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## Species of the Day: Eye of the Crocodile

The **Eye of the Crocodile** ('Berus mata buaya' in the Malay language), *Bruguiera hainesii*, is classified as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This species is found across Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, with an estimated 200 individuals left in the wild.

The Eye of the Crocodile is a mangrove species that grows in an area known as the 'back mangrove'. This habitat type is at risk of destruction, as it can easily be converted into plantations, agricultural land and shrimp farms.

Several propagation studies have been carried out on the Eye of the Crocodile in an attempt to restore population numbers, but unfortunately it is a slow and frequently unsuccessful process. Further research is needed to fully understand the status of the various populations of this species, and its rate of decline.



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