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Species of the Day: Antsiny Leaf Chameleon

The **Antsiny Leaf Chameleon**, *Brookesia perarmata*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This ornate chameleon species occurs in dry, deciduous forest in Madagascar, where it is only known from the Tsindy de Bemaraha National Park. Although smaller than most chameleons, this species is the largest of the *Brookesia* (dwarf) chameleons.

The Antsiny Leaf Chameleon lives amongst leaf litter and requires primary, relatively untouched forest habitat. Therefore, deforestation caused by expanding agriculture, bush fires and overgrazing threatens this species, especially at the periphery of the national park. Although the Antsiny Leaf Chameleon is listed on Appendix I of CITES, making it illegal to trade this species internationally, illicit collection continues to occur.

The conservation status of this chameleon needs to be updated. A number of other reptiles are endemic to the Tsindy de Bemaraha National Park, and conservation efforts in this area need to be continued. This should be supported by more effective control of the illegal exportation of reptiles from Madagascar's airports and ports.

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