

Chalcides montanus

Taxonomic Authority: Werner, 1931

Synonyms:

Region: 7

Common Names:

Mountain Skink English

Family: Scincidae

Order: Sauria

Notes on taxonomy:

General Information

Biome Terrestrial Freshwater Marine

Geographic Range of species:

This species is endemic to the High Atlas Mountains of Morocco. It is found between 2,300 and 2,830m asl.

Habitat and Ecology Information:

This species is found in cool montane cedar plantations, juniper forest, bushland, fields, meadows and damp areas close to streams. It hibernates in the winter. It is a viviparous species.

Conservation Measures:

It has been recorded from the Toubkral National Park.

Threats:

Although the species is not believed to be significantly threatened, habitat destruction through removal of firewood is thought to be a local threat to this species in parts of its range.

Species population information:

It is a rare species that is not thought to be abundant within its narrow range.

Country Distribution

Morocco Native - Presence Confirmed Native - Presence Possible Extinct Reintroduced Introduced Vagrant

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
3.4	Shrubland - Temperate	1
6	Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)	1
11.2	Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	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"/>	3	Research actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.3	Extraction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.1	Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.3.3	Wood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.2	Population numbers and range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.3.3.1	Small-scale subsistence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.3	Biology and Ecology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.4	Infrastructure development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.4	Habitat status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.4.3	Tourism/recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.5	Threats	<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% <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: Near Threatened (NT)

Possibly Extinct

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Rationale for the Red List Assessment: Listed as Near Threatened because, although its Extent of Occurrence is less than 20,000 km², it occurs in a habitat that is not under significant threat, and so it is probably not in decline.

Current Population Trend: Stable

Date of Assessment: 12/17/2004

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Notes on Red listing:

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