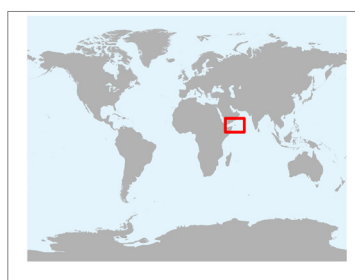




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## Species of the Day: Dragon's Blood Tree

The **Dragon's Blood Tree**, *Dracaena cinnabari*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Endemic to the island of Socotra, this distinctive tree is famed for its dark red resin, or "dragon's blood", a substance highly prized since ancient times as a colourant and medicine.

Although the vegetation of Socotra remains relatively well-preserved, it faces growing threats from population expansion, increasing development and overgrazing. The range of the Dragon's Blood Tree has become reduced and fragmented, and its populations are undergoing poor regeneration. Although human activities may have contributed to this decline, the main threat is believed to be the increasing aridity on the island, a process that may be exacerbated by climate change.

Several initiatives are underway to support conservation on Socotra, and the Dragon's Blood Tree is considered to be an important flagship species. However, if this unique plant is to survive, a range of specific measures will be needed, including monitoring of natural regeneration, planting of seedlings, fencing against livestock, and the protection of its habitat.



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