



Dendrobium pulchellum



Plant Botanical Name:

Dendrobium pulchellum

Plant Threat Level:

Vulnerable

Dendrobium pulchellum is an orchid native to southeastern Asia. The U.S. Botanic Garden received this plant in 1995 through the CITES Plant Rescue Center program. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES) is an agreement among countries of the world to document and regulate international trade in specimens of certain wild animals and plants to ensure that uncontrolled trade does not threaten their survival. When plants are transported across international boundaries without required CITES permits, they are confiscated by

border authorities. These plants are either sent back to authorities in their country of origin or placed into a Plant Rescue Center, which agrees to maintain and care for them in perpetuity. The U.S. Botanic Garden currently houses hundreds of protected plants received through the Plant Rescue Center Program.

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