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He treks through the rainforests in Aceh, Sumatra to collect interesting plant specimens. He is also part of an international effort to update the book the Flora of the Malay Peninsula that was written by Ridley in the 1920s.

Dr Mark Hughes, a plant taxonomist at the Singapore Botanic Gardens (SBG), carries out research on Begonia (one of the biggest plant genera in the world). There is no one typical work day for taxonomists — it could

"The urge to classify is a fundamental human instinct"

| DR MARK HUGHES
| PLANT TAXONOMIST
| AT SBG

TAXONOMISTS AT WORK: RACE AGAINST TIME

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