

## Lacerta anatolica

**Taxonomic Authority:** Werner, 1902

**Synonyms:**

**Region:** 3

**Common Names:**

Anatolian Rock Lizard English

**Order:** Sauria

**Family:** Lacertidae

**Notes on taxonomy:** Lacerta anatolica was previously described as a subspecies of L. danfordi, but is now considered to be a full species.

### General Information

**Biome**

Terrestrial

Freshwater

Marine

**Geographic Range of species:**

This species is present in western Anatolia in the region north of the Büyük Menderes River in Turkey and on the island of Samos, Greece. It occurs from sea level up to 1,600m asl.

**Habitat and Ecology Information:**

It is associated with rocky areas in open woodland and Mediterranean forest. It can also occur in forest that has been degraded by cattle grazing. The female lays clutches of three to eight eggs.

**Conservation Measures:**

Its range includes a few protected areas.

**Threats:**

There appear to be no major threats to the species at present.

**Species population information:**

It is a common species.

### Country Distribution

Greece

Native -  
Presence  
Confirmed

Native -  
Presence  
Possible

Extinct

Reintroduced

Introduced

Vagrant



Turkey



### 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

6 Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)

1

### Major threats

**Code** **Description of threat**

13 None

**Past Present Future**



### Conservation Measures

**Code** **Conservation measures**

3 Research actions  
3.1 Taxonomy  
3.2 Population numbers and range  
3.3 Biology and Ecology  
3.4 Habitat status  
3.5 Threats  
3.9 Trends/Monitoring  
4 Habitat and site-based actions  
4.1 Maintenance/Conservation  
4.4 Protected areas  
4.4.2 Establishment  
4.4.3 Management

**In place Needed**



### 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%

**Other forms removed from the wild:**

Source of specimens in commercial trade

100%

>75%

51-75%

26-50%

<25%

**Other source of specimens:**

**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 relatively 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):** Varol Tok, Ishmail Ugurtas, Murat Sevinç, Wolfgang Böhme, Pierre-André Crochet

**Notes on Red listing:**

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