Plants in danger
Scientists study plants and make records to find out what might threaten them and discover ways to protect them. Use this card to follow in the footsteps of a plant scientist working in the wild.

Find a plant at Kew that has a use.

e.g. food, shelter, clothing...

How could you record this plant scientifically to show and tell people all about it?

You could take a photograph, measure or draw...

Where does this plant usually grow in the wild?

What might threaten this plant?

How could we protect this plant?

Think about a plant you have used recently for food or medicine.

What might put this plant in danger?

What might happen if this plant became extinct?

Did you know?

Around 2,000 new plant species are discovered every year. In 2015, one of the new plants discovered was a 1.5 m tall carnivorous plant.

Unfortunately, some plants may become extinct before they have been recognised as being at risk, and perhaps even before they have been discovered by scientists.