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4 surveys completed but area access restricted in 2011 due to cyclone damage More planned for the 2012 season

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## Euastacus yigara aspects of biology, ecology and distribution

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Little is known on *Euastacus yigara* which is one of the rarer Queensland *Euastacus* species. This project aims at increasing the knowledge base on the biology, ecology and distribution of this small crayfish species. *Euastacus yigara* is a true dwarf group crayfish restricted to an intricate burrowing system along the stream riparian zone and well into the forest floor. Juveniles tend to burrow into the softer wet areas along the stream banks, and marginal areas whilst the larger adults create deep long intricate burrows well into the rainforest floor up to 20 m plus from the rainforest streams.

