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## Species of the Day: Aquatic Tenrec

The **Aquatic Tenrec**, *Limnogale mergulus*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This nocturnal, semi-aquatic mammal, also known as the Web-footed Tenrec, is endemic to the eastern humid forests and central highlands of Madagascar. It feeds on aquatic invertebrates and may be dependent on the availability of permanent, clean and fast-flowing water where its prey thrives.

Owing to its specific habitat requirements, the Aquatic Tenrec is threatened by soil erosion and siltation caused by deforestation. Agricultural expansion is fragmenting the upland forests, thereby isolating fast-flowing riverine habitat. Individuals are also sometimes killed in fish traps.

This species is only known from two protected areas: Ranomafana National Park and the Andringitra National Park. The prevention of erosion and sedimentation is of paramount importance for its conservation. Therefore, Aquatic Tenrec habitat needs to be protected from sedimentation wherever possible, for instance by inclusion of forested catchments in the protected areas network, by effective terracing of agricultural fields, and by maintenance of vegetated riparian zones.

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