

# Aphanius iberus

Taxonomic Authority: (Valenciennes, 1846)

Synonyms:

Region: 1

Common Names:

Order: Cyprinodontiformes

Family: Cyprinodontidae

Notes on taxonomy:

## General Information

Biome  Terrestrial  Freshwater  Marine

### Geographic Range of species:

It is restricted to the Mediterranean coast of Spain and northwestern Algeria. It is believed that the Algerian population is a separate species, but not yet described.

### Habitat and Ecology Information:

It is a ubiquitous and short-lived species that can withstand wide salinity and temperature ranges. It lives mainly in salty lagoons where Gambusia and Fundulus are absent

### Conservation Measures:

It is listed in the Annex II of the Habitat Directive of EU and in the Appendix II and III of the Bern Convention.

### Threats:

Habitat destruction, drought, water pollution and introduction of exotic fish species.

### Species population information:

Decreasing.

## Country Distribution

	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced	Vagrant
Spain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Upper Level Habitat Preferences

Score

## Lower Level Habitat Preferences

Score

5.1	Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Rivers/Streams/Creeks (includes waterfalls)	1
5.7	Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Freshwater Marshes/Pools (under 8ha)	1
10.6	Coastline - Coastal Brackish/Saline Lagoons	1

## Major threats

## Conservation Measures

Code	Description of threat	Past	Present	Future	Code	Conservation measures	In place	Needed
1	Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Policy-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3	Extraction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2	Legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.6	Groundwater extraction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1	Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Invasive alien species (directly affecting the species)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1.1	International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Pollution (affecting habitat and/or species)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2	Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.3	Water pollution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2.1	International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.3.1	Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	Research actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Natural disasters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.1	Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.1	Drought	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.2	Population numbers and range	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Changes in native species dynamics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.3	Biology and Ecology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.2	Predators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.4	Habitat status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Intrinsic factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.5	Threats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.1	Limited dispersal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.8	Conservation measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9.9	Restricted range	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.9	Trends/Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4	Habitat and site-based actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4.4	Protected areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4.4.1	Identification of new protected areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4.4.2	Establishment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4.4.3	Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					5	Species-based actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					5.1	Re-introductions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					5.4	Recovery management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Utilisation of Species

Purpose/Type of Use	Subsistence	National	International	Other purpose:	
Primary forms removed from the wild	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50% <25%	None
Source of specimens in commercial trade	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50% <25%	Other forms removed from the wild:
Trend in wild offtake/harvest in relation to total wild population numbers over last five years:					None
Trend in offtake/harvest produced through domestication/cultivation over last five years:					

CITES:

## Red Listing

Red List Assessment: Endangered (EN)  Possibly Extinct

**Red List Criteria:** A2ce

**Rationale for the Red List Assessment:** It is estimated that *A. iberus* has undergone a population decline of >50% in the past 10 years due to pollution and introduced fish (Carmona, J. pers comm). The AOO is less than 500km<sup>2</sup>, is fragmented and is in decline due to pollution and habitat destruction. This species is also in continuous decline with subpopulations regularly disappearing. Although a reintroduction programme using captive stock might help this species to recover, the threats will still be present.

**Current Population Trend:** Decreasing

**Date of Assessment:** 31/10/2004

**Assessor(s):** A.J. Crivelli

**Evaluator:** J. Carmona

**Notes on Red listing:**

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