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Special Topic: Island Invaders



Figure 1. The brown treesnake (*Boiga irregularis*) is invasive to Guam, where it has eliminated nearly all forest birds (photo by N. Sablan).

ISLANDS HAVE LONG intrigued humans, as their isolation and unique floras and faunas have encouraged visitation, study, and protection. There are many types of islands, ranging from literal islands within oceanic or freshwater environments to other insular systems such as artificial islands created by urbanization, agriculture, or other land uses. Oceanic islands are hotspots for endemic, endangered, and invasive species. Many wildlife species, including mammals, birds, and herpetofauna, are harmful invaders throughout the islands of the world (Figure 1). When invasive wildlife are introduced to islands, scientists and land managers are often challenged to determine the island invaders' levels of impacts to native species, property, human health and safety, agriculture, and the local economy. Islands have also been testing grounds for new technologies and methods to control, eradicate, and mitigate invasive wildlife and their negative impacts. Much can be learned from the study and management of island invaders and applied to other ecosystems and human–wildlife interactions.

Human-wildlife Interactions is seeking to publish a special issue containing original contributed papers on a broad scope of island invasive wildlife issues. We welcome applied research and management papers that span all islands of the world. We also welcome papers that synthesize the status, science, and management of island invasive wildlife on national and international scales.

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