Report under the Article 17 of the Habitats Directive Period 2007-2012

European Environment Agency *European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity*



Lacerta horvathi

Annex IV
Priority No
Species group Reptiles
Regions Alpine

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The Horvath's rock lizard has a very fragmented range in mountainous areas of southern Austria, north-eastern Italy, western Slovenia, and western Croatia. According to the IUCN Red List this species is found in cliffs and rocky areas such as boulder fields that are generally poor in vegetation and in coniferous forests or above the tree-line in alpine scrubland.

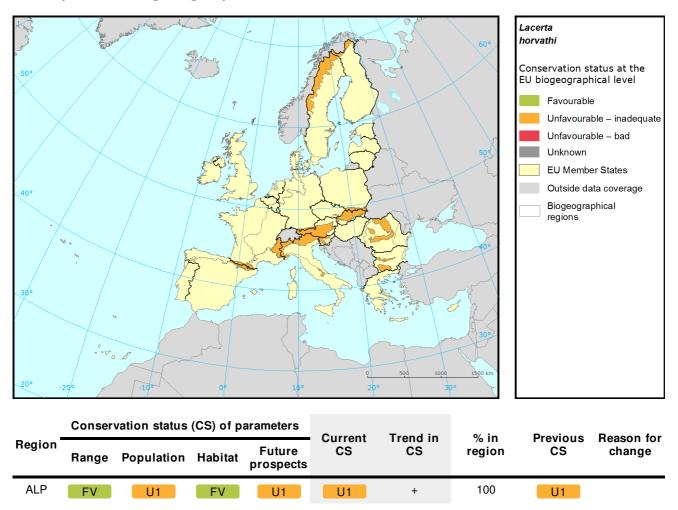
The species is reported by Austria, Italy and Slovenia for the Alpine biogeographical region. The conservation status for the current reporting period is assessed as 'unfavourable-inadequate', which is unchanged from the previous reporting period. However, while Austria and Slovenia share this conservation status assessment for their reports, Italy has reported the species as 'favourable' over both reporting periods. Medium-ranked reported pressures and threats include paths, tracks, roads, paths, railroads and forest planting on open ground.

The IUCN Red List classifies the species as near threatened due its small area of occupancy and the fragmentation of its populations (http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/61515/1 consulted on 25 February 2015).

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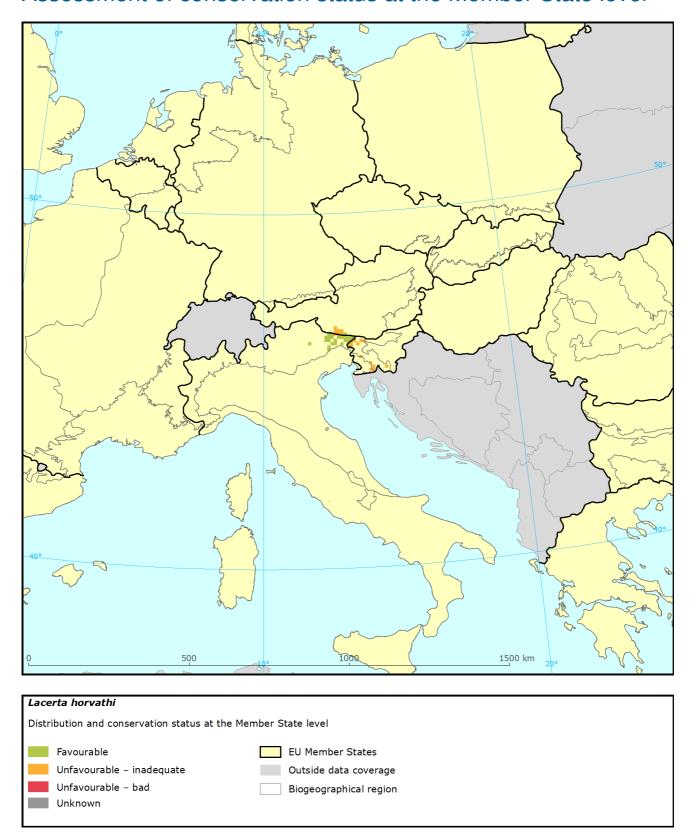
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Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level



See the endnote for more informationⁱ

Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



The map shows both Conservation Status and distribution using a $10 \text{ km} \times 10 \text{ km}$ 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	Trend in	% in	Previous	Reason
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	CS	CS	region	CS	for change
АТ	ALP	U1	U1	U1	XX	U1	Х	15.6	U1	
IT	ALP	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		57.8	FV	
SI	ALP	FV	U1	FV	U1	U1	+	26.7	U1	

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

No 'highly important' pressures were reported.

Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

Code Activity Frequency

No 'highly important' threats were reported.

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=Lacerta+horvathi

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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.