

Timon pater

Taxonomic Authority: (Lataste, 1880)

Synonyms:

Lacerta ocellata

Daudin, 1802 part.

Region: 7

Common Names:

Lagarto Ocelado del Atlas

Spanish

North African Ocellated Lizard

English

Order: Sauria

Family: Lacertidae

Notes on taxonomy: This species was included in the genus Lacerta, but it is now placed in the genus Timon (Mayer and Bischoff 1996; Fu 1998, 2000; Harris et al. 1998; Harris and Carretero 2003). We follow Mateo et al. (1996) in treating animals from Morocco previously considered to be Timon pater as T. tangitana. True Timon pater occurs in Tunisia and Algeria.

General Information

Biome

Terrestrial

Freshwater

Marine

Geographic Range of species:

This North Africa species ranges through northern Algeria and northern Tunisia, and is present on Galita Island off the Tunisian coast. It is found up to 2,000m asl.

Habitat and Ecology Information:

This species is found in Mediterranean forests, open areas, meadows, scrubland, deciduous woodland, coastal areas, rocky sites, on stone walls and in old olive groves. The females lay two to three clutches of between two and twenty eggs.

Conservation Measures:

It is known from protected areas in both Tunisia and Algeria.

Threats:

This species might be impacted by loss of stone walls and intensification of agricultural methods and general fragmentation because of habitat destruction. It is also threatened by accidental mortality on roads.

Species population information:

It is a reasonably common species.

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"/>
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
10.1	Coastline - Rocky Shores (includes rocky offshore islands and sea cliffs)	1
10.2	Coastline - Sand, Shingle or Pebble Shores (incl. sand bars, spits, sandy islets, dune systems)	1
11.1	Artificial/Terrestrial - Arable Land	1
11.2	Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	1
11.3	Artificial/Terrestrial - Plantations	1
11.4	Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens	1
11.5	Artificial/Terrestrial - Urban Areas	1
11.6	Artificial/Terrestrial - Subtropical/Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest	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
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"/>

4	Accidental mortality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.2	Collision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.2.2	Vehicle collision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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: Decreasing **Date of Assessment:** 12/17/2004

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Notes on Red listing:

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