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Leonson Batista showing his forest garden where he has been cultivating rosewood for 18 years.

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> *The substance is found in the famous fragrance Chanel No. 5, and the perfume industry has been using it in its formulas for decades: the natural substance linalool, which comes from a tree in the Amazon rainforest. Rosewood, a natural source of linalool, was at times in such high demand that it almost wiped out the trees it comes from. The fragrance made the perfume world rich, but the forests poor. Not only the forest but also the Indigenous Sateré-Mawé People have suffered from linalool extraction. Today, however, the sustainable use of rosewood has become the Sateré-Mawé's hope.*

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In this episode, Karl Urban sits down with ethnologist Ulrike Prinz to discuss linalool extraction from rosewood grown in the Amazon rainforest. Please note that the podcast is in German.

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