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## Species of the Day: Uebelmannia buiningii

<u>Uebelmannia buiningii</u> is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species<sup>™</sup>. With its population fragmented into numerous tiny subpopulations in the Serra Negra in the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais, this diminutive cactus is believed to be on the verge of extinction.

Like many cacti, one of the main threats facing *U. buiningii* is the illegal collection of wild plants and seeds for the horticultural trade. In addition to harvesting by collectors, this species is also affected by fires and trampling by cattle.

There are no specific conservation measures in place for *U. buiningii* and it is not thought to be common in cultivation. Nonetheless, it is listed on Appendix I of CITES, meaning that all international trade in this species is prohibited.









