

# Acanthodactylus erythrurus

**Taxonomic Authority:** (Schinz, 1833)

**Synonyms:**

**Region:** 7

**Common Names:**

Spiny-footed Lizard	English
Lagartija Colirroja	Spanish
Sardanisca-de-dedos-denteados	Portuguese

**Order:** Sauria

**Family:** Lacertidae

**Notes on taxonomy:**

## General Information

**Biome**  Terrestrial  Freshwater  Marine

### Geographic Range of species:

This species ranges from eastern Portugal to central and southern Spain, and from central and northern Morocco through northern Algeria, almost as far as the Tunisian border. There are isolated populations in western and southern Portugal. It may occur up to 1,750m asl in the Sierra Nevada of Spain, and up to 2,800m asl in Morocco, but it is more usually found below 400m asl.

### Habitat and Ecology Information:

It is generally found in open, loose sandy areas, with some sparse vegetation. It can also occur in rockier habitats, open woodland, coastal areas and in traditionally cultivated fields. The females lay one or two clutches of one to eight eggs annually.

### Conservation Measures:

This species is protected by international legislation. It occurs in a number of protected areas.

### Threats:

In view of its wide range with large amounts of suitable habitat, there appear to be no major threats to this species. It is locally threatened by habitat loss resulting from intensive agriculture (often by irrigation of formerly dry areas), increased urbanisation and habitat fragmentation, particularly in northeastern Spain.

### Species population information:

It is a common species.

## Country Distribution

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

## Lower Level Habitat Preferences

**Score**

1.4 Forest - Temperate	1
3.8 Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation	1
6 Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)	2
10.2 Coastline - Sand, Shingle or Pebble Shores (incl. sand bars, spits, sandy islets, dune systems)	1
11.1 Artificial/Terrestrial - Arable Land	2

## Major threats

## Conservation Measures

Code	Description of threat	Past	Present	Future	Code	Conservation measures	In place	Needed
1	Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Policy-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1	Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2	Legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1	Crops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1	Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1.3	Agro-industry farming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1.1	International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4	Infrastructure development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2	Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4.2	Human settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2.1	International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4.3	Tourism/recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	Research actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.1	Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

4	Habitat and site-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.1	Maintenance/Conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4	Protected areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.2	Establishment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.3	Management	<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:					
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

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#### **Notes on Red listing:**

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