# Global overview of the conservation status of Magnoliaceae

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Magnolia coriacea (EN)

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The Global Tree Assessment and the Global Trees Campaign

Setting the scene:

Cataloguing the world's trees



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- Prioritising tree species for conservation action
- Taking direct conservation action working with local partners



### Cataloguing the world's trees: GlobalTreeSearch



#### Welcome to GlobalTreeSearch!



#### The most comprehensive database of tree species.

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- · Discover all tree species found in a country

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More information on data sources used and acknowledgements.

#### Data retrieved through GlobalTreeSearch is subject to the BGCI data agreement.

To search the database, enter search criteria below (at least one of genus, species, country required)

Scientific name:	Magnolia	cathcartii	
	Genus	Species	Country



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#### We found 1 matches

Family	Taxon name	Author	Country distribution	Comment
Magnoliaceae	Magnolia cathcartii	(Hook.f. & Thomson) Noot.	Bhutan; China; India; Myanmar; Thailand; Viet Nam	
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Search Plants

#### Prioritising tree species for conservation action





#### **Global Tree Assessment**

Conservation assessments for all the world's tree species by 2020



The Global Tree Assessment aims to assess the conservation status of every known tree species by the year 2020.

Forty-four percent of all the world's trees are still lacking an assessment of extinction risk. The Global Tree Assessment will provide prioritization information to inform conservation action for trees, so that no tree species becomes extinct.

The Global Tree Assessment, led by BGCI and the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) Global Tree Specialist Group (GTSG), continues to develop an extensive global collaborative partnership to safeguard the world's threatened tree species from extinction. Many NGOs, national red list programmes, botanic gardens and other groups have made pledges to ensure that the flora of their region, country or genus of interest is assessed in this time period. However, there are still many trees to assess. Anyone can join the GTA!





**GTA** Target

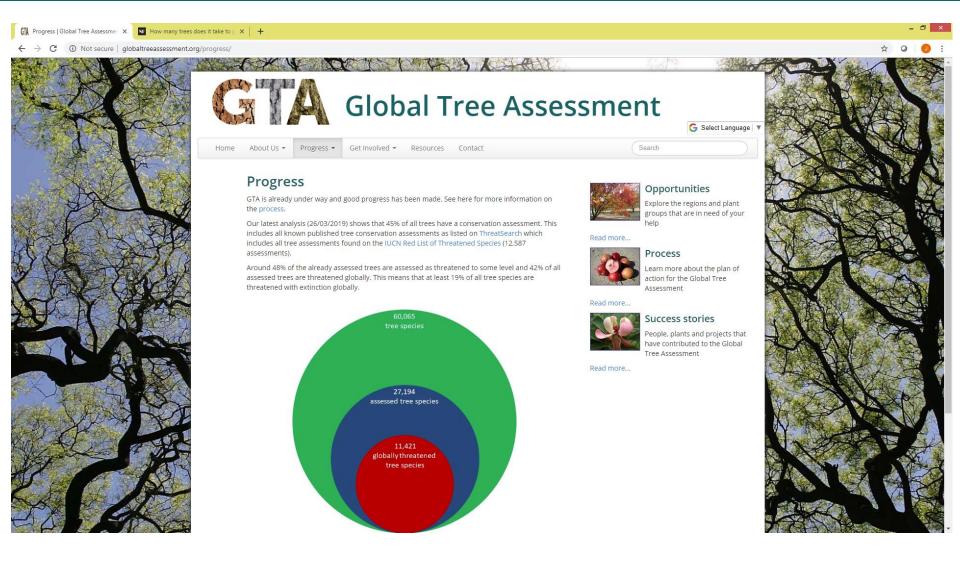
27,194 assessments out of 60,065 projects



globaltreeassessment.org/

#### GTA Progress





#### Examples of taxonomic Red Lists



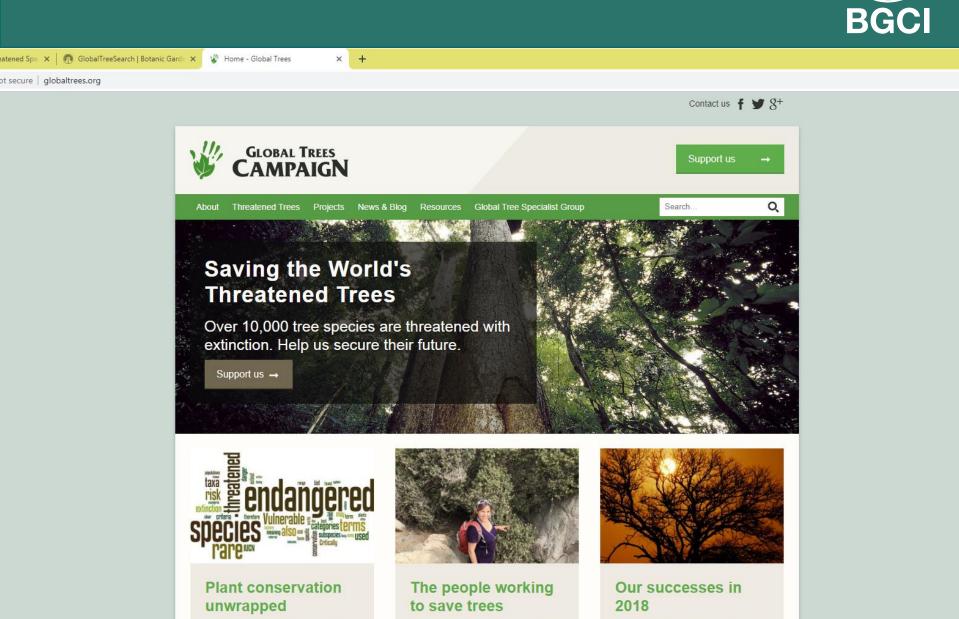


Red List of Global Trees			
Zelkova	83%		
Magnolias	48%		
Theaceae	33%		
Maples	28%		
Rhododendron	27%		
Oaks	27%		
Ash	21%		
Tovomita	8%		
Betulaceae	7%		

#### http://globaltrees.org/resources/resource-type/red-list/

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#### Taking direct conservation action



## Global Trees Campaign (GTC) objectives





**1.** To identify and prioritise the trees of greatest conservation concern



**3.** To empower partners and practitioners to undertake effective conservation for threatened trees



2. To ensure that the world's threatened tree species are protected with populations recovering *in situ* 



4. To mobilise other groups to act for threatened trees

GTC project implementation – general activity strands: Integrated *ex* and *in situ* conservation



- Survey and inventory
- Collection of propagules
- Propagation protocol development
- *Ex situ* collection development seed bank, living collection
- Public outreach / engagement display collection
- Initiation of *in situ* recovery population reinforcement / (re)introduction
- Monitoring and evaluation



## Red List of Magnoliaceae, 2016

Assessed 304 species –

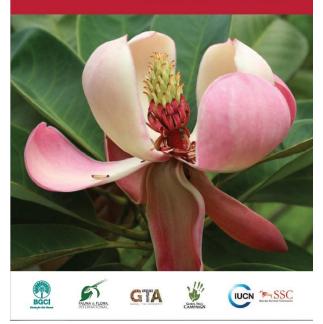
Magnolia and Liriodendron spp.



revised and extended

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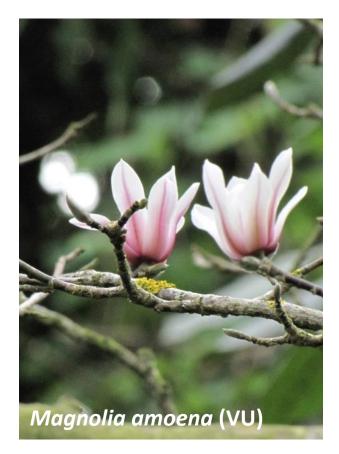


### **Overall findings**



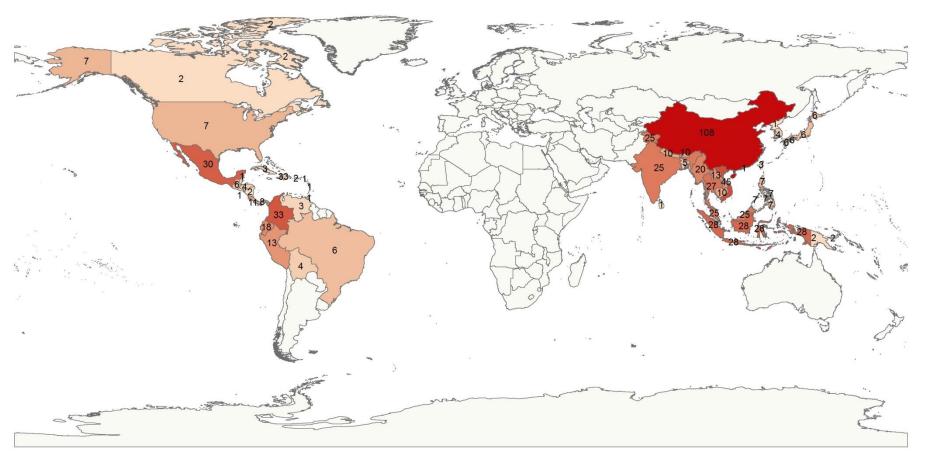
# Nearly half – 48% – of the species assessed as threatened:

- Critically Endangered
- Endangered
- Vulnerable



#### Number of Magnoliaceae species per country

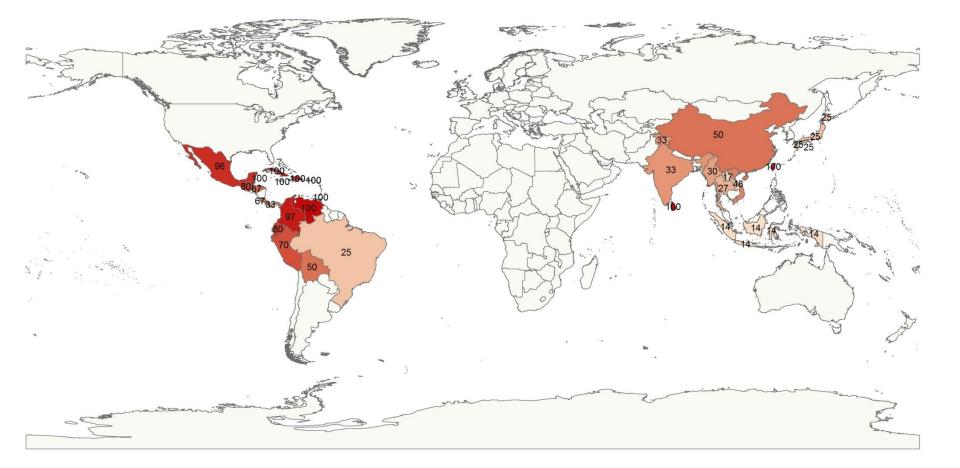




New World: 134 species – 71.6% threatened, 15.7% DD Old World: 172 species – 30.2% threatened, 44% DD

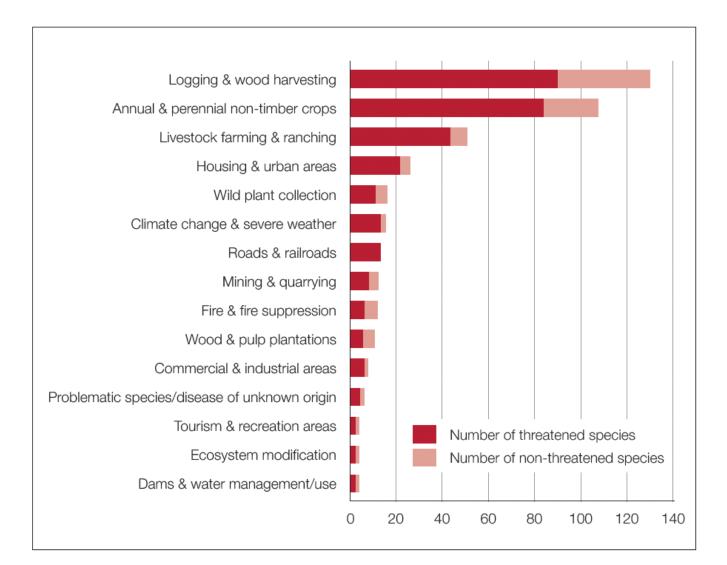
#### Percentage of **threatened** species per country





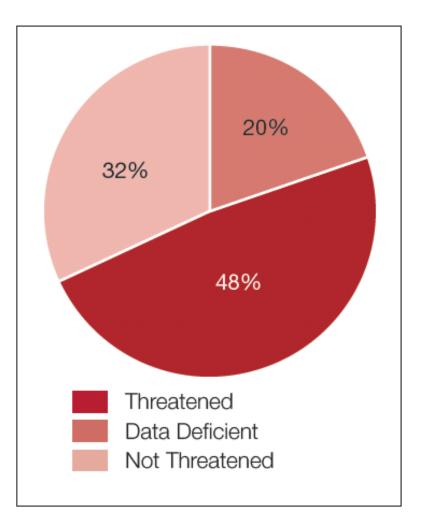
# Major risk factors to Magnoliaceae using the IUCN threat classification system





#### Bottleneck: data deficiency





#### 1 in 5 species are still considered Data Deficient (DD)



### Magnoliaceae *ex situ* survey, 2016

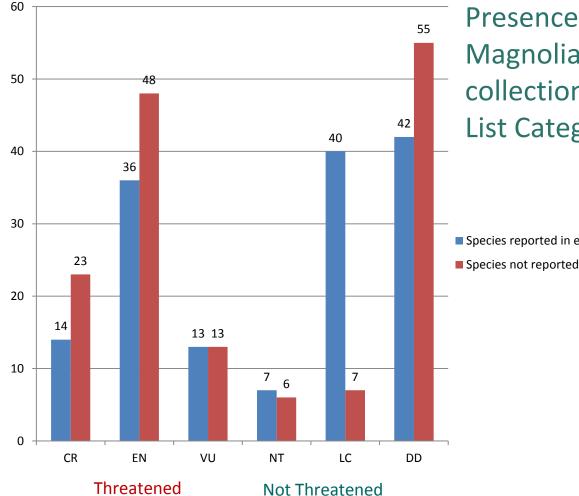


### Based on **9918 records** from **490 institutions** in **61 countries**



#### Magnoliaceae species found in and absent from ex situ collections





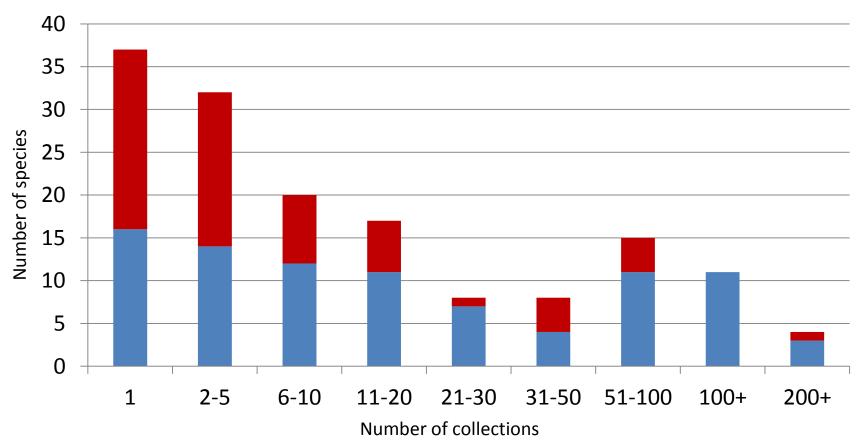
Presence and absence of Magnoliaceae species in ex situ collections for each IUCN Red List Category

Species reported in ex situ collections

Species not reported in ex situ collections

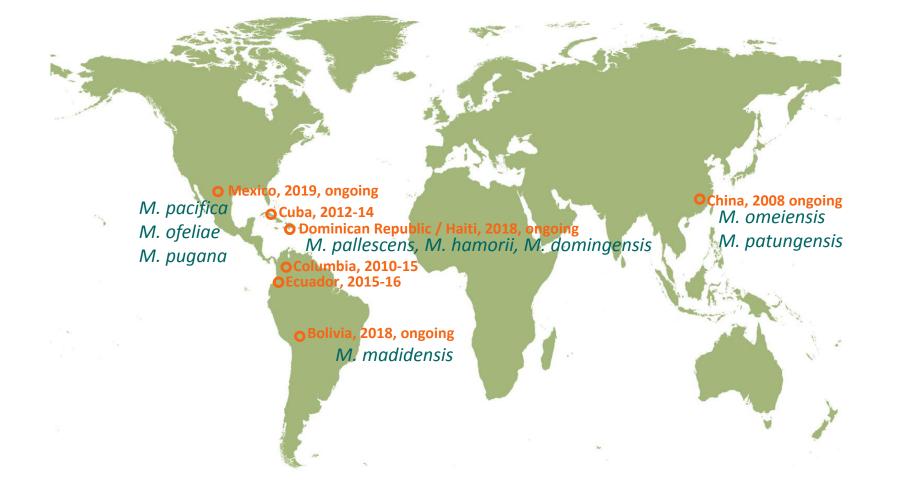








# Past and ongoing magnolia conservation projects supported by BGCI

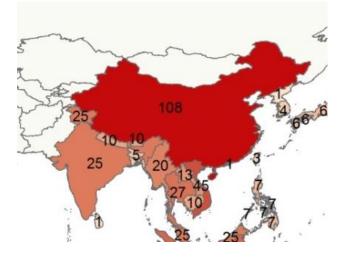


#### Case study – China



- 108 species, 57 endemic
- 33 species are threatened and a further 41 are data deficient
- As in other areas of high magnolia diversity, increased deforestation, logging, habitat destruction and limited reproduction in the wild pose a major threat to the species' survival





## Case study – Magnolia sinostellata, China



#### Integrated conservation of *Magnolia sinostellata* – initiated in 2015

- Endemic to southern Zhejiang
- Known from 4 locations
- Endangered B1 ab(iii,v)
- Threats: habitat loss / deforestation, over-collection





## Case study – Magnolia sinostellata, China

#### **Project interventions:**

- Field surveys
- Collection of propagation material and molecular analyses
- Ex situ multiplication to date some 2,800 saplings established

#### **Project outcomes:**

- Enhanced propagation techniques to produce significant numbers of individuals
- Secured in *ex situ* collections and improved conservation status in the wild
- Local communities in the target areas actively engaged in the propagation and cultivation of *M. sinostellata* as well as in the conservation work







## Case study – Magnolia omeiensis, China

## Integrated conservation of *Magnolia omeiensis* – initiated in 2016

- Endemic to southern Sichuan
- Known from 2 locations
- ~100 individuals remaining in the wild
- Critically Endangered C2a(i)
- Threats: habitat loss / logging / limited seed production and low germination rates







## Case study – Magnolia omeiensis, China



#### **Project interventions to date:**

- Field surveys in both locations
- Collection of plant material for molecular studies and propagation
- Artificial pollination trials in situ

#### **Project outcomes:**

- Significant stock of saplings (several thousands) available for conservation collections at Emeishan Botanic Garden and for restoration
- Population reinforcements trialled with some 1,000 saplings planted in situ
- Survival of the species is greater as result of environmental sensitization work, ex situ conservation collections and population reinforcement programmes



### Case study – Dominican Republic





Integrated conservation of Dominican Republic cloud forest magnolias – initiated in 2018

- M. pallescens (EN)
- M. hamorii (EN)
- M. domingensis (CR)

Threats: habitat loss, lifestock grazing, fires, infrastructure development

Plan de acción de conservación integrada de las Magnolias (Magnoliaceae) amenazadas de República Dominicana:

Magnolia domingensis – M. hamorii – M. pallescens





















## Challenges



- New and periodic updates to existing assessments
- Localisation of target species and access during project implementation
- Limited genetic representativeness in *ex situ* collections resulting from limited availability of propagation material, limited viability of seed material, limited propagation success, etc.
- Recovery programmes *in situ* medium and long-term management; and
- Sustainability once project funding has come to an end

## Opportunity: Global Magnolia Conservation Consortium



- Enhanced exchange of expertise and plant material
- Improved updates or delivery of new conservation status assessments / red listing
- Coordinated, practical conservation action of target species' in
  - ex situ collections
  - in situ recovery programmes

## Thank you!







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