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## Amazing Species: Montserrat Galliwasp

The **Montserrat Galliwasp**, *Diploglossus montisserrati*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Since its discovery in 1964, there have been only twelve confirmed sightings and consequently very little is known about this lizard. It is highly elusive and lives amongst the leaf litter and rock crevices of just a 1.5ha area of Montserrat's forest. This makes it one of the world's most geographically restricted vertebrate species.

Predation by rats, feral cats and dogs presents a severe threat to the survival of this species. The majority of confirmed sightings have occurred outside Montserrat's Centre Hills forest reserve, leaving the galliwasp increasingly vulnerable to habitat loss through ongoing housing developments.

A recently developed Species Action Plan for the Montserrat Galliwasp sets out the need to protect existing habitat, to reduce impacts of invasive species through population control and predator proof fencing, and to initiate an *ex situ* (conservation outside their natural habitat) breeding programme.

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