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Eremias lalezharica, Lalehzar Racerunner

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Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Squamata	Lacertidae

Taxon Name: Eremias lalezharica Moravec, 1994

Common Name(s):

• English: Lalehzar Racerunner

Assessment Information

Red List Category & Criteria:	Least Concern ver 3.1		
Year Published:	2009		
Date Assessed:	December 14, 2008		

Justification:

Listed as Least Concern as it is common within its restricted distribution, its presumed large population, it is adaptable to habitat modification, and because it is unlikely to be declining fast enough to qualify for listing in a more threatened category.

Geographic Range

Range Description:

The species is known only from the type locality, a mountain plateau in the vicinity of the village of Lalehzar, south-central Iran (Moravec, 1994; Anderson, 1999). It is unclear if this species has a restricted range and additional research is needed to better understand the distribution.

Country Occurrence:

Native: Iran, Islamic Republic of

Distribution Map



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Population

It is not uncommon at the type locality (Moravec, 1994; Anderson, 1999; Soheila Shafti pers. comm. September 2008). It has been recently collected at the type locality (Soheila Shafti pers. comm. September 2008).

Current Population Trend: Stable

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

It has been recorded from a mountain plateau with degraded steppe habitat, rural gardens and fields and wet meadows (Moravec, 1994; Anderson, 1999). Specimens were collected in open fields of soil and stones washed down the slopes of Mount Lalehzar (Moravec, 1994; Anderson, 1999). Animals were observed along the banks of an irrigation ditch and in the vicinity of irrigated gardens (Moravec, 1994; Anderson, 1999)

Systems: Terrestrial

Threats

Although the species is known only from a relatively restricted area, it is somewhat adaptable and there appear to be no major threats.

Conservation Actions

It has not been recorded from any protected areas.

Credits

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Appendix

Habitats

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

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
4. Grassland -> 4.5. Grassland - Subtropical/Tropical Dry	-	Suitable	-
14. Artificial/Terrestrial -> 14.1. Artificial/Terrestrial - Arable Land		Unknown	-
14. Artificial/Terrestrial -> 14.2. Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	-	Unknown	-
14. Artificial/Terrestrial -> 14.4. Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens	-	Suitable	-

Research Needed

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

Research Needed	
1. Research -> 1.2. Population size, distribution & trends	
1. Research -> 1.3. Life history & ecology	

Additional Data Fields

Population

Population severely fragmented: No

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