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Amazing Species: Hooded Grebe

The **Hooded Grebe**, *Podiceps gallardoi*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is endemic as a breeding species to Santa Cruz in Southern Argentina; the only known wintering grounds are the río Coyle, río Gallegos and río Chico estuaries on the Atlantic coast of Santa Cruz.

Previous research has found nest predation by Kelp Gulls, *Larus dominicanus*, to be a serious threat to the Hooded Grebe. However, predation by the introduced American Mink, *Neovison vison*, is having a devastating effect on the adult breeding population. Other threats to this species include predation and competition for food from alien Rainbow Trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*, loss of breeding sites through sedimentation (due to land erosion caused by overgrazing), and breeding failure due to increasingly strong winds that are detaching floating nests from their moorings.

Urgent conservation action is now underway, to save the Hooded Grebe from extinction, by trialing a number of pioneering conservation initiatives. Information is being gathered on the species, as well as outreach to local communities informing them of the uniqueness of this bird, its plight, and of the simple measures that can be undertaken to help secure its future.

Knowledge ^{EQ}
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Action ^{EQ}
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