



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. 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 the 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 borders 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 in the CITES 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 CITES Plant Rescue Program.

