

Disporum yobinorum

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Botanists recently discovered a flowering plant named Disporum yobinorum in a remote corner of Arunachal Pradesh bordering Myanmar.

About Disporum yobinorum

- It is a new species of **flowering plant**.
- It was discovered in the **forests of Vijaynagar** in Changlang district of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
 - **Vijaynagar** is one of India's **least disturbed forest landscapes**.
 - **Nestled along the border with Myanmar's** Kachin State, the region **shares its geography and flora** with the **forests of Yunnan in China**, making it part of a biologically rich transboundary landscape.
- The species was named **yobinorum in honour** of the **Yobin community**, recognising their support for scientific exploration in the region.

- The Yobin, also known as the Lisu in Myanmar and China, are one of **Arunachal Pradesh's smallest indigenous tribes**.
- Disporum yobinorum grows in **moist, shaded evergreen forests** at elevations of 1,100-1,500 metres, alongside streams in habitats rich in native vegetation.
- **Known only from a single location, fewer than 40 individual plants** have so far been recorded.
- Researchers **recommended** that the species be treated as **Data Deficient** under IUCN criteria.

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