



## A GREENHOUSE IN THE DESERT

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THE world's largest indoor garden is being created – in the desert.

Hundreds of thousands of plants will grow in two giant, tented crescents five times the size of the Eden Project in Cornwall.

The £100million project covers 360 acres near Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, where temperatures hit 45C (113F).

The seven gardens will tell the story of plant life over 400 million years – and show what will happen if we do not halt global warming.

### EXCLUSIVE

Scientists and experts from the Eden Project and the Natural History Museum in London have been brought in for advice.

Dr Paul Kendrick, of the Natural History Museum, said: "Each garden is a snapshot of geological time."

"They wanted to do more than just display pretty things."

Around 30,000 visitors a year are expected when it opens in 2010.

13<sup>th</sup> August 2007

