) for the Bulgarian flora. With this study, considering the whole distribution of this taxon we reevaluated the threat category on the basis of IUCN criteria. For this purpose we carried out several field excursions in Kırklareli province and we determined 49 populations in Kırklareli. Besides Kırklareli populations this taxon has been already recorded from Tekirdağ, Istanbul, Adapazarı and Yalova provinces by other researchers in Turkey. *V. bugulifolium* is adapted to oak forest, macchies, meadows waste and acidic rocky places. We calculated extent of occurrence (EOO) and area of occupancy (AOO) in its whole distribution area with using GeoCAT. EOO and AOO has been measured as 14,754.154 km<sup>2</sup> and 168 km<sup>2</sup> relatively. Road and field expansion studies, are the main threats for the taxon. Based on all findings the most appropriate rating is proposed as EN B1ab(i,ii) + B2ab(i,ii). This conclusion was reached by bringing together the populations determined in Kırklareli province and the presence records in other provinces.

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