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Recently, it was found that two species of plants, first collected by botanists more than 125 years ago from Meghalaya and the Andaman Islands, are now extinct in the wild.



[Ref: Alchetron]

- **Both are classified under the Genus:** Boesenbergia and **Family:** Zingiberaceae
- **Reason for the extinction:** Climate change, Human interference, Over-exploitation and Natural calamities.
- **Boesenbergia rubrolutea:** first collected from the Khasi Hills, Thera, in Meghalaya in 1886.
- **Boesenbergia albolutea:** first collected from the Andamans in 1889.
- Both are among the least explored species of the genus Boesenbergia. Ten species of this genus, including these two, have been reported in India.