

Ablepharus budaki

Region: 8

Taxonomic Authority: Göçmen, Kumlutas and Tosunoglu, 1996

Synonyms:

Common Names:

Order: Sauria

Family: Scincidae

Notes on taxonomy: This species was formerly considered to be a subspecies of *Ablepharus kitaibellii*, but was raised to species rank by Schmidler (1997). A recent study has confirmed *A. budaki* as a genetically distinct form (Poulakakis et al. 2005).

General Information

Biome Terrestrial Freshwater Marine

Geographic Range of species:

This species occurs in southern Turkey (from eastern part of the Taurus Mountains, the Amanos Mountains and the Mediterranean coast), in Syria (west of the Orontes River), and throughout Lebanon and Cyprus.

Habitat and Ecology Information:

This species is found in the leaf litter of woodland, forested and shrubby humid areas. Animals can be encountered in rural gardens. It is an egg-laying species.

Conservation Measures:

In Lebanon it is present in two protected areas, and it is present in protected areas in both Turkey and Cyprus.

Threats:

There appear to be no threats to this species in Cyprus and Turkey. It is possible that deforestation is a threat to this species in Lebanon.

Species population information:

It is a common species.

Country Distribution

| | Native - Presence Confirmed | Native - Presence Possible | Extinct | Reintroduced | Introduced | Vagrant |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cyprus | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lebanon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Syrian Arab Republic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Turkey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

FAO Marine Habitats

Native - Presence Confirmed Native - Presence Possible Extinct Reintroduced Introduced

Major Lakes

Major Rivers

Upper Level Habitat Preferences

Score

| | |
|---|---|
| 1.4 Forest - Temperate | 1 |
| 3.8 Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation | 1 |
| 11.4 Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens | 1 |

Lower Level Habitat Preferences

Score

Major threats

| Code | Description of threat | Past | Present | Future |
|---------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1.3 | Extraction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1.3.3 | Wood | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1.3.3.2 | Selective logging | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Conservation Measures

| Code | Conservation measures | In place | Needed |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3 | Research actions | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.1 | Taxonomy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.2 | Population numbers and range | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.3 | Biology and Ecology | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.5 | Threats | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Habitat and site-based actions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.1 | Maintenance/Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.4 | Protected areas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.4.2 | Establishment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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% <i>Other forms removed from the wild:</i> |
| Source of specimens in commercial trade | 100% | >75% | 51-75% | 26-50% <25% <i>Other source of specimens:</i> |

Trend in wild offtake/harvest in relation to total wild population numbers over last five years:

Trend in offtake/harvest produced through domestication/cultivation over last five years:

Trend in total harvest produced through domestication/cultivation over last five years.

CITES:

Red Listing

Red List Assessment: Least Concern (LC)

Possibly Extinct

Red List Criteria:

Rationale for the Red List Assessment: Listed as Least Concern in view of its wide distribution, presumed large population, and because it is unlikely to be declining fast enough to qualify for listing in a more threatened category

Current Population Trend: Stable

Date of Assessment: 12/17/2004

Assessor(s): Petros Lymberakis, Pierre-André Crochet, Varol Tok, Ishmail Ugurtas, Murat Sevinç, Souad Hraoui-Bloquet, Riyad Sadek

Notes on Red listing:

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