

# Forest Road Patrols in Progress!!



Yanbaru Long-armed Scarab

National Endangered Species and Natural Monument

*Neolucanus okinawanus*  
National Endangered Species

## Don't Take Yambaru's Rare Species!

We are conducting forest road patrols to prevent poaching of Yambaru's rare wildlife. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Ministry of Environment Yambaru Wildlife Conservation Center  
(Ufugi Nature Museum)

Kunigami Village Forestry Association



Let's protect Yambaru's treasured wildlife from poaching!

**STOP!**  
**Poaching**

In the treasured forests of Yambaru live several plants and animals that can only be seen in very limited areas. Due to their beauty and rarity, poaching continues to be a serious problem. The extinction risk posed by poaching is especially concerning for species found nowhere else in the world such as the Yambaru Long-armed Scarab, *Neolucanus okinawanus* (a stag beetle), *Dendrobium okinawense* (an orchid), etc.

Please think about what would happen if these species disappear. Once they become extinct, they cannot be revived. In addition, the extinction of certain creatures can affect other species, and potentially damage the balance of Yambaru's forest ecosystem. Locally, we are sorely hurt by the fact that these precious treasures are stolen from our beloved Yambaru Forest. Going forward, our community hopes that Yambaru Forest will continue to be a rich and biodiverse place.

Presently, in a joint effort between the Ministry of Environment and Kunigami Forestry Association, we are conducting forest road patrols to prevent poaching. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

(For Reference)

Capture and collection of species designated as National Endangered Species (Act on Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) and National and Prefectural Natural Monuments (Act on Protection of Cultural Properties) is illegal. Capture and collection of these species is in violation of the law, and will result in imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to 5 million yen (in the case of a corporation, 100 million yen) in the case of National Endangered Species, and imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to 300,000 yen in the case of Natural Monuments.



Ryukyu black-breasted leaf turtle



Okinawa Ishikawa's Frog



Holst's Frog



Namie's Frog



Kuroiwa's Ground Gecko



*Dendrobium okinawense*



Yanbaru Long-armed Scarab



Orange Oakleaf

**If you see any poaching or other suspicious activity please contact:**

Nago Police station	: 0980-52-0110
Naha Nature Conservation Office	: 098-836-6400
Yambaru Wildlife Center	: 0980-50-1025