

# African Walnut

(*Lovoa trichilioides*)

**About me:** I am a tree found in Central Africa including Uganda. I am usually found in secondary and groundwater forests in lower montane areas. I am rare in Uganda with only small populations of me remaining in Budongo forest and other forest patches close to Lake Victoria.

**Why I'm rare:** My seeds are heavily predated by insects and I am over-exploited for wood as I am one of the two principal timbers in the Congo region. As a result I am now listed as **Vulnerable** on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and require conservation action to prevent my extinction.

**Taking action:** I am found in less than five 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. I am now being used in agroforestry where I provide shade for coffee and banana plants.



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