

Sponsorships should be coordinated with the California Lichen Society's Conservation Committee. We also recommend reviewing previous sponsorships as a guideline to completing yours. [text can be copied from the pdf version into your favorite word processor]

SPONSOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

[Your name and address]

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements made in this sponsorship are true. I understand that the information provided (with the exception of detailed specimen locations) will be made public and attributed to me by the California Lichen Society's Conservation Committee, however I am welcome to publish all or part of this information in other avenues as well.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

[a quick synopsis of this sponsorship, including the main issue(s), and proposed ranks and lists]

TAXONOMY

accepted scientific name

[e.g. Usnea longissima Ach.]

common name

Methuselah's Beard

type specimen and location, if known to you

[...]

synonyms

[...]

description (with citations if applicable)

[description like you might find in a taxonomic work, may be based on a cited source, a photo or illustration is encouraged]

similar species and distinguishing characteristics

[what people are most likely to confuse it with]

biological characteristics:

growth form:

reproductive method:

dispersal agents:

substrate and specificity:

habitat and specificity:
pollution sensitivity:
ecological function:

GEOGRAPHY, GLOBAL

[total range, big-picture distribution]

GEOGRAPHY, LOCAL

[distribution focused on the state or region of concern]

POPULATION TRENDS

[reason to believe the species is increasing or declining?]

THREATS, HISTORY

[what may have caused problems in the past]

THREATS, FUTURE

[what has a reasonable chance of causing problems in the future]

PROTECTION

[what kind of protection does the species have – preferably include both globally and locally]

CONSERVATION STATUS SUMMARY

[a quick summary of the situation for the species – a chance to prioritize the biggest concerns]

SPECIFIC CONSERVATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended Global Rarity Rank: [G1-5]

Reasoning, if necessary

[reasoning, if necessary]

Recommended Global Threat Rank: [1-3 – the value after the decimal point]

Reasoning, if necessary

[reasoning, if necessary]

Recommended Local Rarity Rank(s) (per state): [1-5, e.g. CA: S2]

Reasoning, if necessary

[reasoning, if necessary]

Recommended Local Threat Rank(s) (per state): [1-3 – the value after the decimal point]
Reasoning, if necessary
[reasoning, if necessary]

Recommended List(s) (CNPS equivalent, per state): [1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4... e.g. CA: 2]
Reasoning, if necessary
[reasoning, if necessary]

Recommended conservation/management actions (consider site maintenance, monitoring, research, amendments to existing management plans, agencies/organizations to be involved, etc.)

[other than providing some numbers to some agencies, what should be done?]

RELEVANT EXPERTS AND KNOWLEDGABLE LOCAL BOTANISTS

[Names, addresses, phone numbers – email not recommended as your completed form will be posted on the web]

STAKEHOLDERS FOR NOTIFICATION OF COMMENT PERIOD

[Agencies, companies with addresses, may be directed to particular individuals]

LITERATURE CITED

[follow a standard scientific journal format]

OTHER RELEVANT LITERATURE

[follow a standard scientific journal format]

LOCATION/SPECIMEN LIST

[provide as much detail as you can for each known specimen or location including geographic coordinates, date, collector, collection number, herbarium, habitat, location directions, etc.]

MAPS

[several blank maps are available from the CALS Conservation Committee, go to <http://calscc.crustose.net>]