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## Amazing Species: Mayotte Drongo

The **Mayotte Drongo**, *Dicrurus waldenii*, is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This attractive bird is native to the French overseas department of Mayotte in the Comoro island group, and occurs in mangroves along the coast and at the margins of evergreen forest. It imitates the calls of other birds to avoid predation.

Mayotte has a dense human population and increasing deforestation for timber and traditional food cultivation are reducing the availability of suitable habitat for the Mayotte Drongo. Mangroves are also being degraded by heavy sediment loads from the island's deforested interior. Cyclones and the potential introduction of new nest predators may also threaten this declining species.

Unfortunately, the network of reserves that protect this species' range do not have formal protection under French law. The development of an environmental education programme would perhaps alleviate pressures on remaining habitat, and this species could be used as a flagship symbol of the need to preserve forests. A monitoring scheme began in 2008 and this needs to continue to properly establish the population, range and status of the species.

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