

Fiji Crested Iguana

Vokai, Vokaivotovoto, Saumure (*Brachylophus vitiensis*)



The **Fiji crested iguana** is a large lizard that lives in trees. The colour of its body is pale green (with some black speckles) and is overlain with narrow white stripes with black-edges running across the body. They are currently known to be present on the islands of Yadua Taba (Bua), Macuata (Ra), Monuriki (Mamanuca Group), and on Malolo, Deviulau and Waya in the Yasawa Group. It is an Appendix 1 species on the *Convention on Internationally Traded Endangered Species*, prohibiting its trade internationally. At the national level, trade is prohibited by the Endangered and Protected Species Act 2002. The greatest 3 threats to the existing populations of crested iguanas are habitat destruction by feral goats and wildfire and the chance introduction of feral cats and the mongoose.

The Fiji crested iguana is listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN RedList of Threatened Species.

