

Mesalina simonii

Taxonomic Authority: (Boettger, 1881)

Synonyms:

Order: Sauria

Notes on taxonomy:

Region: 7

Common Names:

Simon's Desert Racer

English

Family: Lacertidae

General Information

Biome

Terrestrial

Freshwater

Marine

Geographic Range of species:

This species is restricted to the Atlantic region of Morocco, where it is found from the Western Haut Atlas to the coastal plains. It is found from the lowlands to over 1,000m asl.

Habitat and Ecology Information:

This species is found in semi-arid rocky plateaus with sparse vegetation. It is an egg-laying species.

Conservation Measures:

It is present in some protected areas.

Threats:

There are not considered to be any major threats to this species.

Species population information:

It is relatively common throughout its 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

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

Score

1

Lower Level Habitat Preferences

Score

Major threats

Code Description of threat

13 None

Past Present Future



Conservation Measures

Code Conservation measures

3 Research actions
3.3 Biology and Ecology
4 Habitat and site-based actions
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

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Notes on Red listing:

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