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Atlantolacerta andreanskyi, Atlas Dwarf Lizard

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Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Squamata	Lacertidae

Taxon Name: Atlantolacerta andreanskyi (Werner, 1929)

Synonym(s):

• Lacerta andreanskyi

Common Name(s):

• English: Atlas Dwarf Lizard

Assessment Information

Red List Category & Criteria:	Near Threatened <u>ver 3.1</u>		
Year Published:	2006		
Date Assessed:	January 31, 2006		

Justification:

Listed as Near Threatened because, although its extent of occurrence is less than 20,000 km², it occurs in a habitat that is not under significant threat, and so it is probably not in decline.

Geographic Range

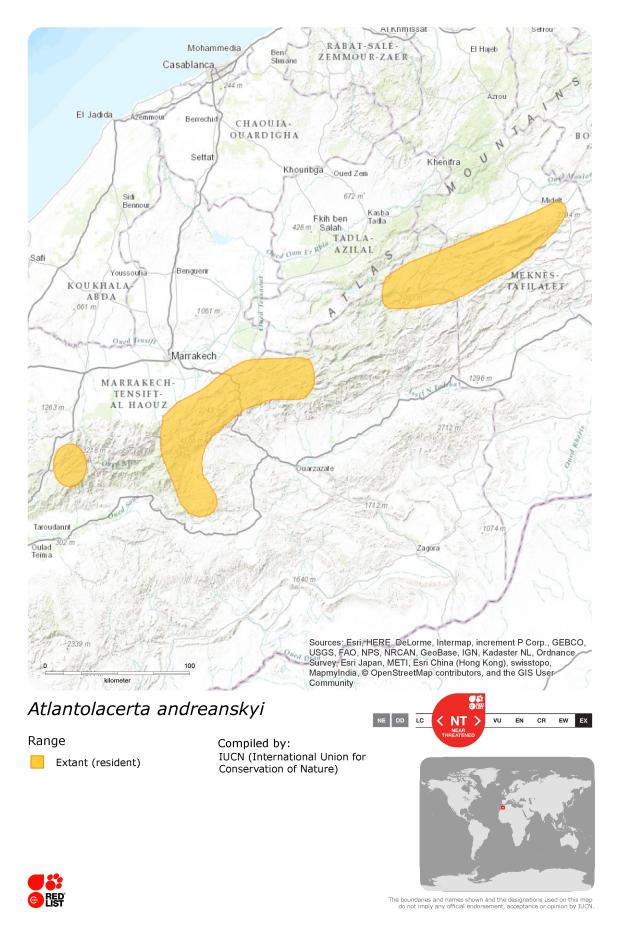
Range Description:

This species is endemic to Morocco where it is restricted to High Atlas Mountain range. It is found from 2,400 up to 3,800 m asl.

Country Occurrence:

Native: Morocco

Distribution Map



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Population

Although the species is generally considered to be rare, animals are often well hidden in vegetation and may occur at higher densities than was first assumed. The species can be very common in favourable conditions.

Current Population Trend: Stable

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

This species is found in alpine meadows, in scree and amongst boulders, and in areas of thorn cushion vegetation and thickets. It has a long hibernation period. The female lays three clutches of between one and three eggs per year.

Systems: Terrestrial

Threats

There do not appear to be any major threats to this species, but it does occur in areas that are readily accessible, most especially by hikers.

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

It is known to exist in Toubkal National Park.

Credits

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Appendix

Habitats

(http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes)

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
3. Shrubland -> 3.4. Shrubland - Temperate	-	Suitable	-
3. Shrubland -> 3.7. Shrubland - Subtropical/Tropical High Altitude	-	Suitable	-
0. Root -> 6. Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)	-	Suitable	-
14. Artificial/Terrestrial -> 14.2. Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	-	Suitable	-

Conservation Actions in Place

(http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes)

Conservation Actions in Place	
In-Place Land/Water Protection and Management	
Occur in at least one PA: Yes	

Conservation Actions Needed

(http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes)

Conservation Actions Needed

2. Land/water management -> 2.1. Site/area management

Research Needed

(http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes)

Research Needed

1. Research -> 1.2. Population size, distribution & trends

1. Research -> 1.5. Threats

3. Monitoring -> 3.1. Population trends

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