

Saving The Plants That Save Us

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The Rosy periwinkle (*Catharanthus roseus*) pictured increases a child's chance of surviving leukemia by 10 to 95%. Many plants save our lives; in fact 50,000 different species of plant are known to be used for medicinal purposes. But these plants are increasingly threatened for a host of reasons, and as they disappear so do our life saving resources. Botanical Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) has just published a report that looks at the state of medicinal plants from around the world.

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