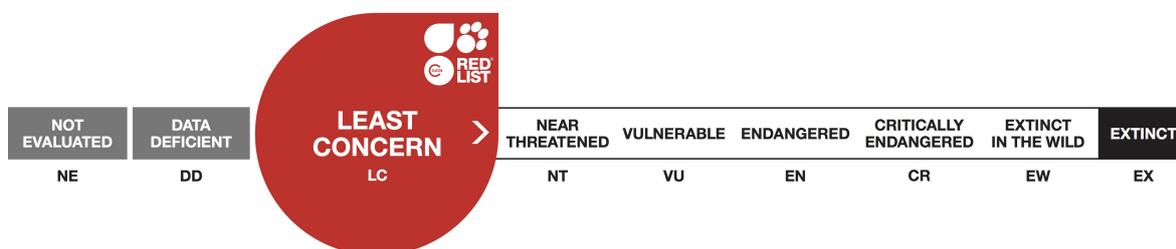


Darevskia defilippii, Alborz Lizard

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Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Squamata	Lacertidae

Taxon Name: *Darevskia defilippii* (Camerano, 1877)

Synonym(s):

- *Lacerta defilippii*

Common Name(s):

- English: Alborz Lizard

Taxonomic Notes:

Previously included within *Lacerta raddei* but removed by Darevskiy *et al.* (1984). The population from Mazanderan in the valley of the Rud-e Atrak of the Kopet Dagh may prove to be a distinct taxon (Anderson, 1999).

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, presumed large population, it occurs in a number of protected areas, and because it is unlikely to be declining fast enough to qualify for listing in a more threatened category.

Geographic Range

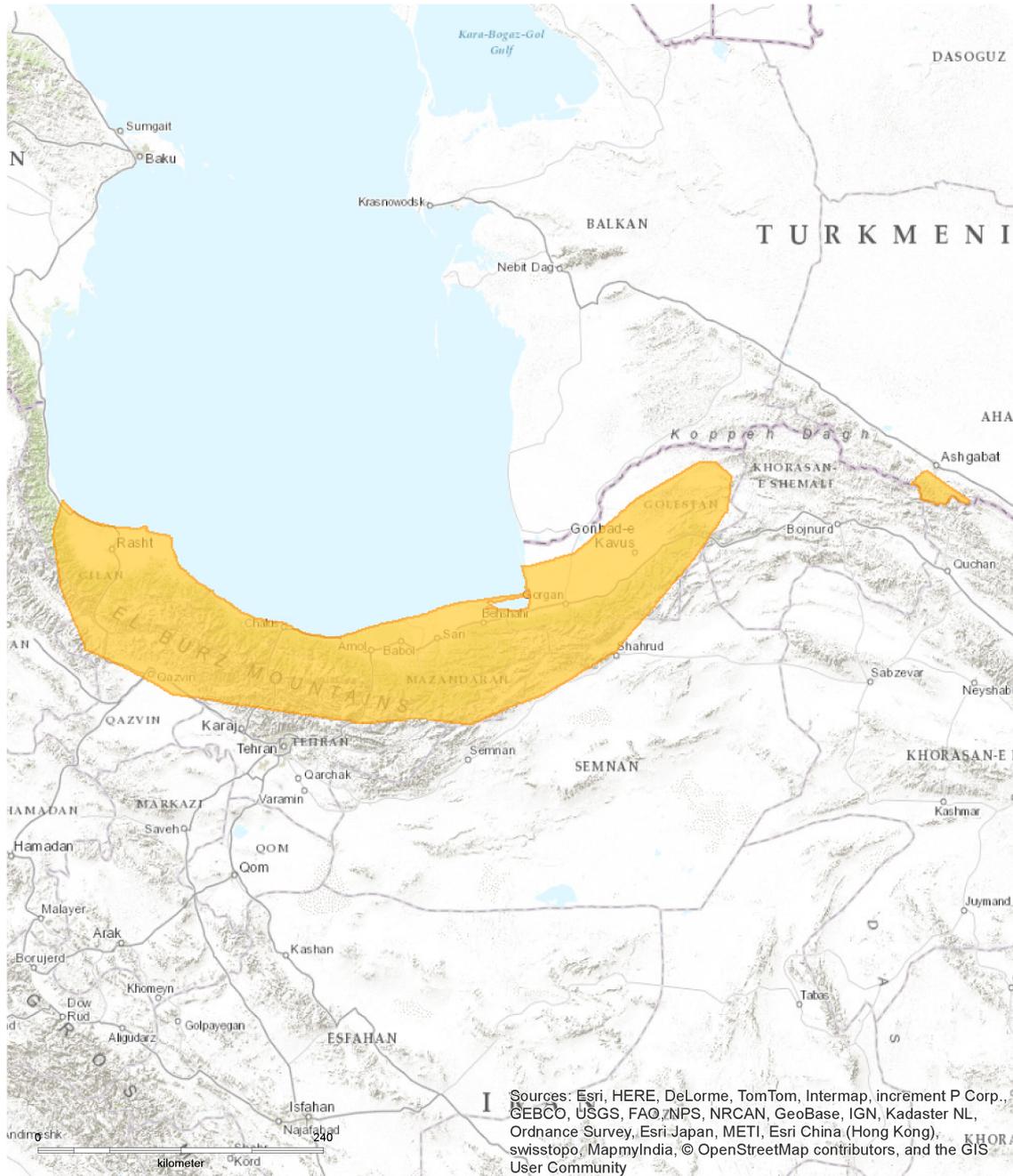
Range Description:

This species has been recorded from the Alborz Mountains of northern Iran and the Kopet Dagh Mountains of Iran and adjacent Turkmenistan (only at Sushankaa Bol'shie Kazanki) (Anderson, 1999). It has been found from close to sea level to 3,355m asl.

Country Occurrence:

Native: Iran, Islamic Republic of; Turkmenistan

Distribution Map



Darevskia defilippii

Range

■ Extant (resident)

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Population

It is extremely common in the Alborz Mountains (observations from the Lar Valley) (Göran Nilson pers. comm., September 2008). It is uncommon in Turkmenistan (Natalia Ananjeva and Nikolai Orlov pers. comm., September, 2008).

Current Population Trend: Stable

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

It is generally found on slopes in rocky areas with shrubby vegetation, although it has also been recorded from grassy alpine landscapes and close to the upper limits of Hyrcanian forest (Anderson, 1999). It is not known whether the species can persist in degraded habitats.

Systems: Terrestrial

Threats

There are no major threats to this species as a whole.

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

There are many protected areas within the species Iranian range. It is present in the Kopet-Dagh Reserve in Turkmenistan.

Credits

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Appendix

Habitats

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

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
3. Shrubland -> 3.5. Shrubland - Subtropical/Tropical Dry	-	Marginal	-
0. Root -> 6. Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)	-	Suitable	-

Conservation Actions in Place

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

Conservation Actions in Place
In-Place Land/Water Protection and Management
Conservation sites identified: Yes, over entire range

Research Needed

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

Research Needed
1. Research -> 1.2. Population size, distribution & trends

Additional Data Fields

Distribution
Lower elevation limit (m): 0
Upper elevation limit (m): 3355
Population
Population severely fragmented: No

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