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Species of the Day: Asteropeia micraster

<u>Asteropeia micraster</u> is classified as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species[™]. It grows up to 20 meters in height, in a humid bioclimate, and is native to littoral forests in Madagascar such as those found in Mahabo and the forestry stations of Tampolo and Mandena.

Threats to this species are mainly from humans, since the plant is used for firewood, construction and timber. The species habitat is also under threat due to exploitation of forest timber, mining, fires and a restriction of its range.

The known populations are rare and decreasing in numbers and there are no subpopulations occurring in protected areas. However, a commitment by the Madagascan government to increase the number and size of protected areas in the country has prioritised the protection of littoral forest habitat. Studies have also shown that native littoral species exhibit a dramatic reduction in distribution in response to climate change.









