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**Cover photograph:** The Mariana Crow *Corvus kubaryi* is a critically endangered species found only on the island of Rota, Northern Mariana Islands. In this issue, Lainie Zarones and co-workers describe how they identified only 60 pairs present on Rota in 2007 compared with an estimated 117 pairs in 1998, a decline of nearly 50% in nine years. Daily mortality of nests increased during the period 1996-2009 and predation was the main cause of nest failure. They recommend a programme of invasive predator control, habitat maintenance, and captive rearing to ensure the species' survival. Image credit: L. Zarones.

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