

# Podarcis vaucheri

Region: 7

Taxonomic Authority: (Boulenger, 1905)

Synonyms:

Common Names:

Order: Sauria

Family: Lacertidae

**Notes on taxonomy:** This species was formally treated as a subspecies of Podarcis hispanicus, but it was raised to species rank by Oliverio et al. (2000). It was originally considered to be a North African species, but it has been shown also to be present in southern Spain (Harris et al. 2002). Populations in Tunisia might be a separate species.

## General Information

**Biome**  Terrestrial  Freshwater  Marine

### Geographic Range of species:

This species occurs in southern Spain, central and northern Morocco, northern Algeria and northern Tunisia. It occurs from sea level up to 3,100 m asl.

### Habitat and Ecology Information:

It is generally found climbing over rocks, in overgrown areas, on stone walls, on rock outcrops in alpine meadows, in bushy vegetation and in rural buildings. The females lay one to five eggs, with several clutches produced in a season.

### Conservation Measures:

Its listing on the Bern convention is unknown. It is known to exist in several protected areas.

### Threats:

Local populations might be affected by habitat loss for agriculture, but overall this species is not significantly threatened.

### Species population information:

This species is very common throughout its range.

## Country Distribution

	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced	Vagrant
Algeria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morocco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tunisia	<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
1.4 Forest - Temperate	1
3.8 Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation	1
6 Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)	1
11.2 Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	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 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"/>

## Conservation Measures

Code	Conservation measures	In place	Needed
1	Policy-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2.1	Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
3	Research actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.1	Taxonomy	<input checked="" 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"/>
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%	<i>Other forms removed from the wild:</i>
Source of specimens in commercial trade	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50% <25%	<i>Other source of specimens:</i>

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 wide distribution, tolerance of a degree of habitat modification, 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:** If the Tunisian populations constitute a new species, this might qualify for threatened status.

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