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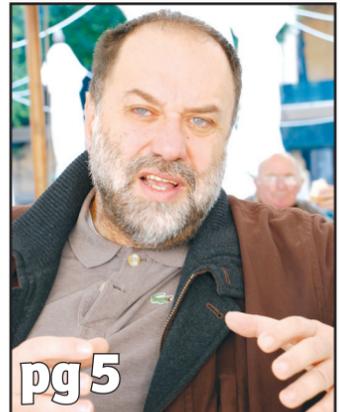
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## EXTINCT

### MEPA minimising threat to Maltese wildlife - naturalists

**RAPHAEL VASSALLO**

THE Malta Environment & Planning Authority's 'State of the Environment 2008 Report' – published last week – lists as still in existence an endemic lizard species which has been extinct since at least 2005.

Field naturalists also claim that the same report tends to minimise serious threats to the conservation status of other local fauna – including the unique Fungus Rock lizard, threatened by a growing rat colony, and another of Malta's resident lizards, in decline because of urbanisation.

"MEPA doesn't want to acknowledge that its conservation attempts have failed in some cases," naturalist Arnold Sciberras told MaltaToday.

Sciberras is an authority on Maltese herpetology (reptile study) and other aspects of wildlife.

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