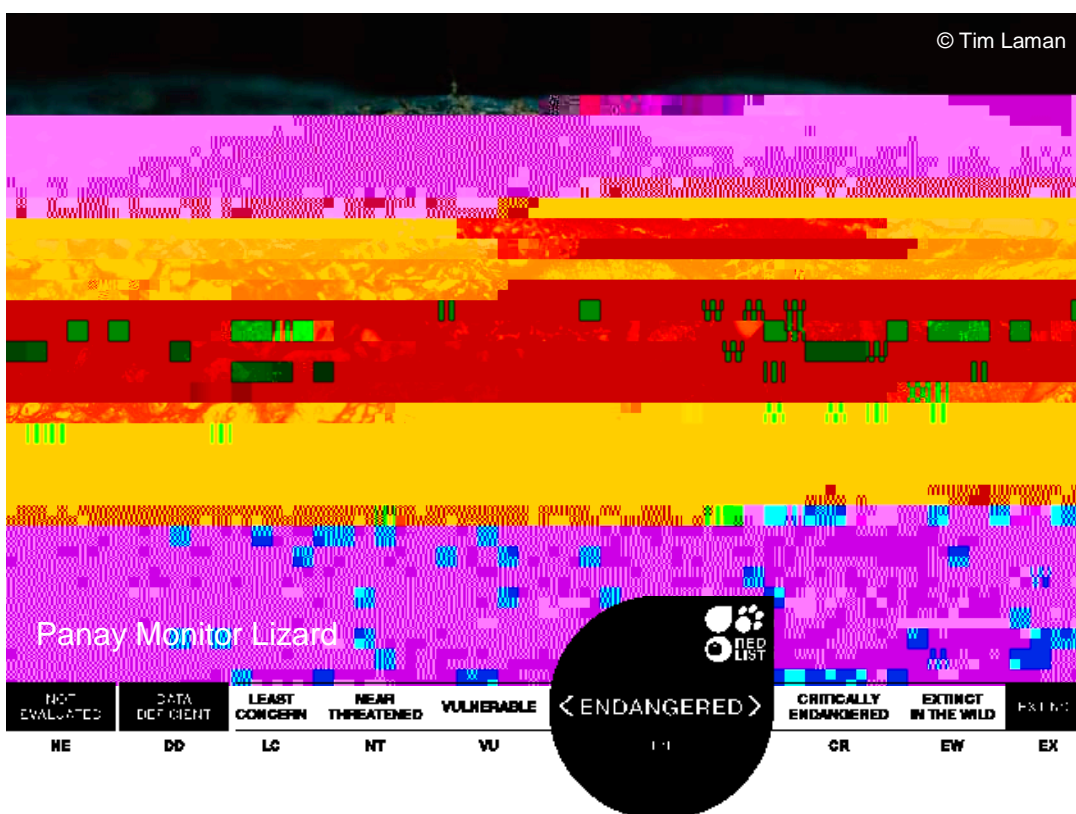




The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ 2009 update

Reptile Facts



Total species assessed in = 1,678 (up by 293 since last year)

Total EX or EW = 22 (1%) [EX = 21; EW = 1]

Total threatened = 470 (28%) [CR = 94; EN = 150; VU = 226]

Total NT = 149 (9%)

Total LR/cd = 3 (<1%) *[an old Red List Category that is gradually being phased out]*

Total DD = 240 (14%)

Total LC = 794 (47%)

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***Cophotis dumbara* – CR**

This species is endemic to Sri Lanka, and is known only from the Knuckles Mountains (Dumbara Hills). It is a rarely encountered species. Although it can be found in cardamom plantations, its more natural habitat is sub-montane and pygmy forest areas in the Knuckles Mountain range area. This habitat is declining as areas are cleared for agricultural expansion. It enters the Red List as Critically Endangered.

Northern Short-headed Snake (*Oligodon ancorus*) – NT

This snake is endemic to the islands of Mindoro and Luzon in the Philippines. Most coastal forests, which are a major part of this snake's habitat, have been destroyed in the Philippines over the past 100 years. However, it has also been found at higher elevations above the coastal forests, therefore it enters the Red List as Near Threatened rather than threatened at present. However, to keep this snake out of the threatened categories, there is an urgent need to preserve any remaining areas of coastal forest habitat in the area.

Panay Monitor Lizard (*Varanus mabitang*) - EN

Endemic to the island of Panay in the Philippines, this rare species occurs in large trees in primary lowland tropical moist forest. The