



## Freaky Find

This spiky creature looks like something in a movie, but it's a real-life lizard! It was found in 2015 on a tropical island in Southeast Asia. After studying it, scientists recently **confirmed** that it's a species they've never seen before.

The foot-long reptile is nicknamed the Phuket (poo-KET) dragon after the island where it lives. It was one of 163 species found in Southeast Asia in 2015. With forests, mountains, wetlands, and grasslands, this area is home to thousands of different kinds of plants and animals. "There is still much to discover," says scientist Olivier Pauwels.

### Word to Know

**confirmed:** said that something is true