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AUSTRALIA'S national parks, marine parks and nature reserves are failing to adequately protect more than 80 per cent of threatened species, new research shows.

Lead author James Watson, from the University of Queensland's school of biological sciences, said the fundamental aim of securing species most at risk was not being achieved.

The researchers found 166 species, or 12 per cent of all those deemed threatened, existed completely outside the national reserve system.

The study has called for more reserves and national parks.