

African Redwood

(Hagenia abyssinica)

About me: I am a tree and I grow in mountainous forests of Central and Eastern Africa. I am a member of the rose family (Rosaceae) and can be male or female. My flowers form large hanging groups and I am thought to be very beautiful. I am used widely to treat many illnesses including stomach-ache and malaria. In Ethiopia I am particularly used to treat tapeworms. My attractive dark red wood is also popular for making furniture, floors and cabinets.

Why I'm rare: My forest home is being cleared to make way for farmland and new houses. As more people live in areas where I am found, my timber is being used more and more. These threats have caused my numbers to fall significantly and conservation action is needed to guarantee my long-term survival in the wild.

Taking action: The Global Trees Campaign is working with African botanic gardens, such as Brackenhurst Botanic Garden, to replant me in my natural habitat.



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