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## Species of the Day: Liberian Tree Hole Crab

The **Liberian Tree Hole Crab**, *Globonautes macropus*, is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This unusual tree-climbing freshwater crab is endemic to the Upper Guinea forests of West Africa. It lives in water-filled tree holes in closed-canopy primary rainforest in Liberia and Guinea.

These air-breathing land crabs live well away from permanent water sources, forage at night on the forest floor, and climb tree trunks to hide deep inside holes where rainwater collects. Unfortunately, the rainforest habitats on which these crabs depend for their survival are under serious threat, and deforestation is increasing in all parts of the Upper Guinea forest.

These trends are driven by rising human populations and political unrest, resulting in pressures on the forest from the expansion of agriculture, firewood collection, logging, and mining. The Liberian Tree Hole Crab is not found in a protected area, and this casts doubt on the long-term survival of this endangered and ecologically unusual species.

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