

## **GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE**

EICAT profile: Circus approximans

## MR (Major)Circus approximans

2019-05-03 **Date assessed** Year published **Eicat category** MR (Major) **Justification for EICAT** assessment The Swamp Harrier is believed to have caused the extinction of two bird species in Tahiti. The Polynesian Imperial-pigeon (Ducula aurorae) is still present on Makatea and the Blue Lorikeet (Vini peruviana) has a small and fragmented island distribution (Shine et al. 2003). Confidence rating Low Mechanism(s) of Predation maximum impact Countries of most severe French Polynesia **impact** The Swamp Harrier preys on native Sea bird species like the Tahiti Petrel and Audubon's Shearwater on **Description of impact** Mo'orea and the White Tern, the endemic Ray-green Fruit Dove and the Tahiti Reed Warbler in Tahiti. It is believed to have caused the local extinction of the Polynesian Imperial-pigeon and Blue Lorikeet on Tahiti. Assessor Thomas Evans **Contributors Reviewers** Recommended citation Thomas Evans. (2025). Circus approximans . IUCN Environmental Impact Classification for Alien Taxa (EICAT).

