East African Greenheart

(Warburgia ugandensis)

About me: I am a large evergreen tree found in Afromontane forest of East Africa. My fragrant wood is popular for making furniture as it is easy to work and polishes well. My bark and leaves are used to treat a variety of illnesses including worms and malaria. My leaves and bark are also sometimes used to add flavour to curries due to my distinctive hot peppery taste!

Why I'm rare: Over harvesting of my bark for medicine can kill me. I am also cut down for my timber. These threats have meant that despite my wide distribution I am listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and require urgent 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.







