

1.4 AT7 Coega Bontveld

A total of 10% of this vegetation unit is protected in the AENP and almost 4% in the private Grassridge Nature Reserve (Mucina & Rutherford 2006). This unit is often restricted to 'island' in a matrix of typical valley thicket. The species present are a mixture of Fynbos, Grassland and Succulent Karoo elements. Vlok & Euston-Brown (2002) classify this vegetation unit under the Grass Ridge Bontveld

STEP (Vlok & Euston-Brown 2002): Grass Ridge Bontveld

This unit is restricted to outcrops of limestone (Nanaga formation), often as 'islands' in a matrix of Valley Thicket. The species present is a mix of Fynbos, Grassland and Succulent Karoo elements, often with *Acmadenia obtusata*, *Aloe ferox*, *Euryops ericifolius*, *Lobostemon trigonus*, *Muraltia squarrosa*, *Osteospermum imbricatum*, *Pentasthesis pallida*, *Rhus pyroides* and *Themeda triandra* prominent. Several rare and localised endemic plant species occur here, such as *Anginon rugosum*, *Bulbine inae*, *Euphorbia globosa*, *Lotononis micrantha* and *Rhombophyllum rhomboideum*.