

Wild coffee faces extinction, leaves cultivated crops genetically vulnerable

Wild species of Arabica could be extinct in the wild by 2080 thanks to climate change, a new study says. Wild losses could leave cultivated crops genetically vulnerable to a host of enemies, which could ultimately lead to lower quality and higher prices for coffee consumers. “Regardless of what measures are taken in nature, we can confidently, and sadly, expect the genetic diversity of those populations to go downhill steadily year after year,” said botanist Peter Raven. “Seeds from the most genetically valuable species should be stored now, before it is too late.”

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