

Unit: 4 Live together

The Survival of the Antiguan Racer Snake

The Antiguan racer is probably the world's least known snake. It's not dangerous and it can't kill you. However, these snakes are slowly **disappearing** from Bird Island, a small island off the coast of Antigua. How can we save these racers?

Expert Jenny Daltry studies the snakes, so we can now understand the Antiguan racers' **habitat** and **behaviour**. During her five-year project, they have removed the racers' biggest killer, black rats, from the island. Now the rats can't hurt the snakes' eggs. However, the snakes can still die because of bad weather conditions, other **predators** and tourists.

Sadly, there's also another problem. Bird Island is so small that only about 100 racer snakes could survive there. Jenny's team hopes that they can introduce racers to other nearby islands. They have already saved the Antiguan racer; we can be sure that, without this project, this snake would disappear.

Read the statements and choose True (T) or False (F)

1. The birds are disappearing from Bird Island. ☐ T ☐ f
2. The Antiguan racer snakes are very dangerous. ☐ T ☐ f
3. Bird Island is so small that only about 100 racer snakes could survive there. ☐ T ☐ f
4. This project is very useful and without this project, the snake would disappear. ☐ T ☐ f