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HELIOBOLUS NITIDUS NITIDUS (Gunther's Desert Lacertid). NIGER : KOURE village. Laurent Chirio & Ivan Ineich (Kouré). MNHN 2007.0038-51. Verified by Patrick David. First country record. Extend know range 200 km North and into a former country gap. Previously only known from Ivory Coast (M.-O. Rödel, K. Grabow, J. Hallermann & C. Böckheler, 1997, Die Echsen des Comoé-Nationalparks, Elfenbeinküste. Salamandra, 33(4): 225-240 [as *H. n. nitida*]), not yet reported from Ghana but should be present, Togo (G. Tornier, 1901. Die Crocodile, Schildkröten und Eidechsen in Togo. Arch. Naturgesch., Beiheft "Festschrift für Eduard von Martens": 63-88), Benin (A. Loveridge, 1952. Mission A. Villiers au Togo et au Dahomey (1950). Bull. IFAN, Dakar, sér. A, 14: 229-242) and Nigeria (G.T. Dunger, 1967, The Lizards and Snakes of Nigeria. Part 2: The Lacertids of Nigeria, The Nigerian Field, 32(3): 117-132 [as *Eremias nitida*]). The second subspecies, *H. n. garambensis* is known from Cameroon (A. Monard, 1951, Résultats de la mission zoologique Suisse au Cameroun. Reptiles. Mémoires de l'IFAN, sér. Sci. Nat., 1: 123-170), Central African Republic (U. Joger, 1990, The herpetofauna of the Central African Republic, with description of a new species of *Rhinotyphlops* (Serpentes: Typhlopidae), in G. Peters & R. Hutterer (eds.), Vertebrates in the tropics, Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn; L. Chirio & I. Ineich, 2006, Biogeography of the Reptiles of the Central African Republic, African Journal of Herpetology 55(1): 23-59) and Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) (The EMBL Reptile Database, August 2007; K.R.G. Welch, ; K.R.G. Welch, 1982, Herpetology of Africa: A checklist and Bibliography of the Orders Amphisbaenia, Sauria and Serpentes, Robert E. Krieger Publishing Company, Malabar, Florida [as *Mesalina nitida*]). Papenfuss (T.J. Papenfuss, 1969. Preliminary analysis of the reptiles of arid central West Africa. Wasmann J. Biol., San Francisco, 27(2): 249-325) considered the species as inhabiting west African savannas from Guinea to Cameroon.

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