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Cover photograph: The Northern Mariana Islands host a number of endemic species, including four species of reed-warbler, including the Critically Endangered Nightingale Reed-warbler *Acrocephalus hiwae* (pictured) which is found on Saipan and Alamagan, and three other species considered by BirdLife International to be extinct. In the paper by Ann Marshall *et al.*, they report on surveys carried out for three species (Nightingale, Aguijuan and Pagan Reed-warblers) on Alamagan, Aguijuan, and Pagan. They found that reed-warblers were extirpated from Aguijuan and probably Pagan, leaving only Nightingale Reed-warbler. The authors estimated the Alamagan population to be between 428 and 1,762 birds in 2010 (mean estimate 946). Thus, the Alamagan population is ~25 % of the global population, and has declined slightly since 2000. Image copyright: Scott Vogt.

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