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Plants in danger



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The Himalayan yew
(Taxus wallichiana)
is under threat from
overharvesting
for its timber and
medicinal properties

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How do you think Kew scientists find out which plants are most endangered in the wild?



How many ways do we use plants?



Find a useful plant at Kew.



How could you document or record this plant for scientific research?



Have a go at making your own record.



What kinds of information do you think a scientist would need?



Where does this plant usually grow?

What might threaten this plant?

How could we protect this plant?



What might happen if this plant became extinct?



Why does it matter if a plant becomes extinct?

Did you know?

There are currently over 6,000 tree species threatened with extinction.

We use trees for all sorts of things including fuel, food and medicine.

These species are at risk due to threats including habitat loss, climate change, pests and diseases.

Kew scientists at the Millennium Seed Bank are working with global partners to protect our trees for the future by conserving seeds from the 3,000 most threatened tree species.