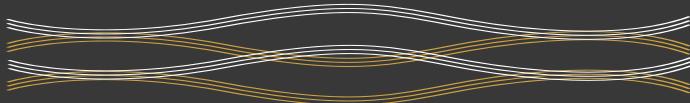


WONDER GECKO IN ABU DHABI EMIRATE FACT SHEET



WONDER GECKO:

The Wonder Gecko is one of the largest gecko species in the UAE.



It is a nocturnal species and the adult is very colourful with orange, brown and black colour on a whitish body.



The population is expected to decline by 80% over 25 years due to urbanisation, so urgent conservation actions need to be taken.

DISTRIBUTION:

In Abu Dhabi these geckos are found in localised populations stretching from Abu Dhabi airport till Ghantoot along the border with Dubai.

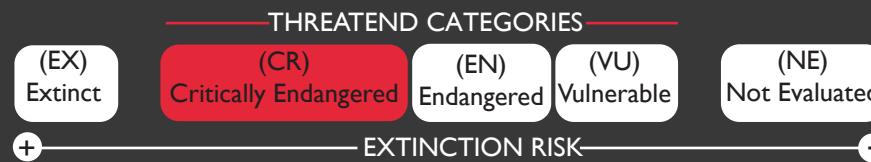
They are found in coastal sand sheets with dwarf shrubs and grasses and stretching to about 30 km inland.

FUTURE ACTIONS:

The Wonder Gecko is an important species in the ecosystem and it plays its role as a predator of invertebrates.

STATUS:

Wonder geckos are listed as critically endangered in the Abu Dhabi Red List which is under preparation, while in the global Red List by the IUCN they are listed as least concern.



CONSERVATION:

EAD conducted a genetic study for populations all across the UAE and found them to be genetically similar.

EAD is conducting surveys in new areas to see if any unidentified populations exist and continues monitoring at known sites to monitor the population status.

