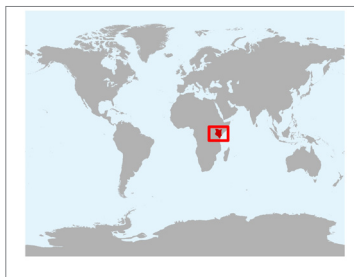




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## Species of the Day: *Euphorbia tanaensis*

*Euphorbia tanaensis* is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™, following re-assessment in 2006 by the East African Plant Red List Authority. A medium-sized tree, it grows in semi-deciduous swamp forest, and is known from just a single location in Kenya.

In addition to being confined to a single site, the *Euphorbia tanaensis* population was recently found to number no more than 4 mature individuals, making it highly vulnerable to extinction. Threats to the species include illegal logging and encroachment of farming activities on the forest boundary.

*Euphorbia tanaensis* occurs entirely within the Witu Forest Reserve, a protected area of just 42 square kilometres. However, although the area is legally protected, civil insecurity has led to a lack of enforcement and a lack of research, meaning that this highly endangered tree remains under severe threat of extinction. It is known to be in cultivation with two conservationists, and plans are underway to seek funds for multiplication and re-introduction.

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