Partulid Snails

72 species of partulid snails (Polynesian tree snails) were assessed for this year (most of these are reassessments of species that were already on the Red List). 54 of these species (75%) are EX or EW; another 14 are threatened (19%); the rest are DD. The main problem for these snails is the introduction of the predatory snail species Euglandina rosea into their native islands in French Polynesia. This snail was introduced into many Pacific islands in an attempt to control another invasive species, the African Giant Land Snail (Achatina fulica), which is a threat to crops and native vegetation in the areas where it has been introduced. However, it transpired that Euglandina rosea is a major predator of smaller native snail species and has been causing extinctions in these islands ever since. For further information, please contact Trevor Coote (email: partula2003@yahoo.co.uk) Some examples:

Partula labrusca - EX

In 1996, this species was assessed as EW as individuals still existed in a captive breeding programme, but not in the wild. This year its Red List status was revised to Extinct, although it was actually recorded as going extinct in 2002. This species was endemic to Raiatea, in the Society Islands. After the introduction of the carnivorous snail Paghandina roset (ins)has (table 1980s,

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The usual caveat applies, that changes in figures for each Red List category since last year are due to various reasons, including new information being available since the last assessment and taxonomic changes resulting in a revised assessment, as well as genuine changes in status.