

Family Lacertidae

Nucras intertexta (Smith, 1838)

Spotted Sandveld Lizard

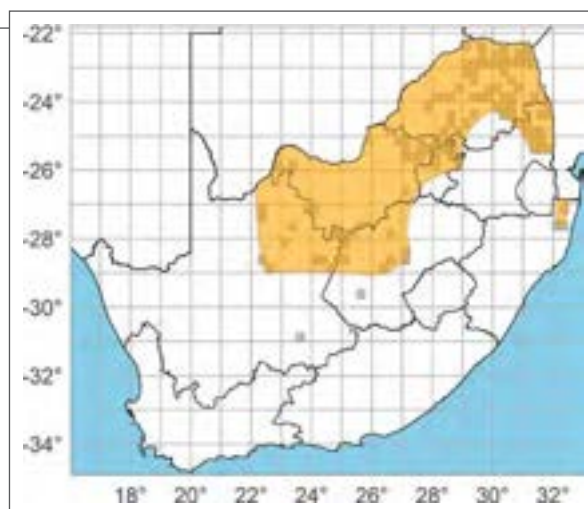
■ LC – Least Concern (Regional)

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Previous Red List categories:

2021: Least Concern (Global IUCN assessment).

2014: Least Concern (SARCA).

Assessment rationale: Relatively widely distributed with no substantial threats.**Taxonomic notes:** No taxonomic issues. *Other important names:* none.**Distribution:** From central South Africa to southern Zimbabwe and westward to northern Namibia (Branch 1998). In the region, it occurs from arid central South Africa to the mesic northeast, extending into northern KwaZulu-Natal province through Mozambique. *EOO:* 670 000 km²; *Distribution:* 349 000 km².**Countries of occurrence:** Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe.**Habitat and ecology:** Associated with sandy or rocky substrates in Open Arid and Mesic Scrubland and peripherally in Grassland and probably occurs at low densities. *Habitat:* Grassland, Savanna, Shrubland.**Threats:** There are no substantial threats to this species.**Population trend:** Although there is some habitat transformation in parts of the range, the population size is assumed to be stable because this is a widespread species, and the extent of habitat transformation is small in relation to the large range.**Conservation and research recommendations:** No recommendations.

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