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Amazing Species: Rennell Island Monitor

The <u>Rennell Island Monitor</u>, *Varanus juxtindicus*, is listed as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species[™]. This lizard is regarded as one of the world's rarest monitors, and is found only on Rennell Island in the Solomon Islands.

There are not known to be any major threats to the Rennell Island Monitor or its habitat. However, since the population only exists in one location any negative unprecedented events could have drastic consequences for the survival of this species.

The Rennell Island Monitor is listed on Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), meaning that international trade in this species should be carefully monitored and controlled. East Rennell Island which contains Lake Te-Nggano, where this species is most commonly seen, is listed as a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) World Heritage Site. Its occurrence in a World Heritage Site may help to protect the Rennell Island Monitor from various threats in the future, especially habitat loss.



