

Dillenia nagalim

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A team of researchers recently discovered a new plant species in Manipur's Kamjong district, naming it Dillenia nagalim.

About Dillenia nagalim

- It is a **new plant species** discovered in **Manipur's** Kamjong district.
- The name "**nagalim**" is **derived from "Naga"** (referring to the indigenous Naga communities) and "**lim,**" meaning **land**, reflecting the **plant's origin** in a **region predominantly inhabited** by the **Tangkhul Naga tribe** near the **Indo-Myanmar border**.
- The species is currently known only from a single location, making it **endemic to the area**.
- It is a **small shrub** growing up to about 1.2 metres, with **bright yellow flowers** and distinctive **double-serrated leaves**.
- While it resembles related species such as Dillenia pentagyna and Dillenia hookeri, it differs in several features, including its **shorter size, larger flowers**, and a **higher number of stamens and carpels**.

- The plant grows in **open tropical deciduous forests** at altitudes of 250–350 metres and flowers between May and June.
- The **local communities are familiar** with the plant. Its **tender leaves are eaten as vegetables**, while the **fruits are edible** and described as **having a sweet, pungent flavour**.
- The species has been **provisionally classified as “Critically Endangered”** under IUCN criteria.

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