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Standing's day gecko *Phelsuma standingi*, at Zombitsy Forest, Southwest Madagascar. This species is restricted to deciduous dry forest, a habitat that is declining due to clearing for cattle grazing and agriculture. Uncontrolled grassland fires which, every year, burn the forest edge have scorched the tree stump. These day geckos have also had dramatic population declines due to over-collecting for the pet trade in some areas of its limited distribution. *Photo: C. J. Raxworthy.*

**Background screen photograph (see in color on page 18):** Some of the last known surviving *Mantella bernhardi* forest habitat cleared for cultivation between 1993-4. *Photo: C. J. Raxworthy.*

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