



Impact of Climate Change on Aardvarks

A recent study from Oregon State University highlights the **vulnerability of Aardvarks (*Orycteropus afer*) in sub-Saharan [Africa](#) (south of the [Sahara Desert](#)) to the impacts of [climate change](#).**

- Study reveals a concerning trend as **increasingly dry landscapes isolate aardvarks**, making them susceptible to rapid climate warming.
 - **Aridification** (a gradual process of a region becoming drier) **impacts their distribution and movement**, with long-term droughts becoming more likely, particularly in the [Horn of Africa](#).
- The Aardvark, a **nocturnal mammal native to Africa**, belongs to the ***Tubulidentata* order** and is the sole living species within this group.
 - Aardvarks are **burrowing mammals** found across the southern **two-thirds of Africa**, primarily in savannah and semiarid areas.
 - They are essential to the ecosystem as they **feed on termites**, which can damage human-built structures, and their burrows provide crucial habitat for numerous other species.
 - [The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#): Least Concern.



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