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Critically endangered Ctenosaura melanosterna is known only from the Rio Aguan Valley in northern Honduras and Cayos Cochinos off the Caribbean coast of Honduras. Extent of occurrence and area of occupancy are both estimated at less than 100 km². The total population size is not known, but is thought to be fewer than 2,500 mature individuals. The population is severely fragmented, with an estimated 10-15 isolated subpopulations. Main threats to the species are habitat loss and collecting for the international pet trade. A future population decline of at least 30% is probable if current rates of habitat loss continue.