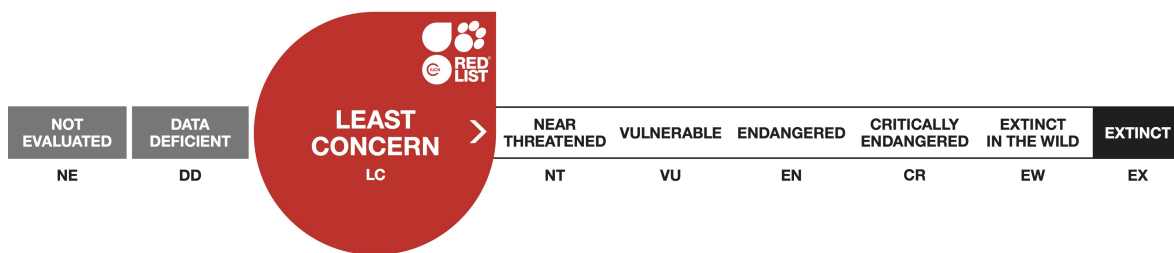


Phoenicolacerta laevis, Lebanon Lizard

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Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Squamata	Lacertidae

Taxon Name: *Phoenicolacerta laevis* (Gray, 1838)

Synonym(s):

- *Lacerta laevis* Gray, 1838

Common Name(s):

- English: Lebanon Lizard

Taxonomic Notes:

Following Arnold *et al.* (2007), *Lacerta laevis* is now named *Phoenicolacerta laevis*. The subspecies *Phoenicolacerta laevis troodica* (Werner, 1936) from Cyprus was elevated to full species status as *Phoenicolacerta troodica* by Arnold *et al.* (2007).

Assessment Information

Red List Category & Criteria: Least Concern [ver 3.1](#)

Year Published: 2009

Date Assessed: December 14, 2008

Justification:

Listed as Least Concern in view of its wide distribution, tolerance of a degree of habitat modification, presumed large population, and because it is unlikely to be declining fast enough to qualify for listing in a more threatened category.

Geographic Range

Range Description:

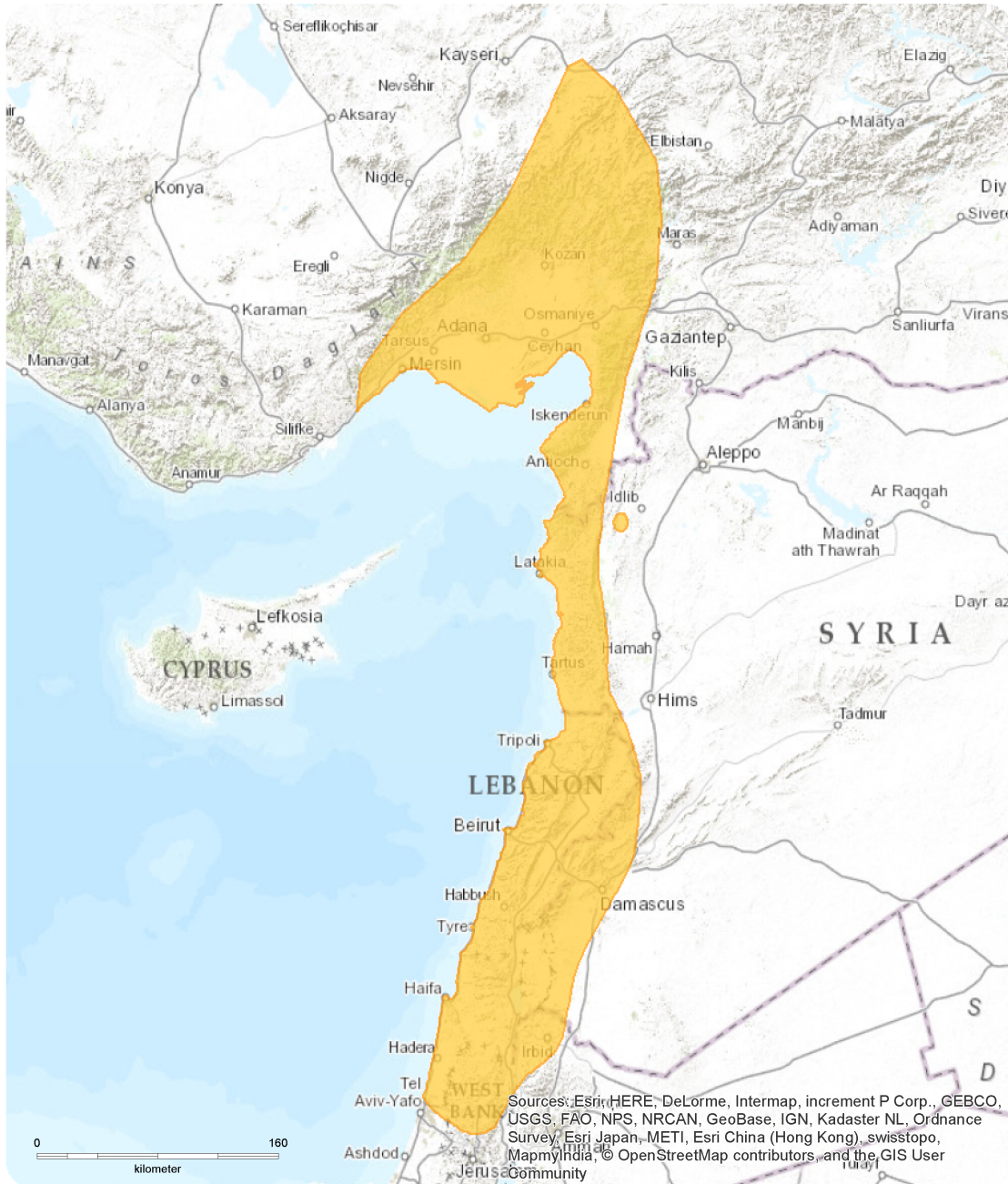
This species occurs in southern Turkey (Vilayets Hatay, Adana and İçel), western Syria, throughout Lebanon (where widespread, including on Palm Island), northern Israel and northwestern Jordan. It is found up to 1,800 m asl (in Lebanon).

Country Occurrence:

Native: Israel; Jordan; Lebanon; Syrian Arab Republic; Turkey

Distribution Map

Phoenicolacerta laevis

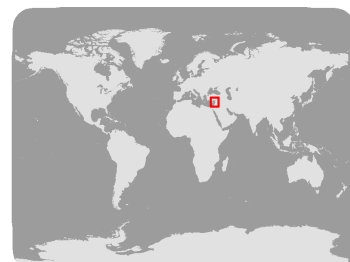


Phoenicolacerta laevis

Range

Extant (resident)

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Population

It is common in suitable habitat.

Current Population Trend: Stable

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

This reasonably adaptable species is found in rocky forested areas, in meadows, in gardens, on walls of houses and in orchards. It is an egg-laying species.

Systems: Terrestrial

Threats (see Appendix for additional information)

This species is locally threatened by habitat loss in the southern parts of its range.

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

It has been recorded in protected areas in Lebanon. It is protected by national legislation in Israel. Further taxonomic studies of this species are needed, and there is a need to conserve areas of suitable habitat in Jordan. It is found in Hatay iskenderun Arsuz wildlife management zone and several other protected areas in Turkey.

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Appendix

Habitats

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

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
14. Artificial/Terrestrial -> 14.4. Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens	-	Suitable	-
14. Artificial/Terrestrial -> 14.3. Artificial/Terrestrial - Plantations	-	Suitable	-
14. Artificial/Terrestrial -> 14.2. Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	-	Suitable	-
14. Artificial/Terrestrial -> 14.1. Artificial/Terrestrial - Arable Land	-	Suitable	-
0. Root -> 6. Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)	-	Suitable	-
3. Shrubland -> 3.8. Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation	-	Suitable	-
1. Forest -> 1.4. Forest - Temperate	-	Suitable	-

Threats

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

Threat	Timing	Scope	Severity	Impact Score
2. Agriculture & aquaculture -> 2.1. Annual & perennial non-timber crops -> 2.1.3. Agro-industry farming	Ongoing	-	-	-
	Stresses:	1. Ecosystem stresses -> 1.1. Ecosystem conversion 1. Ecosystem stresses -> 1.2. Ecosystem degradation		

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

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Conservation Actions Needed
2. Land/water management -> 2.1. Site/area management

Research Needed

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Research Needed
1. Research -> 1.1. Taxonomy
1. Research -> 1.2. Population size, distribution & trends
1. Research -> 1.3. Life history & ecology
1. Research -> 1.5. Threats
3. Monitoring -> 3.1. Population trends

Additional Data Fields

Distribution
Lower elevation limit (m): 0
Upper elevation limit (m): 1800
Population
Population severely fragmented: No

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