



White Cay Rock Iguana (*Cyclura rileyi cristata*)

Size: Body length, 10.2 - 28 cm; tail, 7.1- 54.3 cm **Weight:** Females average 474 g, males average 683 g **Habitat:** Occurs only on the island of White (Sandy) Cay in the southern Exuma archipelago of the Bahamas **Surviving number:** Estimated at 1,500



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It only takes one. The natural balance achieved by the White Cay rock iguana over some 7,000 years of isolated development was nearly destroyed by the appearance of a single raccoon on the island. Before its own death, the voracious invader decimated the population. When left in peace, the iguana spends its time feeding on land plants, conserving water by excreting excess

sodium and potassium via salt glands. With its one raccoon archenemy gone and rats removed from the island, the endemic iguana now has a chance to recover and live on.

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