Red Stinkwood

(Prunus africana)

About me: I am large tree of the rose family (Rosaceae) and I grow in mountainous forests across Africa. My wood is smelly which has given me my nickname the Red Stinkwood. As I am tall and strong, my wood is used for bridges, decks, flooring, poles and tools. My bark and leaves also have important medicinal properties and are particularly used for treating problems with the prostate.



Why I'm rare: My bark is used in the largest quantity of any tree species! Over harvesting for medicine has meant that, despite my wide distribution, I am 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: The Global Trees Campaign is working with African botanic gardens, such as Brackenhurst Botanic Garden, to replant me in the wild.





