

Antrocaryon micraster

About me: I am a large tree found throughout tropical African forests. My wood is widely used for general carpentry, house building and to make furniture. My fruits are eaten locally and can be fermented to make an alcoholic drink. They are also used in traditional medicine as a treatment for chest and stomach problems. Cheeky chimpanzees are thought to use stones to break open my fruits to eat my seeds!

Why I'm rare: I am harvested for my wood which has caused my numbers to fall considerably. As a result, despite having a large range, I am now listed as **Vulnerable** on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and require conservation action to ensure my future survival in the wild.

Taking action: Botanic garden collections, such as this one, can be used as a source of plant material to increase my numbers in my natural habitat.



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