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Recently, a new study has revealed that land-use change was the main driver behind the loss of nearly 75 per cent of natural plant species on the lower slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro.

About Mount Kilimanjaro

- **Location:** It is located in **northeastern Tanzania**, near the Kenya border.
- It is Africa's tallest mountain (5,895 m) and the **world's largest free-standing mountain** (which means not part of a mountain range).
- It extends approximately east-west for 50 miles (80 km).
- Also called a **stratovolcano** (a term for a very large volcano made of ash, lava and rock), Kilimanjaro is made up of three cones: **Kibo, Mawenzi and Shira**.
 - Among these **cones Kibois**, the tallest of the three volcanic formations, which is also a dormant volcano, while the other two are extinct volcanoes?
 - **Uhuru Peak**, the highest free-standing peak in Africa, is located on the volcanic cone Kibo.

- Kilimanjaro is also known for its **snow-capped peak**.
- **Vegetation:** The mountain has five main vegetation zones, from the lowest to the highest point: Lower slopes, montane forest, heath and moorland, alpine desert, and summit.
- The **Kilimanjaro National Park** was named a United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) **World Heritage Site in 1987**.

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