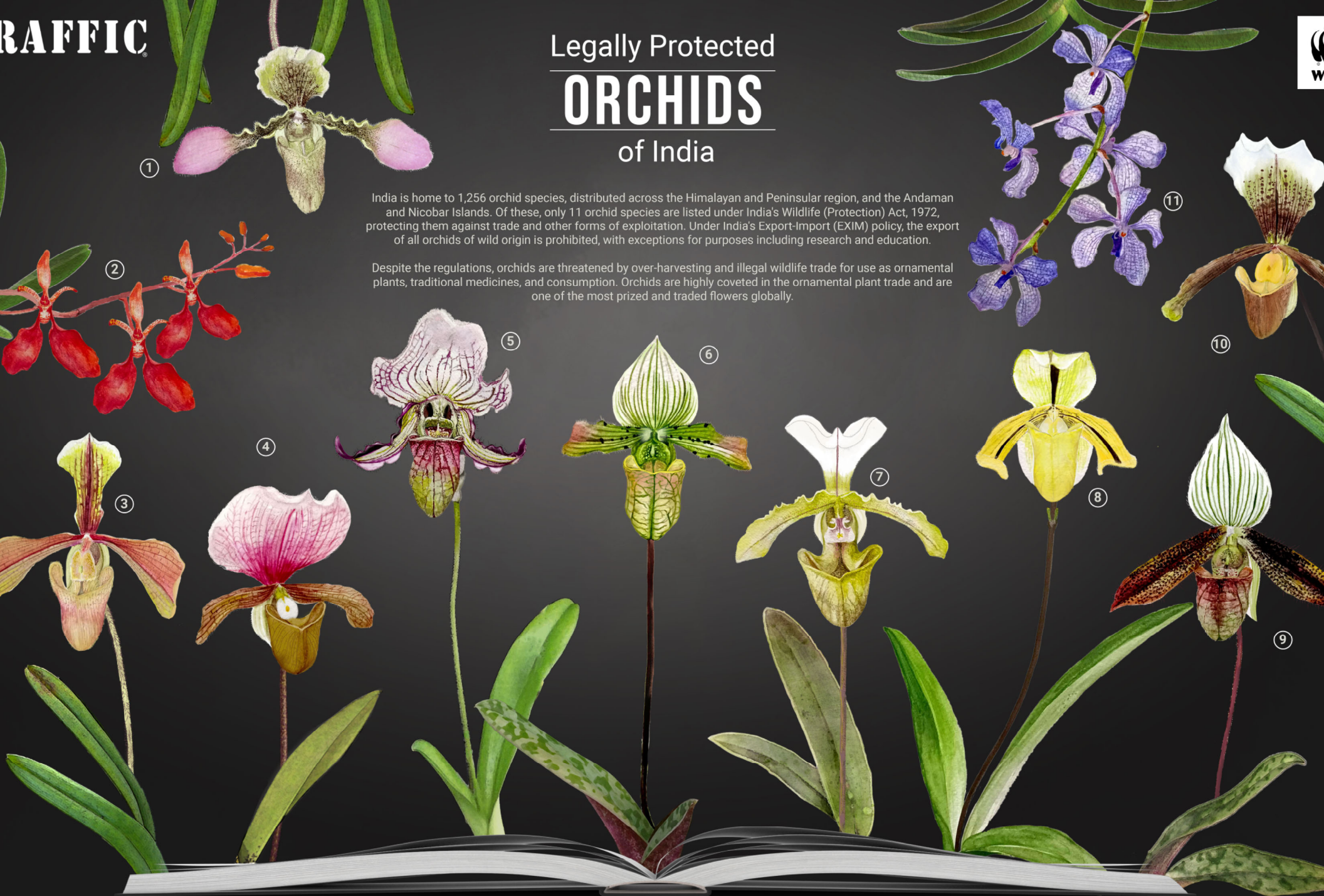


Legally Protected ORCHIDS of India



India is home to 1,256 orchid species, distributed across the Himalayan and Peninsular region, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Of these, only 11 orchid species are listed under India's Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, protecting them against trade and other forms of exploitation. Under India's Export-Import (EXIM) policy, the export of all orchids of wild origin is prohibited, with exceptions for purposes including research and education.

Despite the regulations, orchids are threatened by over-harvesting and illegal wildlife trade for use as ornamental plants, traditional medicines, and consumption. Orchids are highly coveted in the ornamental plant trade and are one of the most prized and traded flowers globally.



MON NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
MON NAME	Shaggy Paphiopedilum	Red Vanda	Villose Paphiopedilum	Charlesworth Paphiopedilum	Fairrie's Paphiopedilum	Ladies slipper orchid	Spicer's Paphiopedilum	Drury's Paphiopedilum	Ward's Paphiopedilum	Splendid Paphiopedilum	Blue Vanda
SCIENTIFIC NAME	<i>Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum</i>	<i>Renanthera imschootiana</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum villosum</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum charlesworthii</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum fairrieianum</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum venustum</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum druryi</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum wardii</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i>	<i>Vanda coelestis</i>
BLOOMING SEASON	April - May	May - July	October - February	March - May	October - December	December - February	October - December	February - April	September - December	October - December	July - November