

Red Sanders

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Red Sanders Latest News

Recently, forest officials said that the busy Tirupati pilgrimage route makes Red Sanders smuggling easy in south Andhra Pradesh.

About Red Sanders

- Red Sanders *Pterocarpus santalinus*, or Red Sandalwood, is an **endemic tree species** with distribution restricted to the Eastern **Ghats of India**.
- **Required Climatic Conditions:** It usually grows in rocky, degraded and fallow lands with Red Soil and a hot and dry climate.
- **Characteristics of Red Sanders**
 - The species is also fire-hardy and **resistant to droughts**.
 - **Maturity:** It **takes 25-40 years to reach maturity** being a slow-growing species.
 - The Red Sanders **wood is a bit brittle** when compared to other timber such as teak.
- **Applications**

- **'Santalin'** is a natural dye **obtained from its heartwood** and is used in **pharmaceutical preparations, food articles, leather, and textile industries.**
- Wood can be used for the **perfume industry, medicinal purposes.**
- **Threats:** It has been under heavy threat due to its high commercial value, leading to rampant smuggling.

Conservation Status of Red Sanders

- **IUCN:** Endangered
- **CITES:** Appendix II
- **The Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972:** Schedule IV

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