

Application of the Residence Concept to  
Slender Mouse-ear-cress (*Halimolobos virgata*)

Does the concept of residence under SARA apply to this species? **NO**

**Detailed Rationale:**

*(1) Does the ecology of the species include the use of a dwelling place—which is a specific location (or locations) or discrete spatial area that contains features similar to a den or nest, or performs functions similar to a den or nest?*

No - the specific location occupied by an individual Slender Mouse-ear-cress plant is plainly a part of the general habitat of the species; there is no inherent feature of this area similar to a den or nest.

*(2) Are these locations occupied or habitually occupied during all or part of the species' life cycle?*

NA

*(3) Are these locations essential to the successful performance of a specific, crucial function of the species' life-cycle?*

NA

**Summary of Rationale:**

Individual Slender Mouse-ear-cress plants do not appear to use a dwelling place similar to a nest or den, and therefore do not qualify to have a residence. There would be no additional legal protection not already afforded by protection of the individual and its critical habitat.

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