

## **Watch – Plant poaching in South Africa: The million rand Miracle Bush Lily heist**



**It's not just rhinos and elephants at risk: South Africa's rare plants are under siege. On 3 July 2025, four foreign nationals were sentenced to 15 years for poaching 303 endangered *Clivia mirabilis*, worth up to R30 million, from Oorlogskloof Nature Reserve. Daily Maverick's Our Burning Planet journalist Kristin Engel unpacks the rise of international plant poaching syndicates targeting the country's botanical treasures... And why it threatens one of the most unique ecosystems on Earth.**

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