

Lacerta oxycephala

Region: 3

Taxonomic Authority: Duméril and Bibron, 1839

Synonyms:

Common Names:

Sharp-snouted Rock Lizard English
Dalmatinishce Spitzkopfeidechse German

Order: Sauria

Family: Lacertidae

Notes on taxonomy: This species is not closely related to Lacerta sensu stricto, nor to Archaeolacerta bedriagae (Arribas 1999; Mayer and Arribas 2003; Carranza et al. 2004). Its relationships remain uncertain (Crochet and Dubois 2004).

General Information

Biome Terrestrial Freshwater Marine

Geographic Range of species:

This species is present in southern coastal Croatia (including some Adriatic islands), southern Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Serbia and Montenegro (Montenegro only). It possibly also occurs in Albania but this requires confirmation. It has an elevational range of sea level to around 1,600m asl.

Habitat and Ecology Information:

It is a sun-loving species generally found in rocky areas, on cliffs and also on buildings in towns and villages. The females lay clutches of two to four eggs. It is quite an adaptable species.

Conservation Measures:

It is listed on Annex III of the Bern Convention and is protected in some countries by national legislation. Its range includes several protected areas.

Threats:

Predation by cats is an ongoing threat. It might have been traded in the past, but this is not occurring much anymore. A dam might be built that would affect the northern population of the species. Otherwise it is a relatively unthreatened species at present.

Species population information:

It can occur at high densities in suitable habitat.

Country Distribution

	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced	Vagrant
Albania	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Croatia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serbia and Montenegro	<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
3.8 Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation	1
6 Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)	1
10.1 Coastline - Rocky Shores (includes rocky offshore islands and sea cliffs)	1
11.4 Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens	1
11.5 Artificial/Terrestrial - Urban Areas	1

Lower Level Habitat Preferences

Score

Major threats

Code	Description of threat	Past	Present	Future
1	Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.4	Infrastructure development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.4.6	Dams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Invasive alien species (directly affecting the species)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Predators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Harvesting (hunting/gathering)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.5	Cultural/scientific/leisure activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.5.2	Sub-national/national trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.5.3	Regional/international trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Conservation Measures

Code	Conservation measures	In place	Needed
1	Policy-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.2.1	Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.2.1.1	International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2.1.2	National level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.2.2	Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.2.2.1	International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2.2.2	National level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Research actions	<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"/>
4	Habitat and site-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.4	Protected areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.4.2	Establishment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.3	Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Utilisation of Species

Purpose/Type of Use	Subsistence	National	International	Other purpose:		
13. Pets/display animals, horticulture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
14. Research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Primary forms removed from the wild	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50%	<25%	Other forms removed from the wild:
1. Whole animal/plant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Source of specimens in commercial trade	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50%	<25%	Other source of specimens:
Wild	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trend in wild offtake/harvest in relation to total wild population numbers over last five years:						Unknown
Trend in offtake/harvest produced through domestication/cultivation over last five years:						Unknown
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: Unknown

Date of Assessment: 12/17/2004

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Notes on Red listing:

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