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## Species of the Day: Cyathopoma picardense

<u>Cyathopoma picardense</u> is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species<sup>™</sup>. Endemic to Aldabra Atoll in the Seychelles Islands, this land snail inhabits coastal scrub and woodland from sea level up to six metres above sea-level.

As most of Aldabra Atoll is only 1-2 metres above sea-level, *Cyathopoma picardense* is under huge threat from sea-level rise. Although no population estimates are currently available, the population is generally believed to be decreasing.

Aldabra Atoll is well protected, being designated a Special Reserve in 1976 and a World Heritage Site in 1982. Nonetheless, research is needed to study the life history, ecology and population status of *Cyathopoma picardense*, and its habitat needs to be monitored. Given the possible effects of climate change, artificial propagation of this species should be considered, and the species' genes should be preserved in a genome resource bank.