

Lacerta andreanskyi

Taxonomic Authority: Werner, 1929

Synonyms:

Order: Sauria

Notes on taxonomy:

Region: 7

Common Names:

Atlas Dwarf Lizard English

Family: Lacertidae

General Information

Biome Terrestrial Freshwater Marine

Geographic Range of species:

This species is endemic to Morocco where it is restricted to High Atlas Mountain range. It is found from 2,400 up to 3,800m asl.

Habitat and Ecology Information:

This species is found in alpine meadows, in scree and amongst boulders, and in areas of thorn cushion vegetation and thickets. It has a long hibernation period. The female lays three clutches of between one and three eggs per year.

Conservation Measures:

It is known to exist in Toubkal National Park.

Threats:

There do not appear to be any major threats to this species, but it does occur in areas that are readily accessible, most especially by hikers.

Species population information:

Although the species is generally considered to be rare, animals are often well hidden in vegetation and may occur at higher densities than was first assumed. The species can be very common in favourable conditions.

Country Distribution

	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced	Vagrant
Morocco	<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
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Major Lakes

Major Rivers

Upper Level Habitat Preferences

	Score
3.4 Shrubland - Temperate	1
3.7 Shrubland - Subtropical/Tropical High Altitude	1
6 Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)	1
11.2 Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	1

Lower Level Habitat Preferences

Score

Major threats

Code	Description of threat	Past	Present	Future
9	Intrinsic factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9.9	Restricted range	<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"/>
3.2	Population numbers and range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.5	Threats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.9	Trends/Monitoring	<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"/>
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%	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: Near Threatened (NT)

Possibly Extinct

Red List Criteria:

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

Assessor(s): Philippe Geniez

Notes on Red listing:

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