

SAVE OUR CEDAR CAMPAIGN 2024-2025

WHAT IS MULANJE CEDAR?

The National Tree of Malawi, Mulanje Cedar (*Widdringtonia whytei*) is a towering fragrant conifer that can grow up to 50 meters high. It is unique to Mount Mulanje and found nowhere else naturally on earth.

WHAT ARE THE THREATS TO MULANJE CEDAR?

Logging, fires, population pressure and climate change have driven this iconic tree to the brink of extinction. Only a handful of mature coning trees survive today, threatening sustainable reproduction. Mulanje Cedar is now classified as Critically Endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of species.

WHY RESTORE MULANJE CEDAR?

Biodiversity: Mulanje Cedar is a Keystone species of the high altitude Cloud Forest, providing habitat for a diversity of plants and animals, many of which have uniquely evolved in this mountain landscape.

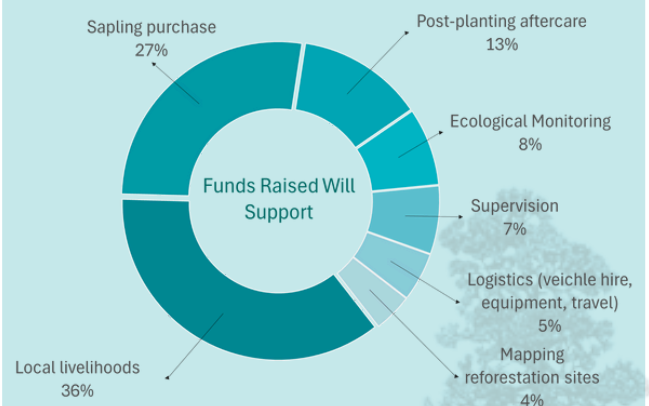
Water regulation: Through extensive root systems Cedar forests keep moisture in the soil, reduce surface run-off, and improve water quality. This is critical for maintaining the water catchment areas of the mountain.

Cultural significance: Other important forest plants and animals associated with the Mulanje Cedar habitat are harmed by its destruction. This threatens the livelihoods of communities that depend on the mountain and its natural resources.

Community stewardship: Dedicated community nurseries are actively growing Mulanje Cedar & indigenous seedlings. Let's come together to support their efforts!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

To help protect and restore this Critically Endangered species, Mount Mulanje Conservation Trust is replanting large areas of the mountain with Mulanje Cedar and other indigenous species - but we need your help to achieve this.



For **£10** you can purchase **75** saplings. This year we aim to plant over **17,000** saplings, covering a land area of **13** hectares.

WHO WE ARE

Mount Mulanje Conservation Trust (MMCT), based at Mt Mulanje in south-eastern Malawi, is a registered conservation organization that was established in 2002. Our mission is to protect the mountain's biodiversity and natural resources, while enhancing the well-being of the surrounding communities.

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