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## Amazing Species: Lilford's Wall Lizard

**Lilford's Wall Lizard**, *Podarcis lilfordi*, is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is an endemic species of the Balearic Islands of Spain, confined to small, rocky islands off the larger islands of Menorca and Mallorca. It is also found on the Cabrera Archipelago, south of Mallorca.

It is believed that introduced predators such as cats have wiped out Lilford's Wall Lizard from both Mallorca and Menorca. This threat still exists for remaining populations, as invasive predators are intentionally or accidentally translocated by visitors between islands. The illegal pet trade, indiscriminate poisoning through eating bait left for pests, and overgrazing of vegetation by goats, add extra pressures to a species which is at particular at risk to localized extinctions due to its small size and fragmented distribution.

The Lilford's Wall Lizard is listed on Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), making it an offence to trade this species internationally without a permit. It is also listed on Annex II of the Bern Convention which has strict conservation provisions. Although it occurs in several protected areas and an education campaign is in place, visits to the islands need to be controlled.



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