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*H*abitat loss is recognized as the greatest threat to most plants and animals on the list of threatened and endangered species. Many people are also aware of other activities that directly harm listed species, such as killing and over-exploitation for trade purposes. Unfortunately, these are not the only dangers. With human assistance, species from one part of the world are invading other regions that have no defense against them. These invaders can be as large as a snake, as small as a bacterium, or as seemingly harmless as a wildflower. Other threats, such as contaminants from industrial and agricultural sources, are often unseen until they cause fish die-offs, malformed frogs, or thin-shelled eggs (left). This edition of the Bulletin takes a look at these lesser-known threats.



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