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EICAT profile: ***Pycnonotus jocosus***

MR (Major) Pycnonotus jocosus

Date assessed	2021-09-07
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Eicat category	MR (Major)
Justification for EICAT assessment	The Red-whiskered Bulbul is believed to have contributed to the local extinction of large native Nephila spiders due to predation. Nephila spiders are still common in Reunion and Rodrigues, where the Red-whiskered Bulbul is absent (Diamond, 2009, Islam and Williams, 2000).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Predation
Countries of most severe impact	Mauritius
Description of impact	The Red-whiskered Bulbul feeds on native invertebrates, small reptiles and birds on Mauritius and Hawaii. It is believed to have contributed to the local extinction of Nephila spiders in and to population declines of endemic Zosterops species on Mauritius.
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