False Thorn Albizia

(Albizia ferruginea)

About me: I am an attractive tree found across tropical Africa. I have green-cream flowers which form tight clusters. My wood is hard and strong and is used for construction, flooring, furniture, veneer and wood carving. In the Central African Republic my leaves are used as a poison to catch fish!

Why I'm rare: I have been cut down for my wood across my range which has caused my numbers to fall. As a result of over-exploitation I am now listed as **Vulnerable** on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and require conservation action to guarantee my future survival in my natural habitat.

Taking action: Botanic garden collections, such as this one, can be used as a source of plant material to increase my numbers in the wild.









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