

GLOBAL PLANT CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

Medicinal plants

Top 35 species suggested as priorities for conservation action over the next five years (see BGCI's [Plants for life](#) report, Annex 5 for further details). If any of these species are among the records your institution has uploaded to [Plant Search](#), BGCI will be contacting you shortly about a new project to document cultivation methods and best practice techniques for each of these species. This information will ultimately be available through BGCI's website as a key resource for medicinal plant conservation efforts around the world.

- 1 *Aconitum ferox*
- 2 *Aconitum heterophyllum*
- 3 *Aloe* spp. (particularly *Aloe turkanensis*)
- 4 *Aquilaria* spp.
- 5 *Balanites aegyptiaca*
- 6 *Cinchona* spp.
- 7 *Cordyceps sinensis*
- 8 *Coscinium fenestratum*
- 9 *Dactylorhiza hatagirea*
- 10 *Eucommia ulmoides*
- 11 *Gastrodia elata*
- 12 *Gentiana lutea*
- 13 *Hoodia* spp. (particularly *Hoodii gordonii*)
- 14 *Magnolia officinalis*
- 15 *Nardostachys grandiflora* (syn: *Nardostachys jatamansi*)
- 16 *Neopicrorrhiza scrophulariflora* (syn: *Picrorhiza scrophulariiflora*)
- 17 *Nothapodytes nimmoniana*
- 18 *Oroxylum indicum*
- 19 *Osyris lanceolata*
- 20 *Paris yunnanensis* (syn: *Paris polyphylla* var. *yunnanensis*)
- 21 *Panax* spp. (particularlry *P. vietnamensis* and population specific *P. ginseng*)
- 22 *Podophyllum hexandrum* (syn: *Sinopodophyllum emodi*)
- 23 *Prunus africana*
- 24 *Rauvolfia serpentina*
- 25 *Rhoicissus revoilii*
- 26 *Saraca asoca*
- 27 *Saussurea costus* (syn: *Saussurea lappa*)
- 28 *Sideritis raeseri*
- 29 *Swertia chirayita*
- 30 *Taxus wallichiana*
- 31 *Toddalia asiatica*
- 32 *Warburgia salutaris*
- 33 *Withania somnifera*
- 34 *Zanha africana*
- 35 *Zanthoxylum chalybeum*

If your institution maintains any of these species (either currently or historically), please consider uploading your records to Plant Search and contacting BGCI at medicinalplants@bgci.org.