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Species of the Day: Giant Bronze Gecko

The **Giant Bronze Gecko**, *Ailuronyx trachygaster*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Found only on the Seychelles islands of Silhouette and Praslin, the Giant Bronze Gecko's sandy-bronze colouration provides it with good camouflage against the branches of its tree habitat.

Although not thought to be currently undergoing a decline, this species is vulnerable to extinction due to its small and restricted distribution. Any habitat degradation within its limited range, for example due to the plausible spread of invasive species, could have disastrous consequences for the survival of the Giant Bronze Gecko.

The Giant Bronze Gecko and its habitat are protected within Praslin National Park, and efforts to control invasive plants are also underway on Praslin Island. On the island of Silhouette, habitat restoration is being undertaken to help this gecko, and the establishment of a new protected area has been recommended to further benefit the species and its forest habitat.



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