



## Eryx jaculus

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<b>Annex</b>	IV
<b>Priority</b>	No
<b>Species group</b>	Reptiles
<b>Regions</b>	Continental, Mediterranean, Steppic

### *Eryx jaculus*

The Javelin Sand Boa is a snake species ranging from North Africa, through the Balkan Peninsula, Asia Minor to the Caucasus region. Within EU it is found in Greece, Romania and Bulgaria. It inhabits rocks, sand dunes, rocky or sandy hillsides and other dry and warm habitats with open vegetation.

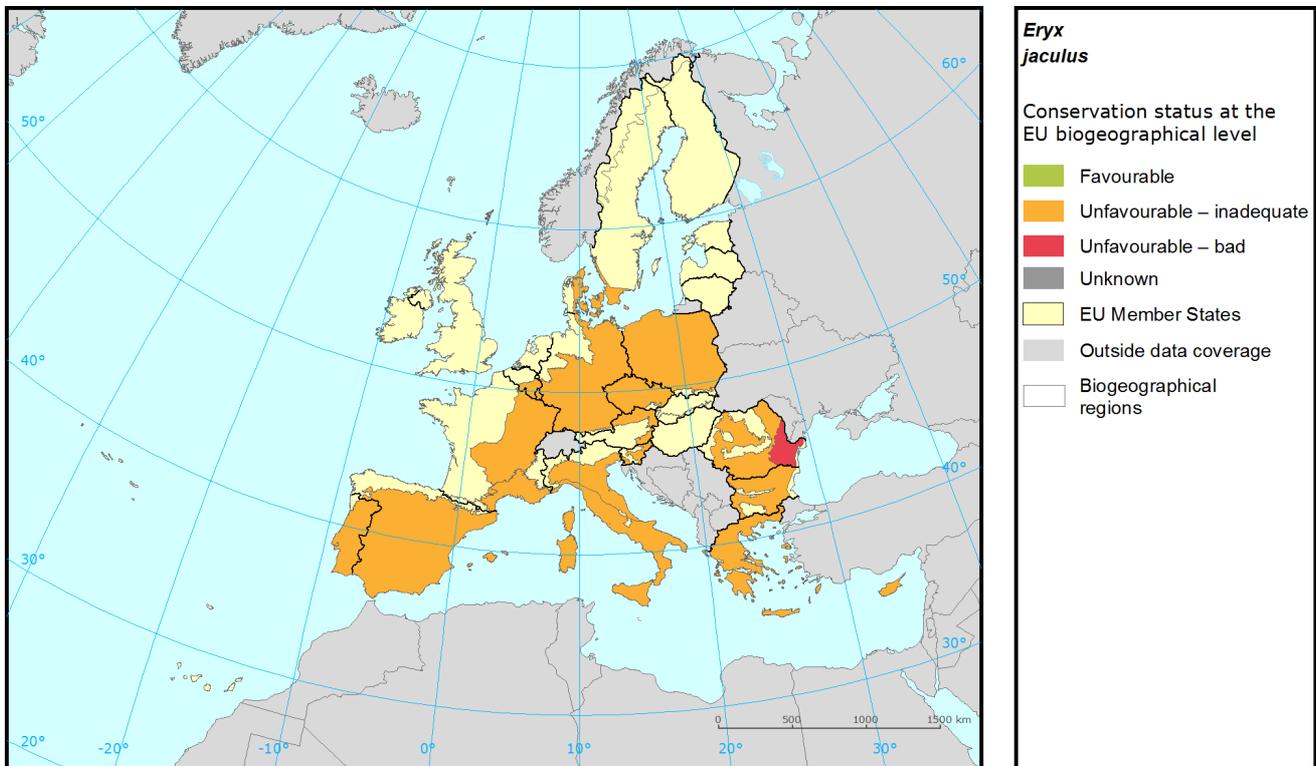
The species was reported for the Continental, Mediterranean and Steppic biogeographical regions. The conservation status is assessed as 'unfavourable-bad' for the Steppic region. The conservation status for the Continental and Mediterranean regions, on the other hand, remains unchanged at 'unfavourable-inadequate'. Important pressures and threats reported for the species include roads and motorways, agricultural intensification, planting of non-native trees, solar energy production, and urbanization.

The IUCN Red List classifies the species as least concern due to its wide distribution and presumed large population (<http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/157244/1> consulted on 3 March 2015).

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## Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level



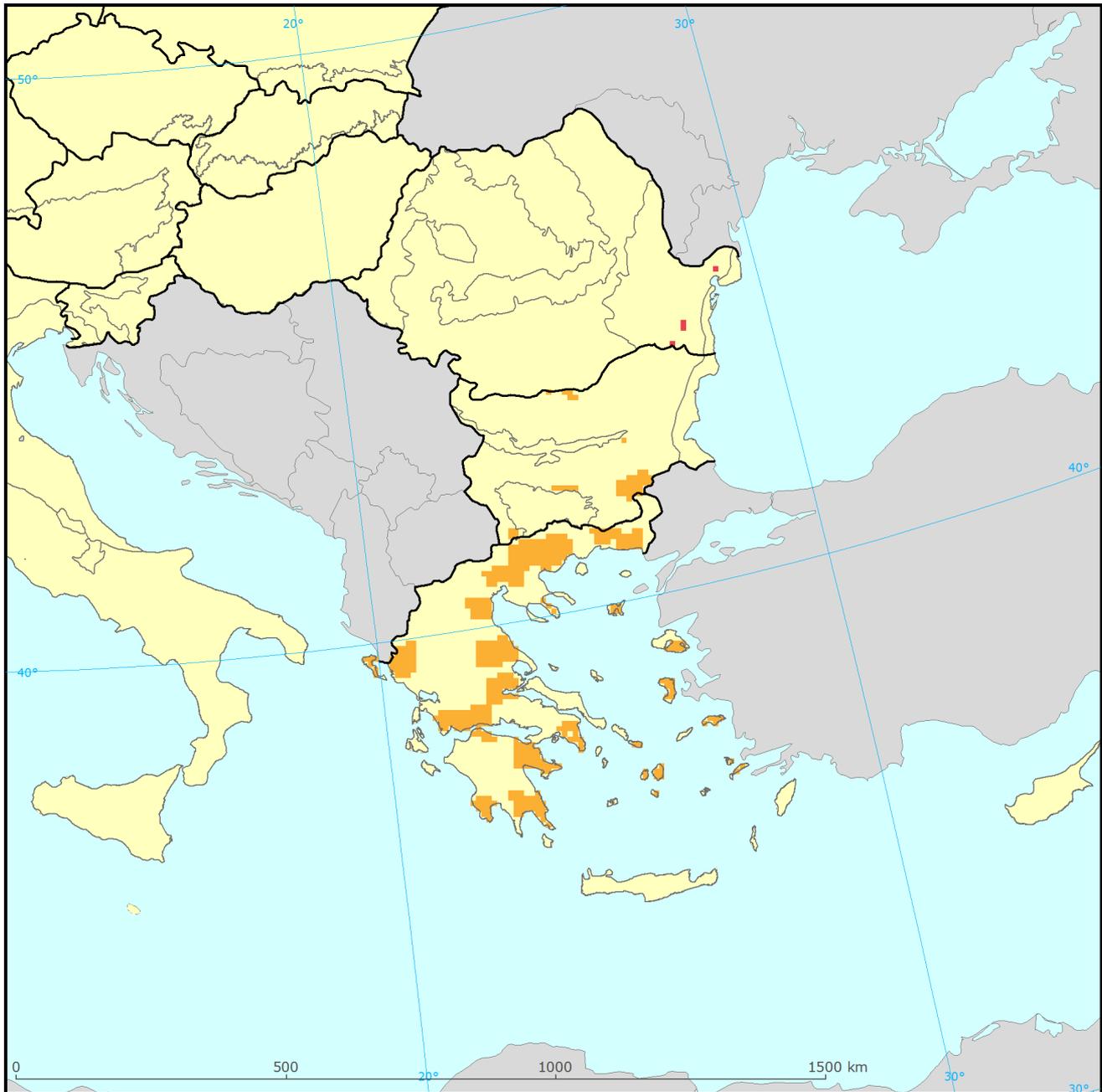
Region	Conservation status (CS) of parameters				Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	Previous CS	Reason for change
	Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects					
CON	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	-	8	U1	
MED	XX	XX	XX	U1	U1	x	91	U1	
STE	U1	U2	U1	U2	U2	x	0.84	XX	Not genuine

See the endnote for more information<sup>i</sup>

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## Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



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Distribution and conservation status at the Member State level

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|  Favourable                |  EU Member States       |
|  Unfavourable - inadequate |  Outside data coverage  |
|  Unfavourable - bad        |  Biogeographical region |
|  Unknown                   |  |

The map shows both Conservation Status and distribution using a 10 km x 10 km grid. Conservation status is assessed at biogeographical level. Therefore the representation in each grid cell is only illustrative.

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MS Region	Conservation status of parameters				Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	Previous CS	Reason for change
	Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects					
BG CON	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	-	97.5		
RO CON	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1		2.5		
GR MED	XX	XX	XX	U1	U1		100.0	U1	
RO STE	U1	U2	U1	U2	U2		100.0		

Knowing that not all changes in conservation status between the reporting periods were genuine, Member States were asked to give the reasons for changes in conservation status. Bulgaria and Romania only joined the EU in 2007 and Greece did not report for 2007-12 so no reason is given for change for these countries. Greek data shown above is from 2001-06.

## Main pressures and threats reported by Member States

Member States were asked to report the 20 most important threats and pressures using an agreed hierarchical list which can be found on the [Article 17 Reference Portal](#). Pressures are activities which are currently having an impact on the species and threats are activities expected to have an impact in the near future. Pressures and threats were ranked in three classes 'high, medium and low importance'; the tables below only show threats and pressures classed as 'high', for some species there were less than ten threats or pressures reported as highly important.

### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' pressures

Code	Activity	Frequency
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	33
A02	Modification of cultivation practices	17
B01	Afforestation	17
C03	Production of renewable energy (abiotic)	17
F03	Hunting and collection of terrestrial wild animals	17

### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

Code	Activity	Frequency
A02	Modification of cultivation practices	25
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	25
E01	Urbanisation and human habitation	25
B01	Afforestation	13
C03	Production of renewable energy (abiotic)	13

This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive in 2013 and covering the period 2007-2012. More detailed information, including the MS reports, is available at:

<http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article17/reports2012/species/summary/?group=Reptiles&period=3&subject=Eryx+jaculus>

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**i Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level:** Current Conservation Status (Current CS) shows the status for the reporting period 2007-2012, Previous Conservation Status (Previous CS) for the reporting period 2000-2006. Reason for change in conservation status between the reporting periods indicates whether the changes in the status were genuine or not genuine. Previous Conservation Status was not assessed for Steppic, Black Sea and Marine Black Sea regions. For these regions the Previous status is therefore considered as 'unknown'. The percentage of the species population occurring within the biogeographical/marine region (% in region) is calculated based on the area of GIS distribution.