



GREEN IGUANA



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The green iguana is also known as *Iguana iguana* is a species native to Central America, the tropical parts of South America, and some eastern Caribbean islands.

The green iguana is a popular pet but the escape or deliberate release of unwanted pet iguanas is how they were introduced outside their native range.

INTRODUCTION



The green iguanas have been known to cause damage to infrastructure by collapsing sidewalks and digging burrows that erode and collapse sidewalks, berms, canal banks, and seawalls.
(Source:Ennds.org)



INVASION

The green iguana is known to prey on another iguana like the endangered lesser Antillean iguana.

IMPACT



The green iguana can be incredibly destructive because of their rapid and successful breeding and voracious appetites for expensive ornamental yard plants.
(Source:Ennds.org)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The green iguana is currently present in Mexico (Sinaloa and Veracruz) south to Paraguay and south-eastern Brazil. It is also found on numerous continental islands, including Cozumel, San Andrés, and Providencia, Roatán, Utila, Cayo Icacos, Trinidad and Tobago. It is believed to be native on some eastern Caribbean islands: Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Montserrat and Saba.
(Source : Cabi)

Learn more about this invasive species from our website:
<https://caribbeaninvasives.org/>