

Rat Aloe

(Aloe ballyi)

About me: I am a succulent tree found only in Kenya and Tanzania. You might recognise me from the streets of Nairobi where I am sometimes planted as a street tree. My distinctive smell, which has been likened to that of a mouse or rat, has given me my nickname. Be careful when handling me my sap is poisonous!

Why I'm rare: The bushland where I live is being cleared for farmland and to create charcoal. I am now only found in five locations and am listed as **Endangered** on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Urgent conservation action is needed to guarantee my future survival in the wild.

Taking action: I am found in over 20 botanic gardens around the world. Botanic garden collections, such as this one, can be used as a source of plant material to increase my numbers in my natural habitat



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