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Cover Moisture-laden air moving inland across South America from the Atlantic Ocean nourishes one of the continent's most diverse biomes, the Atlantic Forest, known as *Mata Atlântica* in Portuguese. Formerly extending c. 1.3 million km² across Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay, this biodiversity hotspot encompasses rainforests, mixed montane forests, mangroves, coastal woodlands, montane grasslands and rocky outcrops. It is home to more than 16,000 plant and 2,400 vertebrate species, of which c. 10 and 25% are threatened, respectively. The high proportion of threatened species is a result of centuries of exploitation, a large human population, and high rates of deforestation. Almost 90% of the original vegetation has been lost, posing a challenge for researchers, conservationists and policymakers alike. This issue of *Oryx* addresses the challenge through three of the main global threats to biodiversity—land-use change, biological invasions and over-exploitation—focusing in particular on endemic and threatened species. The cover illustrates the largest continuous remnant of Atlantic Forest in the state of Minas Gerais in south-eastern Brazil. For further details, see pp. 409–410 and 418–465. (Photograph © Vanessa Guimarães)

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