

# Ophiomorus latastii

Region: 8

Taxonomic Authority: Boulenger, 1887

Synonyms:

Common Names:

Order: Sauria

Family: Scincidae

Notes on taxonomy:

## General Information

Biome

Terrestrial

Freshwater

Marine

### Geographic Range of species:

This species occurs in central and northern Israel, southwestern Syria and western Jordan. It has not been recorded from Lebanon but might occur there. In Israel it is suspected that the species possibly occurs as isolated populations, although further field studies are needed to confirm this.

### Habitat and Ecology Information:

It is a fossorial species that occurs in sandy areas, with high humidity, where it can burrow into the substrate and under stones. It is not known if the species can be found in modified habitats.

### Conservation Measures:

This species has been recorded from the Wadi Al Mawjib Protected area in Jordan. It is protected by national legislation in Israel.

### Threats:

The threats to this species are not well known. It is locally threatened in northern Jordan by agricultural intensification.

### Species population information:

The abundance of this fossorial species is difficult to determine. It is very poorly known.

## Country Distribution

	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced	Vagrant
Israel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jordan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lebanon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Syrian Arab Republic	<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

## Major Lakes

## Major Rivers

## Upper Level Habitat Preferences

Score

3.8	Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation	1
8.4	Desert - Semi-Desert (no trees present)	1

## Lower Level Habitat Preferences

Score

## Major threats

Code	Description of threat	Past	Present	Future
1	Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1	Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1	Crops	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1.3	Agro-industry farming	<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"/>
3.3	Biology and Ecology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.4	Habitat status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.5	Threats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Habitat and site-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4	Protected areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.2	Establishment	<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:** Data Deficient (DD) Possibly Extinct**Red List Criteria:****Rationale for the Red List Assessment:** Listed as Data Deficient in view of the absence of recent information on its extent of occurrence, threats, status and ecological requirements.**Current Population Trend:** Unknown**Date of Assessment:** 12/17/2004**Assessor(s):** Ahmad Mohammed Mousa Disi, Yehudah Werner, Pierre-André Crochet, Souad Hraoui-Bloquet, Riyad Sadek**Notes on Red listing:****Bibliography**

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