

New mouse in the house: Brazil unveils species

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A new species of mouse has been discovered in Brazil, the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation announced Tuesday.

The *Cerradomys goytaca* (or Goytaca mouse) was located in the Restinga de Jerutiba National Park in [Rio de Janeiro](#) state, the institute said, noting the scientific name was selected by researchers at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

The name of the mostly tree-dwelling rodent comes from that of a local indigenous people, the Goytacazes, the institute said.

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