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## Species of the Day: Restinga Antwren

The **Restinga Antwren**, *Formicivora littoralis*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Rare and highly specialized, this small antwren is restricted to a unique coastal ecosystem on the coast of Rio de Janeiro state, Brazil.

The restricted habitat on which this species depends ('restinga' is a type of tall, dry, coastal scrub) is under enormous pressure from beachfront development for housing and holiday resorts, and from the salt industry. Owing to a burgeoning human population, squatters also pose a threat to its habitat, while nest predation by alien predators has now become an additional concern.

Fortunately, conservation efforts have proliferated in recent years, with measures including the implementation of an awareness campaign aimed at local schools, the preparation of a Species Action Plan, the removal of alien predators, and the creation of a new reserve. It is hoped that these admirable efforts will result in the Restinga Antwren's recovery, and in doing so set a precedent for the vital protection of other species facing similar threats.

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