

Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew



African Odyssey

Secrets of the Temperate House

Welcome to the Kew Youth Explainers scavenger hunt!

We are the Youth Explainers, a group of young people who volunteer at Kew to help visitors learn more about plant science and conservation. We challenge you to join our interactive scavenger hunt and discover the amazing plants of the Temperate House.

Explore and unlock the secrets of the Africa zone in the Temperate House. Learn how plants are vital as food and medicine and uncover some of the reasons why many temperate plants are under threat in their natural environment.

**This scavenger hunt was developed by Kew Youth Explainers:
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Most of the plants in the Africa zone are native to the most northern or southern parts of the continent. These species are known to thrive in harsh environments and can often be found in mountainous or coastal regions.

Read our riddles as you explore and look carefully at the plants and the information boards to uncover the answers!

How to play



- You can find all the answers to the puzzles in the Africa zone on the interpretation boards.



- If you get stuck, check the back page for hints or ask a Youth Explainer for help.



- Read each riddle carefully. There are lots of clues to help you find the right plant.

Questions

1 Extinction lost the bet, no longer under threat. This plant came back and was found at the racetrack. Play your cards right or prepare to get burned!

Answer:

2 I hurt and heal, harshly harvested to be harmonious in households. What am I?

Answer:

3 Use these emojis to find this endangered plant in the Africa zone:






Answer:

4 I am the fraudulent friend of a classic snack. I may not be one of your five a day, but 15 of me can feed a family of five for a whole year. What am I?

Answer:

5 I am the sole survivor and I'm all alone. The only family I have are my clones. What am I?

Answer:

6 Use these emojis to find this threatened plant in the Africa zone:
  

Answer:

Final puzzle



Which plant that you've already learned about can be used as a sustainable form of human food?

English name:

Latin name:



Once you've answered all the questions, find a Youth Explainer to check your answers.

We hope you enjoyed our scavenger hunt. If you want to learn more, pick up one of the other Youth Explainers scavenger hunts to explore a new zone in the Temperate House!

Hints

1 Use these emojis to find this plant in the Africa zone:



Look for these symbols:



2 My petals look warm like a sunset. Look for these symbols:



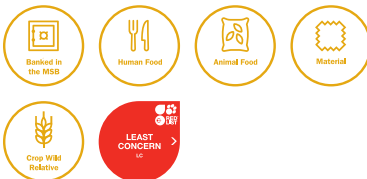
3 Drop the 'H'! This smelly plant can be both poison and medicine. Look for these symbols:



4 Use these emojis to find this plant in the Africa zone:



Look for these symbols:



5 My ancestors are older than the dinosaurs! Use these emojis to find this plant in the Africa zone:



Look for these symbols:

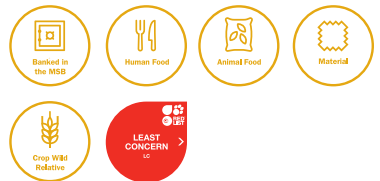


6 I create jazz and oxygen. At home, I am under threat, but abroad I am the invader. Look for these symbols:



Final puzzle:

You've already found me once! Look for these symbols:



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