

Extinction rate on rise

Numbers of birds, animals, marine and freshwater creatures have dropped by more than a quarter since 1970, claims a new report.

The Living Planet Index says species are dying out at a rate not seen since the age of the dinosaurs

Golden Toad (*Bufo periglenes*) last seen in 1989



Decline in species (1970-2005)

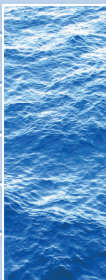
Freshwater

29%



Marine

28%



Land species

25%



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