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Researchers from the Thackeray Wildlife Foundation recently discovered a new species of snail named *Lagocheilus hayaomiyazakii*, also known as Tilari hairy snail.

About *Lagocheilus hayaomiyazakii*

- It is a **new species of hairy snail**.
- It was found in the **evergreen Tilari forest** region of Kolhapur district, **Maharashtra**.
- It is found in leafy thickets and rocks of forests in the **Western Ghats**.
- It is **named after Hayao Miyazaki**, the **legendary Japanese animator, filmmaker**, and co-founder of Studio Ghibli, whose films beautifully capture the connection between humans and nature.
- *Lagocheilus hayaomiyazakii* is the **first record of the genus Lagocheilus from the northern Western Ghats**, extending its known distribution range by 540 km north into the Indian Peninsula.
- The habitat of these snails is very limited. Due to wildfires and deforestation, their habitat is threatened, and they are likely to become extinct.

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