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The extinction crisis and the effectiveness of protected areas in Southeast Asia



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Southeast Asia is a hotspot for Critically Threatened vertebrates. Human population growth and economic expansion are associated with extensive loss of natural habitat and high levels of wildlife exploitation. The imminent extinction of species in the region draws attention to the role of protected areas as a core strategy for conserving threatened species. The talk will review the evidence base for the effectiveness of protected areas in averting species extinctions and provide a contextual analysis of why protected areas in Southeast Asia may fail to protect species on the brink of extinction.

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