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## Climate Change may Kill Dozens of Lizard Species

India March 09(IM):A new research has asserted the adverse effect of climate change on a number of species of lizards as they are expected to get extinct within next 50 years.

The research was conducted by the University of Exeter and the University of Lincoln and it was learnt that lizards with viviparous reproduction are at a major risk from the climate changes. Viviparous reproduction is a process by which the mother retains the embryo within her body. The scientists evaluated transition in lizards' reproductive modes and projected the impact of climate change on them. It was then learnt that increase in temperature could result in reduction in distribution of these species. Subsequently, these lizards will be facing extinction within next five decades. "As the climate warms, we predict that these special lizard species will be forced to move upwards and towards the pole, with an increased risk of extinction", asserted Dr. Dave Hodgson, from Biosciences at the University of Exeter. Pincheira-Donoso from the University of Lincoln's School of Life Sciences, who was also the lead author of the study, reproduction in these lizards is largely dependent on the climatic temperatures and therefore, changing climatic can pose threat to their existence. He is involved in works related to ecology and evolution of these lizard species.

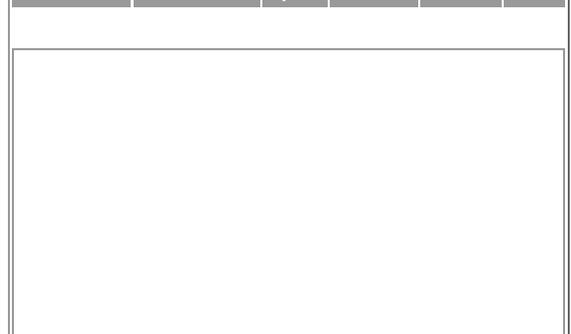


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