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Abstract We present an annotated checklist for a total 241 reptiles and 22 amphibians including 5 frogs, 9 toads, 7 newts and salamanders, 1 crocodile, 1 worm lizard, 148 lizards, 79 snakes and 12 turtles and tortoises, includes the most scientific literature up to August 2014 and also based on several field surveys conducted in different Provinces of Iran from 2009 to 2014. We present an up-to-dated checklist of reptiles and amphibians in Iran. We provide a comprehensive listing of taxonomy, names, distribution and conservation status of all amphibians and reptiles of Iran. This checklist includes all recognized named taxa, English names for classes, orders, families, species, subspecies along with Persian names for species, including indication of native and introduced species. For the first time we report two non-native introduced reptiles from natural habitats of Iran. Of the total 22 species of amphibians in Iran, 6 (27.2%) are endemic and of the total 241 species of reptiles, 55 (22.8%) are endemic. Of the 22 amphibians species in Iran, 3 (13%) are Critically Endangered, 2 (9%) are Vulnerable and of the 241 reptile species 3 (1.2%) are Critically Endangered, 4 (1.6%) are Endangered and 10 (4.1%) are Vulnerable. Accordingly, this paper combines significant aspects of taxonomy, common names, conservation status and distribution of the Iranian herpetofauna.

Keywords Amphibians, Anura, Caudata, Reptiles, Crocodylia, Squamata, Testudines, Persian common name

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1. Introduction

Iran is a vast country with the interface between three zoogeographic realms: Palearctic, Oriental (Indo-malayan) and Afrotropical (Ethiopian) which caused high diversity of habitats. The country was divided into 14 bioclimatic groups by Sabeti (1997) based on Emberger's

method. Six main watershed areas are identified in Iran comprised of Central Iran (52%), Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman (24%), Caspian Sea (11%), Orumiyeh Lake (3.4%), Eastern Iran (6.8%), Qareh Qom (2.8%). More than half of Iran is mountainous. The country includes a complex of mountain chains surrounding a series of interior basins situated at 300 to 1500 meters (Anderson, 1999).

The main terrestrial ecoregions in Iran are as follows: Arabian Desert and East Sahero-Arabian xeric shrublands (0.1%), Azerbaijan shrub desert and steppe (0.4%), Badkhez-Karabil semi-desert (0.1%), Caspian lowland desert (0.3%), Central Persian desert basins (34.7%), Kopet Dagh semi-desert (0.4%), Registan-North Pakistan sandy desert (3%), South Iran Nubo-Sindian desert and semi-desert (17.3%), Mesopotamian shrub desert (0.1%), Tigris-Euphrates alluvial salt marsh (0.4%), Kopet Dagh woodlands and forest steppe (1.6%), Kuh Rud

and Eastern Iran Montane woodlands (7.5%), Caspian Hyrcanian mixed forests (3.4%), Zagros Mountains forest steppe (21.8%), Alborz Range forest steppe (4.3%) and Eastern Anatolian montane steppe (4.6%). Aquatic ecoregions include Coral reefs, Mangrove forest and also Lakes and Rivers (Table 1, Figures 1, 2, 3). More than twenty natural lakes and many artificial lakes exist inside the country.

The knowledge of Iranian herpetofauna traces back to the 18th century (Anderson, 1872; Anderson, 1970, 1974, 1999; Blanford, 1876; Baloutch and Kami, 1995; Boulenger, 1899, 1908, 1920, 1921; Brandt, 1837; De Filippi, 1863, 1864, 1865; Frynta *et al.*, 1997; Lantz, 1918; Latifi, 1966, 1991; Linnaeus, 1758; Mertens, 1956, 1957; Murray, 1884; Nikolsky 1886, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1903, 1907; Olivier, 1804; Procter, 1921; Schmidt, 1939, 1955; Strauch, 1863; Wall, 1908; Werner, 1895, 1917; Zaroudny, 1897). In recent years, several new species

Table 1 Biomes, Ecoregions, endemic and examples of amphibians and reptiles in each ecoregion.

Biome	Ecoregion	Endemic species	Common Species
Terrestrial Biomes	Desert and Xeric Shrublands		21 Endemic Species in Iran range
	Arabian Desert and East Sahero-Arabian xeric shraublands	<i>Phrynocephalus ahvazicus</i>	<i>Diplometopon zarudnyi</i> , <i>Acanthodactylus schmidtii</i> , <i>Scincus scincus</i> , <i>Cerastes gasperettii</i>
	Azerbaijan shrub desert and steppe	-	
	Badkhez-Karabil semi-desert	-	<i>Eremias intermedia</i> , <i>Eurylepis taeniolatus</i>
	Caspian lowland desert	-	<i>Phrynocephalus helioscopus</i> , <i>Tenuidactylus turcmenicus</i>
	Central Persian desert basins	<i>Bunopus crassicaudus</i> , <i>Microgecko latifi</i> , <i>Eremias andersoni</i> , <i>E. kavirensis</i> , <i>Ophiomorus maranjabensis</i> , <i>O. nuchalis</i> , <i>Spalerosophis microlepis</i> ,	<i>Phrynocephalus ornatus</i> , <i>Agamura persica</i> , <i>Rhinogecko misonnei</i> , <i>Pseudocerastes persicus</i> ,
	Kopet Dagh semi-desert	-	<i>Trapelus sanguinolentus</i>
	Registan-North Pakistan sandy desert	-	<i>Calotes versicolor</i> , <i>Eremias acutirostris</i> , <i>Eryx johnii</i> , <i>Eristicophis macmahoni</i>
	South Iran Nubo-Sindian desert and semi-desert	<i>Cyrtopodion brevipes</i> , <i>C. golubevi</i> , <i>C. hormozganum</i> , <i>C. kiabii</i> , <i>C. kirmanense</i> , <i>Mediodactylus sagittiferum</i> , <i>Tropiocolotes naybandensis</i> , <i>Acanthodactylus khamirensis</i> , <i>Asaccus iranicus</i> , <i>A. tangestanensis</i> , <i>Ophiomorus streeti</i> , <i>Xerotyphlops wilsoni</i> , <i>Bungarus persicus</i>	<i>Bufotes surdus</i> , <i>Trapelus persicus</i> , <i>Stenodactylus affinis</i> , <i>Chalcides ocellatus</i> , <i>Pristurus rupestris</i> , <i>Rhagerhis moilensis</i>
	Flooded grasslands and savannas		1 Endemic Species in Iran range
	Mesopotamian shrub desert	<i>Acanthodactylus nilsoni</i>	
Montane grasslands and shrublands		3 Endemic Species in Iran range	
	Tigris-Euphrates alluvial salt marsh	-	<i>Rafetus euphraticus</i>
	Kopet Dagh woodlands and forest steppe	<i>Darevskia kopetdaghica</i>	<i>Eublepharis turcmenicus</i> , <i>Eremias kopetdaghica</i> ,
	Kuh Rud and Eastern Iran Montane woodlands	<i>Eremias lalezharica</i> , <i>Cyrtopodion sistansensis</i> ,	<i>Paralaudakia erythrogaster</i> , <i>P. microlepis</i> ,

(Continued Table 1)

Biome	Ecoregion	Endemic species	Common Species
Terrestrial Biomes	Temperate broadleaf and mixed forest		25 Endemic Species in Iran range
	Caspian Hyrcanian mixed forests	<i>Bufo eichwaldi</i> , <i>Rana pseudodalmatina</i> , <i>Iranodon gorganensis</i> , <i>I. persicus</i> <i>Darevskia caspica</i> , <i>D. kamii</i> , <i>D. steineri</i>	<i>Hyla orientalis</i> , <i>Lacerta strigata</i> , <i>Zamenis persicus</i>
	Zagros Mountains forest steppe	<i>Bufotes luristanicus</i> , <i>Neurergus kaiseri</i> , <i>Phrynocephalus ananjevae</i> , <i>Cyrtopodion gastropholis</i> , <i>C. persepolense</i> , <i>Hemidactylus romeshkanicus</i> , <i>Mediodactylus aspratilis</i> , <i>M. ilamensis</i> , <i>M. stevenandersoni</i> , <i>Apathya yassujica</i> , <i>Eremias montanus</i> , <i>E. nigrolateralis</i> , <i>Iranolacerta zagrosica</i> , <i>Timon princeps</i> , <i>Asaccus andersoni</i> , <i>A. granularis</i> , <i>A. kermanshahensis</i> , <i>A. kurdistanensis</i> , <i>A. nasrullahi</i> , <i>A. zagrosicus</i> , <i>Ophiomorus persicus</i> , <i>Eirenis rechingeri</i> , <i>Hierophis andreanus</i> , <i>Montivipera kuhrangica</i> , <i>Pseudocerastes urarachnoides</i> ,	<i>Hyla savignyi</i> , <i>Neurergus derjugini</i> , <i>Salamandra inframaculata</i> , <i>Eublepharis angramainyu</i> , <i>Mediodactylus heteropholis</i> , <i>Timon kurdistanica</i> , <i>Telescopus tessellatus</i> , <i>Walterinnesia morgani</i>
	Temperate coniferous forest		5 Endemic Species in Iran range
	Alborz Range forest steppe	<i>Darevskia defilippii</i> , <i>D. schaekeli</i> , <i>Eremias papenfussi</i> , <i>Montivipera latifii</i> , <i>Vipera ebneri</i>	<i>Paralaudakia caucasia</i> , <i>Ablepharus bivittatus</i> , <i>Gloydus halys</i>
Temperate grasslands, savannas, and shrublands		0 Endemic Species in Iran range	
	Eastern Anatolian montane steppe	-	<i>Rana macrocnemis</i> , <i>Apathya cappadocica</i> , <i>Eremias pleskei</i> , <i>E. suphani</i>
Aquatic	Marine		
	Coral reefs	-	Genera: <i>Hydrophis</i> , <i>Eretmochelys</i>
	Freshwater		
	Mangrove forests	-	Genera: <i>Hydrophis</i> , <i>Chelonia</i>
	Lakes and Rivers	-	Genera: <i>Iranodon</i> , <i>Neurergus</i> , <i>Pelophylax</i> , <i>Crocodylus</i> , <i>Natrix</i> , <i>Mauremys</i> , <i>Rafetus</i>
Other	Residential areas		<i>Cyrtopodion scabrum</i> , <i>Hemidactylus persicus</i> , <i>Tenuidactylus caspius</i>

have been described and new records published. As a result, the number of reptile species in Iran is increasing very rapidly, 31 new species have been added between 2000 to 2014 (Abtin *et al.*, 2014; Ahmadzadeh *et al.*, 2011, 2013; Bostanchi *et al.*, 2006; Fathinia *et al.*, 2011; Heidari *et al.*, 2013; Kazemi *et al.*, 2011; Krause *et al.*, 2013; Litvinchuk *et al.*, 2008; Melnikov *et al.*, 2013, 2014; Mozaffari and Parham, 2007; Mozaffari *et al.*, 2011; Nazarov and Rajabizadeh, 2007; Nazarov *et al.*, 2010, 2012; Nilson *et al.*, 2003; Rajabizadeh *et al.*, 2011; Rastegar-Pouyani *et al.*, 2001, 2006; Torki, 2010, 2011a, 2011b; Torki *et al.*, 2011a, 2011b; Werner, 2006).

Whereas there is little agreement concerning common names of species, the most comprehensive references available in Iran (Anderson, 1999; Balouch and Kami, 1995; Latifi, 1991; Firouz, 2005) have applied different

common names for amphibians and reptiles. For example, *Eryx jayakari* utilized as Jayakar's Sand Boa, Khuzistani Blind snake and Arabian Sand Boa in different references. The fact is, in conservation using widely (beyond borders) recognized common names is vital for unified protection of threatened species (van Dijk *et al.*, 2012) even between Provinces inside the country.

Consequently, in this paper we have attempted to integrate common names by using the category for scientific names by using following references: Anderson (1999), Balouch and Kami (1995), Beolens *et al.* (2011, 2013), Latifi (1991), Firouz (2005), Frank and Ramus (1995) and Wrobel (2004).

This checklist includes all recognized named taxa (species and subspecies), English names for all classes, orders, families, species, subspecies along with Persian

names for all species of amphibians and reptiles in Iran. In this checklist conservation status (IUCN and CITES), distributions in Iran for all taxa and endemic species is presented. Also for the first time two exotic reptiles are reported from natural habitats of Iran.

Our purpose in publishing this checklist is to integrate all of the species published in the literature, record, taxonomic changes in family, genus, species and subspecies and present an up-to-date checklist of

reptiles and amphibians in Iran. Accordingly, this paper combines significant aspects of taxonomy, common names, conservation status and distribution of Iranian herpetofauna.

2. Materials and Methods

The data in this study includes most scientific literature up to August 2014 and also several field surveys in different

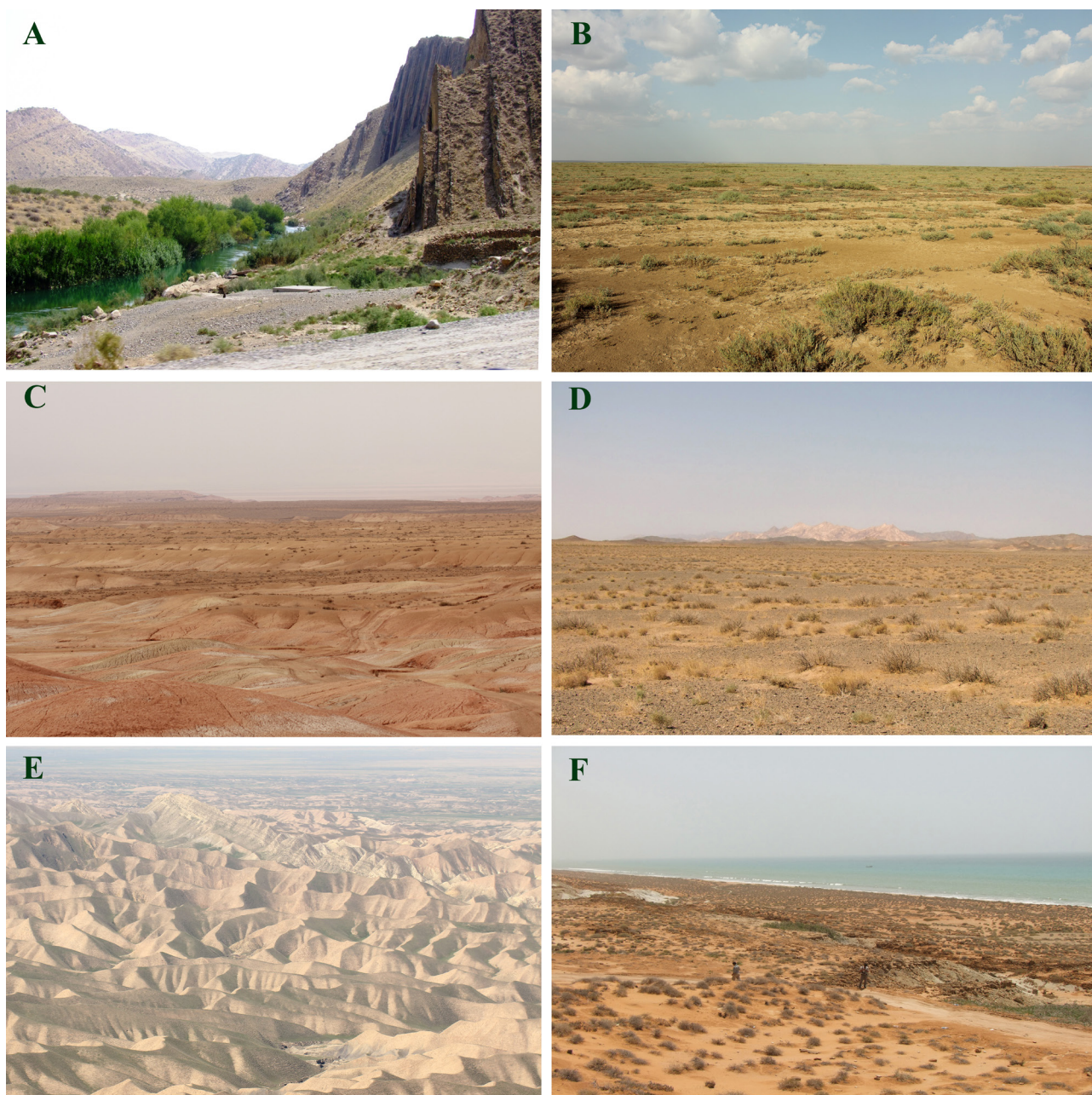


Figure 1 Examples of ecoregion types in Iran. **A:** Badkhez-Karabil semi-desert, Pol-Khatun, Khorasan Razavi Province; **B:** Caspian lowland desert, Sufikam No Hunting Area, Golestan Province; **C:** Central Persian desert basins, Kavir National Park, Semnan Province; **D:** Central Persian desert basins, Touran Biosphere Reserve, Semnan Province; **E:** Kopet Dag semi-desert, Khaled Nabi, Golestan Province; **F:** South Iran Nubo-Sindian desert and semi-desert, Beris, Sistan Va Baluchestan Province. Photos by Barbod Safaei-Mahroo.

provinces of Iran from 2009 to 2014. In field surveys we utilized three methods to identify and record amphibians and reptiles: linear transects during day and night, road-kill encounters and also opportunistic encounters. We mainly used the category for scientific Latin names and their translation into English and Persian, instead of the most commonly used names. Thus, we present closest common name to scientific name as widely recognized name. We have attempted to use equivalent Latin name

for species that specifically honor a person and species including place name. We could not follow this rule in some cases, such as with a few snake species. In these cases, we used the most familiar local name. We used current IUCN Red List conservation status for all species (IUCN, 2014), whereas there is scant information about the status of reptiles Iran in Red List of IUCN, this issue need more consideration. We include status listings on CITES Appendices I, II, III, based on current listing

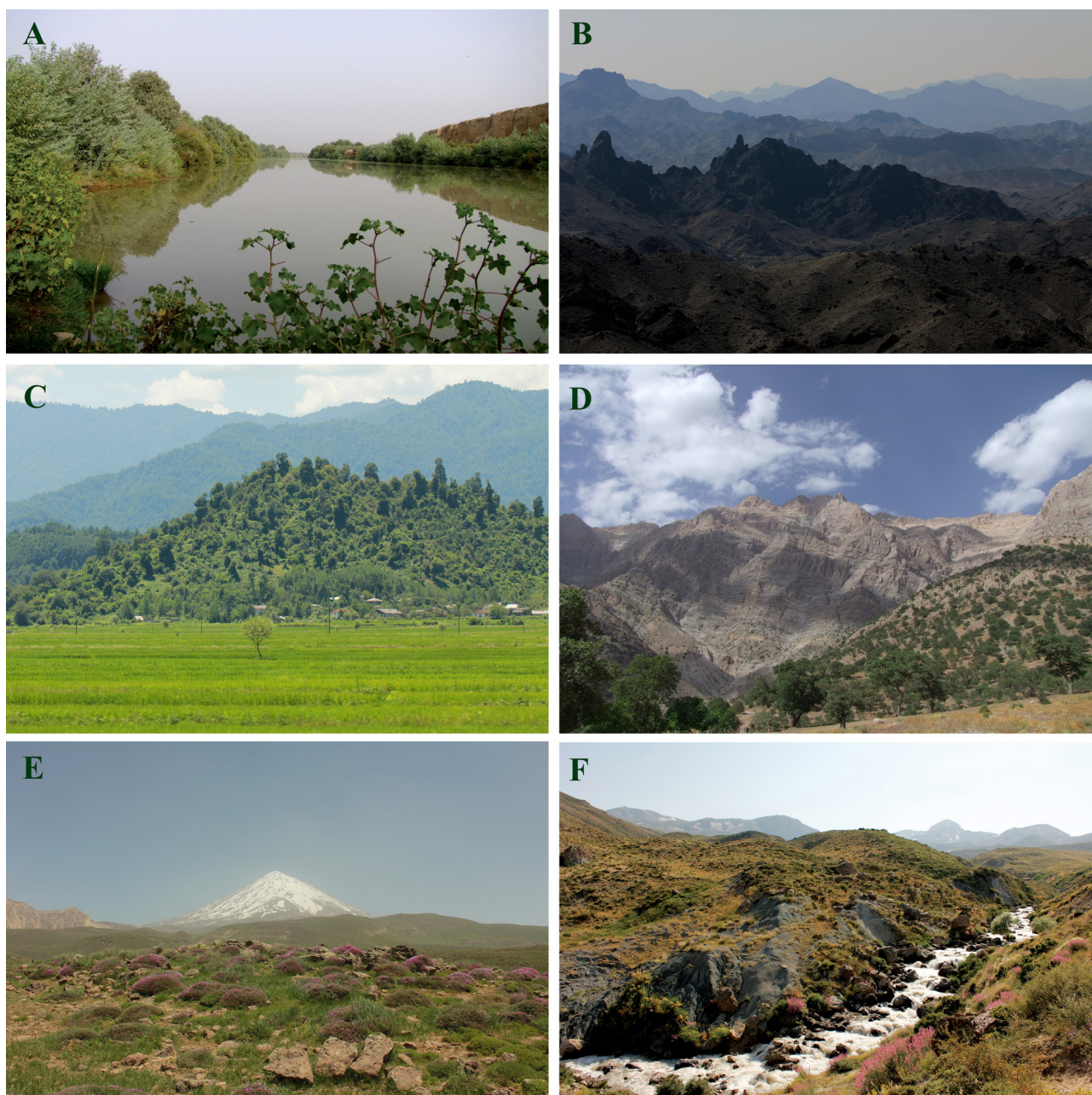


Figure 2 Examples of ecoregion types in Iran. **A:** Tigris-Euphrates alluvial salt marsh, Zavveh, Khuzestan Province; **B:** Kuh Rud and Eastern Iran Montane woodlands, Nik-shahr, Sistan Va Baluchestan Province; **C:** Caspian Hyrcanian mixed forests, Astara, Gilan Province; **D:** Zagros Mountains forest steppe, Dena Protected Area, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad Province; **E:** Alborz Range forest steppe, Lar National Park, Tehran Province; **F:** Eastern Anatolian montane steppe, Ziveh, West Azarbaijan Province. Photos by Barbod Safaei-Mahroo.

(CITES, 2014). We also added non-native introduced species for the first time to the checklist of Iran based on field work by Hanyeh Ghaffari, Barbod Safaei Mahroo and Mahtab Yazdani.

In this checklist, taxonomic categories are alphabetically arranged and information for each species is presented in the following format: genus name, species name, English name, Persian name or local name, conservation status and distribution. If species have subspecies, the distribution is given to subspecies. The abbreviations used in this paper are; Persian name shown by (P), The (L) indicates local names, endemic species by country shown by (E) and non-native introduced species shown by (I).

3. Results

Herein, we present species accounts for a total 241 reptiles and 22 amphibians (Table 2). Species of amphibians and reptiles include 5 frogs, 9 toads, 7 newts and salamanders, 1 Crocodile, 1 worm lizard, 148 lizards, 79 snakes and 12 turtles and tortoises. Iran has 6 endemic amphibians (Table 1, Figure 4) and 55 endemic and 2 non-native introduced reptiles (Table 1, Figure 5) species.

Class: AMPHIBIA GRAY, 1825 / AMPHIBIANS

Order: ANURA FISCHER von WALDHEIM, 1813 / Frogs & Toads

Family: BUFONIDAE GRAY, 1825 / True Toads

Genus: *Bufo* GARSALT, 1764

Bufo eichwaldi LITVINCHUK, BORKIN, SKORINOV & ROSANOV, 2008

Eichwald's Toad, Vazaq-e Eichwald (P)

IUCN: Vulnerable

Distribution: Gilan, Mazandaran and Golestan Provinces.

Genus: *Bufotes* RAFINESQUE, 1815

Comment: Some researchers such as Frost *et al.*, (2006) and Dubois and Bour (2010) continue to use *Pseudepidalea* instead of *Bufotes*.

Bufotes luristanicus (SCHMIDT, 1952)

Lorestan Earless Toad, Vazaq-e bi-goosh-e Lorestan (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Lorestan, Khuzestan, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad and Fars Provinces. (E)

Bufotes oblongus (NIKOLSKY, 1896)

Eastern Persian Toad, Vazaq-e Khavari (L)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, Sistan Va Baluchestan and Semnan Provinces.

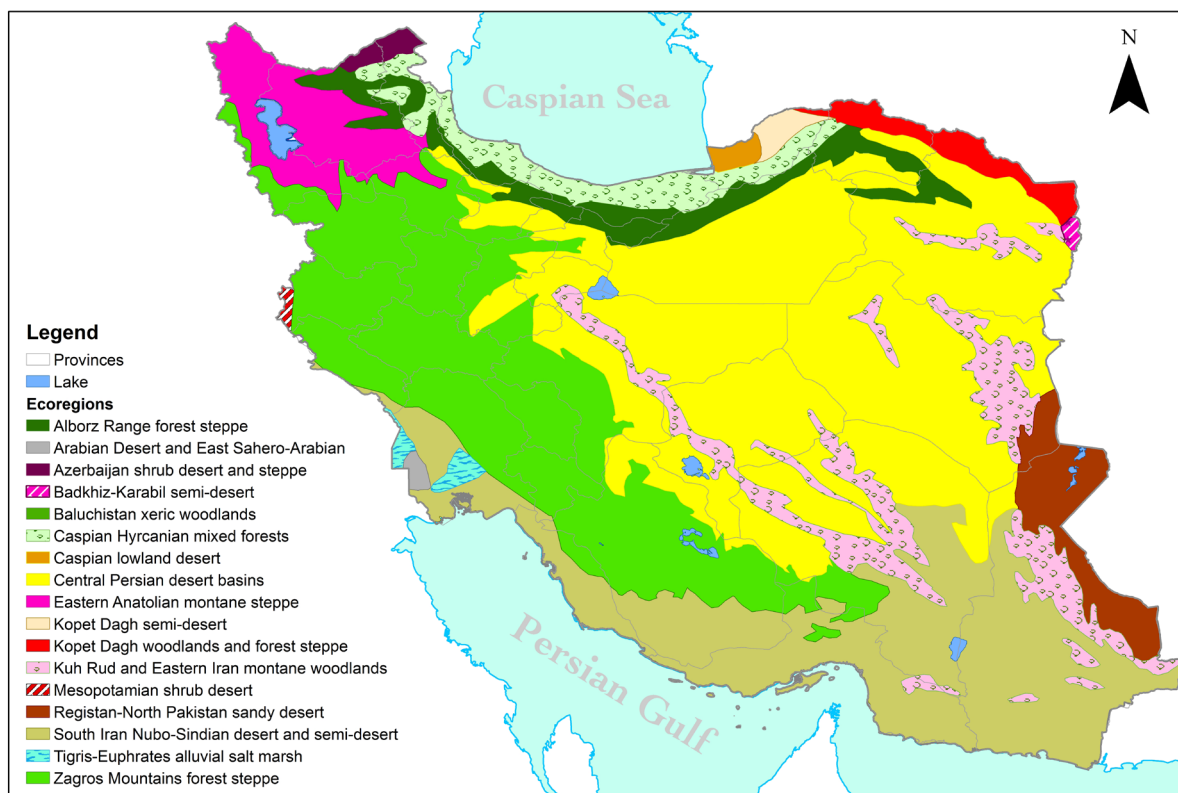


Figure 3 Map of terrestrial ecoregions in Iran. Map designed using ARCGIS 9.3. Ecoregion shape file: WWF (Olson *et al.*, 2001).

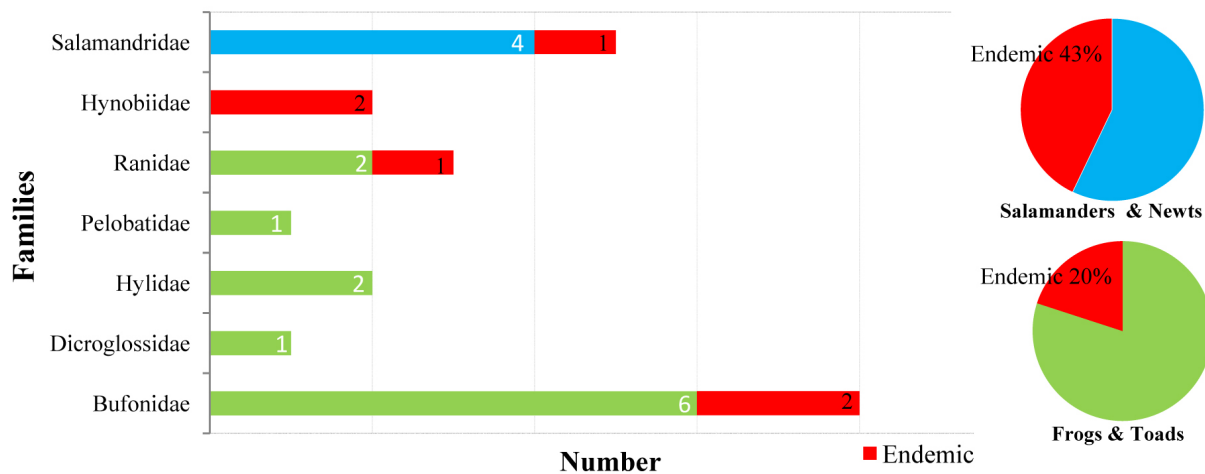


Figure 4 Total and endemic number of amphibians species in Iran (as of August 2014).

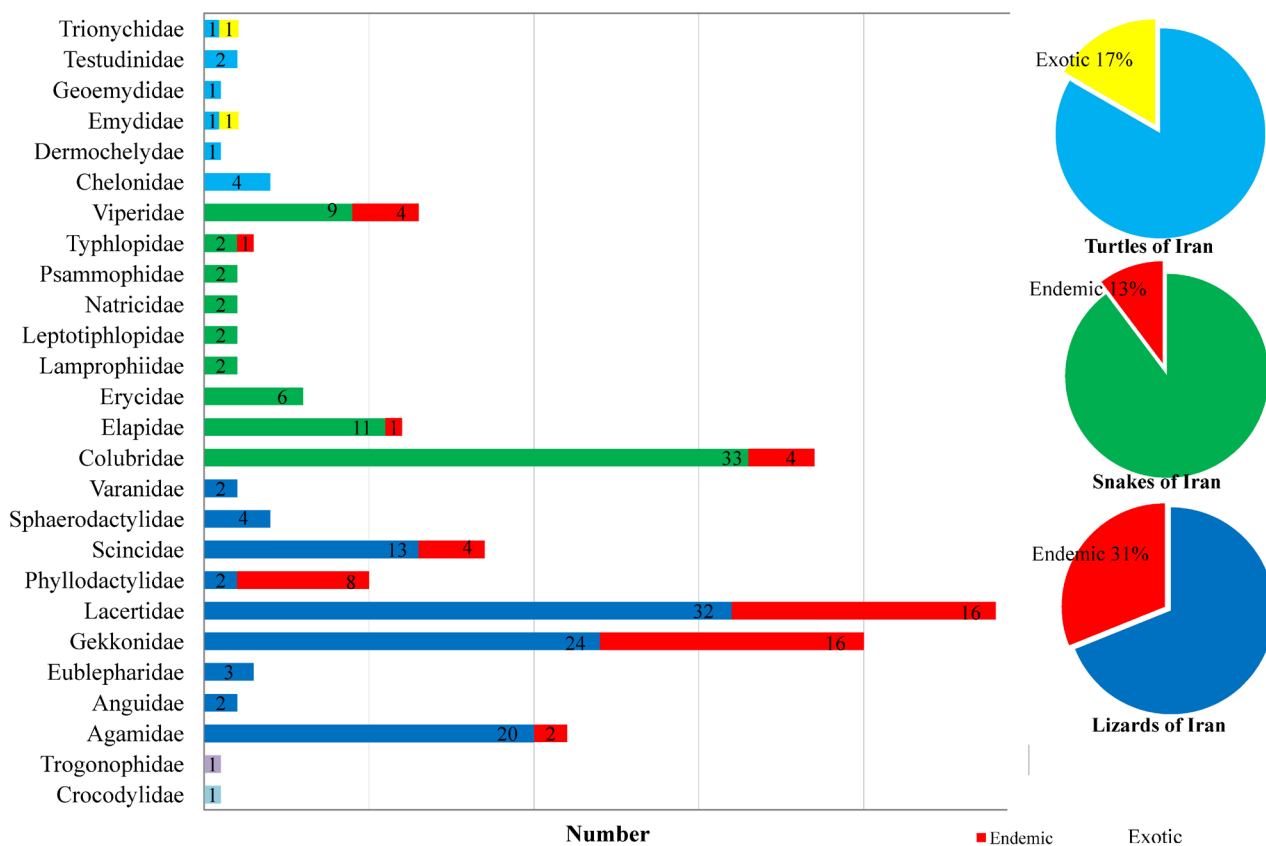


Figure 5 Total, endemic and exotic number of reptiles species in Iran (as of August 2014).

Bufotes surdus (BOULENGER, 1891)
 Iranian Earless Toad, Vazaq-e bi-goosh-e Irani (P)
 IUCN: Least Concern

1969)
 Ring-Spotted Earless Toad
 Distribution: Fars Province. (E)
B. s. annulatus (SCHMIDTLER & SCHMIDTLER,
B. s. surdus (BOULENGER, 1891)

Table 2 Systematic Hierarchical Order and Content of Suprageneric Categories used in this Checklist.

Class	Order	Suborder	Family	Subfamily/Genus	Total Number		
AMPHIBIA	ANURA		BUFONIDAE	<i>Bufo</i> , <i>Bufoles</i> , <i>Duttaphrynus</i>	5 families, 8 genera, 15 species		
			DICROGLOSSIDAE	DICROGLOSSINAE: <i>Euphlyctis</i>	3 genera, 8 species		
			HYLIDAE	<i>Hyla</i>	1 genus, 1 species		
			PELOBATIDAE	<i>Pelobates</i>	1 genus, 2 species		
			RANIDAE	<i>Pelophylax</i> , <i>Rana</i>	1 genus, 1 species		
					2 genera, 3 species		
	CAUDATA		HYNOBIIDAE	<i>Iranodon</i>	2 families, 4 genera, 7 species		
			SALAMANDRIDAE	PLEURODELINAE: <i>Neurergus</i> , <i>Triturus</i> SALAMANDRINAE: <i>Salamandra</i>	1 genus, 2 species 3 genera, 5 species		
	REPTILIA	CROCODYLIA		CROCODYLIDAE	<i>Crocodylus</i>	3 orders, 26 families, 90 genera, 241 species	
						1 family, 1 genus, 1 species	
						1 genus, 1 species	
		SQUMATA	AMPHISBAENIA				3 suborders, 19 families, 78 genera, 228 species
					TROGONOPHIIDAE	<i>Diplometopon</i>	1 family, 1 genus, 1 species
							1 genus, 1 species
SAURIA			AGAMIDAE		AGAMINAE: <i>Laudakia</i> , <i>Paralaudakia</i> , <i>Phrynocephalus</i> , <i>Trapelus</i> DRACONINAE: <i>Catotes</i>	9 families, 42 genera, 148 species	
					UROMASTYGINAE: <i>Saara</i> , <i>Uromastyx</i>	7 genera, 22 species	
					ANGUINAE: <i>Anguis</i> , <i>Pseudopus</i>	2 genera, 2 species	
			EUBLEPHARIDAE		<i>Eublepharis</i>	1 genus, 3 species	
					<i>Agamura</i> , <i>Bunopus</i> , <i>Crossobamon</i> , <i>Cyrtopodion</i> , <i>Hemidactylus</i> , <i>Mediodactylus</i> , <i>Microgecko</i> , <i>Pseudoceramodactylus</i> , <i>Rhinoecko</i> , <i>Stenodactylus</i> , <i>Tenuidactylus</i> , <i>Tropicolotes</i>	12 genera, 40 species	
					<i>Acanthodactylus</i> , <i>Apathya</i> , <i>Darevskia</i> , <i>Eremias</i> , <i>Iranolacerta</i> , <i>Lacerta</i> , <i>Mesalina</i> , <i>Ophisops</i> , <i>Timon</i>	9 genera, 48 species	
			PHYLLODACTYLIDAE		<i>Asaccus</i>	1 genus, 10 species	
				SCINCIDAE	EUGONGYLINAE: <i>Ablepharus</i> MABUYINAE: <i>Trachylepis</i> SCINCINAE: <i>Chalcides</i> , <i>Eumeces</i> , <i>Eurylepis</i> , <i>Ophiomorus</i> , <i>Scincus</i>	7 genera, 17 species	
			SPHAERODACTYLIDAE		<i>Pristurus</i> , <i>Teratoscincus</i>	2 genera, 4 species	
VARANIDAE	<i>Varanus</i>	1 genus, 2 species					

(Continued Table 2)

Class	Order	Suborder	Family	Subfamily/Genus	Total Number					
SQUAMATA	SERPENTES			COLUBRIDAE	COLUBRINAE: <i>Boiga, Coronella, Dolichophis, Eirenis, Elaphe, Hemorrhois, Hierophis, Lycodon, Lytorhynchus, Oligodon, Platyceps, Rhynchocalamus, Spalerosophis, Telescopus, Zamenis</i>	9 families, 35 genera, 79 species 15 genera, 37 species				
				ELAPIDAE	ELAPINAE: <i>Bungarus, Naja, Walterinnesia</i>	4 genera, 12 species				
				ERYCIDAE	HYDROPHIINAE: <i>Hydrophis</i>	1 genera, 6 species				
				LAMPROPHIIDAE	ERYX	2 genera, 2 species				
				LEPTOTYPHLOPIDAE	LAMPROPHIINAE: <i>Malpolon, Rhagerhis</i>	1 genus, 2 species				
				NATRICIDAE	LEPTOTYPHLOPIDAE: <i>Myriopholis</i>	1 genus, 2 species				
				PSAMMOPHIIDAE	<i>Natrix</i>	1 genus, 2 species				
				TYPHLOPIDAE	<i>Psammophis</i>	1 genus, 2 species				
				VIPERIDAE	<i>Indotyphlops, Xerotyphlops</i>	2 genera, 3 species				
					CROTALINAE: <i>Gloydius</i>	8 genera, 13 species				
					VIPERINAE: <i>Cerastes, Echis, Eristicophis, Macrovipera, Montivipera, Pseudocerastes, Vipera</i>					
				TESTUDINES	CRYPTODIRA				6 families, 11 genera, 12 species	
								CHELONIIDAE	CARETTINAE: <i>Caretta, Lepidochelys</i>	4 genera, 4 species
								DERMOCHELYIDAE	CHELONINAE: <i>Chelonia, Eretmochelys</i>	1 genus, 1 species
	EMYDIDAE	<i>Dermochelys</i>	2 genera, 2 species							
	GEOEMYDIDAE	EMYDINAE: <i>Emys</i>	1 genus, 1 species							
	TESTUDINIDAE	DEIROCHELYINAE: <i>Trachemys</i>	1 genus, 1 species							
			GEOEMYDINAE: <i>Mauremys</i>	1 genus, 2 species						
			<i>Testudo</i>	2 genera, 2 species						
			TRIONYCHINAE: <i>Pelodiscus, Rafetus</i>							

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman, Hormozgan, Fars and Bushehr Provinces.

Bufotes turanensis (HEMMER, SCHMIDTLER & BÖHME, 1978)

Turan Toad, Vazaq-e Tooran (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: North Khorasan, Golestan, Mazandaran, Semnan and Tehran Provinces.

Bufotes variabilis (PALLAS, 1769)

Variable Toad, Vazaq-e rangarang (P)

IUCN: Data Deficient

B. v. kermanensis (EISELT & SCHMIDTLER, 1971)

Kerman Variable Toad

Distribution: Kerman, Esfahan, Yazd and Hormozgan Provinces. (E)

Comment: *Bufotes variabilis kavirensis* (ANDRÉN & NILSON, 1979) Synonymy with *B. v. kermanensis* by Stöck, *et al.*, (2001).

B. v. variabilis (PALLAS, 1769)

Distribution: Bushehr, Fars, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Khuzestan, Ilam, Lorestan, Markazi, Esfahan, Kermanshah, Kordestan, Hamedan, Zanjan, West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Mazandaran, Gilan, Qazvin, Alborz, Tehran and Qom Provinces.

Genus: ***Duttaphrynus*** FROST, GRANT, FAIVOVICH, BAIN, HAAS, HADDAD, DE SÁ, CHANNING, WILKINSON, DONNELLAN, RAXWORTHY, CAMPBELL, BLOTTO, MOLER, DREWES, NUSSBAUM, LYNCH, GREEN & WHEELER, 2006

Duttaphrynus olivaceus (BLANFORD, 1874)

Olive Toad, Vazaq-e zeytooni (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan and Kerman Provinces.

Duttaphrynus stomaticus (LÜTKEN, 1864)

Indo-Gangetic (Marbled) Toad, Vazaq-e marmari (L)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan and North Khorasan Provinces.

Family: DICROGLOSSIDAE ANDERSON, 1871 / Fork-tongued Frogs

Subfamily: DICROGLOSSINAE ANDERSON, 1871

Genus: ***Euphlyctis*** FITZINGER, 1843

Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis (SCHNEIDER, 1799)

Skittering Frog, Qoorbaqe-ye Baloochi (L)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan and Kerman Provinces.

Family: HYLIDAE RAFINESQUE, 1815 / Tree Frogs

Subfamily: HYLINAE RAFINESQUE, 1815

Genus: ***Hyla*** LAURENTI, 1768

Hyla orientalis BEDRIAGA, 1890

Oriental Tree Frog, Qoorbaqe derakhti-ye Khavari (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Gilan, Mazandaran and Golestan Provinces.

Hyla savignyi AUDOUIN, 1827

Savigny's Tree Frog, Qoorbaqe-ye derakhti-ye Savigny (P)

IUCN status: Least Concern

Distribution: Fars, Khuzestan, Lorestan, Ilam, Kermanshah, Kordestan, Hamedan, Markazi, Zanjan, Qom, Esfahan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan and West Azarbaijan Provinces.

Family: PELOBATIDAE BONAPARTE, 1850 / Spade-foot Toads

Genus: ***Pelobates*** WAGLER, 1830

Pelobates syriacus BOETTGER, 1889

Syrian Spade-foot Toad, Vazaq-e bil-pay-e Soori (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Gilan, Mazandaran and Golestan Provinces.

Family: RANIDAE RAFINESQUE, 1814 / True Frogs

Genus: ***Pelophylax*** FITZINGER, 1843

Pelophylax ridibundus (PALLAS, 1771)

Eurasian Marsh Frog, Qoorbaqe-ye mordabi-ye Orasia (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Zanjan, Hamedan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Lorestan, Ilam, Khuzestan, Bushehr, Fars, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Esfahan, Qom, Markazi, Qazvin, Alborz, Tehran, Gilan, Mazandaran, Golestan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Semnan, Yazd, Kerman and Hormozgan Provinces.

Genus: ***Rana*** LINNAEUS, 1758 / Wood Frogs

Rana macrocnemis BOULENGER, 1885

Long-Legged Wood Frog, Qoorbaqe-ye jangali-ye paderaz (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Zanjan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Hamedan, Qazvin and Mazandaran Provinces.

Rana pseudodalmatina EISELT & SCHMIDTLER, 1971

Hircanian Wood Frog, Qoorbaqe-ye jangali-ye Hirkani (L)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Mazandaran, Gilan, Golestan and Ardabil

Provinces. (E)

Order: CAUDATA SCOPOLI, 1777 / Salamanders & Newts

Family: HYNOBIIDAE COPE, 1859 / Asian Salamanders
Subfamily: HYNOBINAE COPE, 1859

Genus: *Iranodon* DUBIOS & RAFFAËLLI, 2012 (E)

Comment: Nevertheless, Dubios and Raffaëlli (2012) recognized *Iranodon* as new genus, whereas other researchers consider *Paradactylodon* Risch, 1984 as a valid name.

Iranodon gorganensis (CLERGUE-GAZEAU & THORN, 1979)

Gorgan Brook Salamander, Samandar-e jooybari-ye Gorgan (P)

IUCN: Critically Endangered

Distribution: Golestan Province. (E)

Iranodon persicus (EISELT & STEINER, 1970)

Persian Brook Salamander, Samandar-e jooybari-ye Irani (P)

IUCN: Near Threatened

Distribution: Mazandaran, Gilan, Golestan and Ardabil Provinces. (E)

Family: SALAMANDRIDAE GOLDFUSS, 1820 / True Salamanders & Newts

Subfamily: PLEURODELINAE TSCHUDI, 1838

Genus: *Neurergus* COPE, 1862 / Mountain Newts

Neurergus crocatus COPE, 1862

Azərbayjan Mountain Newt, Samandar-e koohestani-ye Azərbayjan (L)

IUCN: Vulnerable

Distribution: West Azarbaijan Province.

Neurergus derjugini (NESTEROV, 1916)

Derjugin's (Kordestan) Mountain Newt, Samandar-e koohestani-ye Derjugin (P)

IUCN status: Critically Endangered

Distribution: Kordestan, Kermanshah and West Azarbaijan Provinces.

Neurergus kaiseri SCHMIDT, 1952

Kaiser's (Lorestan) Mountain Newt, Samandar-e koohestani-ye Kaiser (P)

IUCN: Critically Endangered

CITES: Appendix I

Distribution: Khuzestan and Lorestan Provinces. (E)

Genus: *Triturus* RAFINESQUE, 1815 / Crested Newts

Triturus karelinii (STRAUCH, 1870)

Karelin's Crested Newt, Samandar-e tajdar-e Karelin (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Mazandaran, Gilan, East Azarbaijan and West Azarbaijan Provinces.

Subfamily: SALAMANDRINAE GOLDFUSS, 1820

Genus: *Salamandra* GARSALT, 1764

Salamandra inframaculata (MARTENS, 1885)

Spot-bellied Salamander, Samandar-e shekam-khaldar (P)

IUCN: Near Threatened

Distribution: Kordestan and Kermanshah Provinces.

Class: REPTILIA LAURENTI, 1768 / REPTILES

Order: CROCODYLIA WERMUTH, 1953 / Crocodiles

Family: CROCODYLIDAE HAY, 1902 / True Crocodiles

Genus: *Crocodylus* LAURENTI, 1768

Crocodylus palustris (LESSON, 1831)

Marsh Crocodile, Temseh-e talabi (P)

IUCN: Vulnerable

CITES: Appendix I

C. p. palustris (LESSON, 1831)

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province.

Order: SQUAMATA OPPEL, 1811

Suborder: AMPHISBAENIA GRAY, 1844 / Amphisbaenians

Family: TROGONOPHIDAE GRAY, 1865 / Spade-headed Worm Lizards

Genus: *Diplometopon* NIKOLSKY, 1907

Diplometopon zarudnyi NIKOLSKY, 1907

Zarudny's Worm Lizard, Kerm-soosmar-e Zarudny (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Khuzestan and Ilam Provinces.

Suborder: SAURIA MCCARTHNEY, 1822 / Lizards

Family: AGAMIDAE SPIX, 1825 / Agamas

Subfamily: AGAMINAE SPIX, 1825

Genus: *Laudakia* GRAY, 1845 / Rock Agamas

Laudakia melanura BLYTH, 1854

Black Rock Agama, Agama-ye sakhrei-ye siah (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

L. m. lirata (BLANDORD, 1874)

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan and Kerman provinces.

Laudakia nupta (DE FILIPPI, 1843)

Large-scaled Rock Agama, Agama-ye sakhrei-ye poolak-dorosht (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

L. n. fusca (BLANFORD, 1876)

Yellow-headed Rock Agama, Agama-ye sakhrei-ye sarzard (L)

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan and Kerman Provinces. (E)

L. n. nupta (DE FILIPPI, 1843)

Distribution: Fars, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, Semnan, Qom, Markazi, Hamedan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Yazd, Hormozgan, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Esfahan, Ilam,

Lorestan, Bushehr, Khuzestan, Sistan Va Baluchestan and Kerman Provinces.

Genus: *Paralaudakia* BAIG, WAGNER, ANANJEVA & BÖHME, 2012

Paralaudakia caucasia (EICHWALD, 1831)

Caucasian Agama, Agama-ye Qafqazi (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Qom, Markazi, Esfahan, Yazd, Semnan, Golestan, Gilan, Mazandaran, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Zanjan, Hamedan and Fars Provinces.

Paralaudakia erythrogaster (NIKOLSKY, 1896)

Red-bellied Agama, Agama-ye shekam-sorkh (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Khorasan Razavi and North Khorasan Provinces.

Paralaudakia microlepis (BLANFORD, 1874)

Small-scaled Agama, Agama-ye riz-poolak (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Kerman, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Yazd, Fars, Esfahan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari and Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad Provinces.

Genus: *Phrynocephalus* KAUP, 1825 / Toad-headed Agamas

Comment: Following Anderson (1999), the presence of *P. clarkorum* ANDERSON & LEVITON, 1967, *P. interscapularis* LICHTENSTEIN, 1856, *P. luteoguttatus* BOULENGER, 1887 and *P. raddei* BOETTGER, 1888 in Iran has not been confirmed and there are no reliable records from Iran.

Phrynocephalus ahvazicus MELNIKOV, MELNIKOVA, NAZAROV, RAJABIZADEH, AL-JOHANY, AMR & ANANJEVA, 2014

Ahvaz Toad-headed Agama, Agama-ye sar-vazaqi-ye Ahvaz (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Khuzestan Province. (E)

Phrynocephalus ananjevae MELNIKOV, MELNIKOVA, NAZAROV & RAJABIZADEH, 2013

Ananjeva's Toad-headed Agama, Agama-ye sar-vazaqi-ye Ananjeva (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari Province. (E)

Phrynocephalus helioscopus (PALLAS, 1771)

Sunwatcher Toad-headed Agama, Agama-ye sar-vazaqi-ye khorshid-parast (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Ph. h. helioscopus (PALLAS, 1771)

Distribution: Golestan, Semnan, Khorasan Razavi and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Phrynocephalus horvathi MÉHELY, 1894

Horváth's Toad-headed Agama, Agama-ye sar-vazaqi-ye Horvath (P)

IUCN: Critically Endangered

Distribution: West Azarbaijan and East Azarbaijan Provinces.

Phrynocephalus maculatus ANDERSON, 1872

Spotted Toad-headed Agama, Agama-ye sar-vazaqi-ye khaldar (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Ph. m. maculatus ANDERSON, 1872

Distribution: Tehran, Semnan, Qom, Fars, Esfahan, Kerman, Yazd, Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.

Phrynocephalus mystaceus (PALLAS, 1776)

Secret Toad-headed Agama

IUCN: Not Listed

Ph. m. galli KRASSOWSKY, 1932

Touran Toad-headed Agama, Agama-ye sar-vazaqi-ye Tooran (L)

Distribution: Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan and Semnan Provinces.

Phrynocephalus ornatus BOULENGER, 1887

Ornate Toad-headed Agama, Agama-ye sar-vazaqi-ye arasteh (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Ph. o. vindumi GOLUBEV, 1998

Vindum's Toad-headed Agama

Distribution: Khorasan Razavi and South Khorasan provinces.

Comment: Solovyeva *et al.*, 2014 placed *Ph. ornatus* in new Subgenus *Microphrynocephalus* by genetical and morphological studies.

Phrynocephalus persicus DE FILIPPI, 1863

Persian Toad-headed Agama, Agama-ye sar-vazaqi-ye Parsi (P)

IUCN: Vulnerable

Distribution: Zanjan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Qazvin, Tehran, Alborz, Qom, Markazi, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari and Esfahan Provinces.

Phrynocephalus scutellatus (OLIVIER, 1807)

Gray Toad-headed Agama, Agama-ye sar-vazaqi-ye khakestari (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Qom, Semnan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, North Khorasan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Markazi, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Esfahan, Yazd, Fars, Kerman and Hormozgan

Provinces.

Genus: *Trapelus* CUVIER, 1816 / Ground Agamas

Comment: The presence of *T. megalonyx* GÜNTHER, 1864 and *T. rubrigularis* BLANFORD 1875 is probable in eastern border of Iran.

Trapelus agilis (OLIVIER, 1804)

Agile Ground Agama, Agama-ye zamini-ye chabok (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

T. a. agilis (OLIVIER, 1804)

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Zanjan, Hamedan, Kermanshah, Markazi, Qom, Esfahan, Fars, Yazd, Semnan, Golestan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman and Hormozgan Provinces.

T. a. khuzistanensis RASTEGAR-POUYANI 1999

Kuzestan Ground Agama

Distribution: Khuzestan, Bushehr, Fars and Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad Provinces. (E)

Trapelus persicus (BLANFORD, 1881)

Persian Ground Agama, Agama-ye zamini-ye Parsi (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Khuzestan, Ilam, Bushehr, Fars, Esfahan and Kerman Provinces.

Trapelus ruderatus (OLIVIER, 1804)

Horny-scaled Ground Agama, Agama-ye zamini-ye poolak-shakhi (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

T. r. ruderatus (OLIVIER, 1804)

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Qom, Markazi, Esfahan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Fars, Bushehr, Kerman, Lorestan, Ilam, Kermanshah, Hamedan, Zanjan, Kordestan, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan and Ardabil Provinces.

Trapelus sanguinolentus (PALLAS, 1814)

Steppe Agama Ground Agama, Agama-ye zamini-ye esteppi (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan and Golestan Provinces.

Subfamily: DRACONINAE FITZINGER, 1826

Genus: *Calotes* CUVIER, 1816

Calotes versicolor (DAUDIN, 1802)

Indian Variable Lizard, Agama-ye rangarang (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province.

Subfamily: UROMASTYCINAE THEOBOLD, 1868

Genus: *Saara* GRAY, 1845 / Spiny-tailed Agamas

Saara asmussi (STRAUCH, 1863)

Asmuss's Spiny-tailed Agama, Agama-ye dom-tiqi-ye Asmuss (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

CITES: Appendix II

Distribution: South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, Semnan, Tehran, Qom, Esfahan, Yazd, Kerman and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Saara loricata (BLANFORD, 1874)

Armoured Spiny-tailed Agama, Agama-ye dom-tiqi-ye zerehdar (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

CITES: Appendix II

Distribution: Bushehr, Khuzestan, Kermanshah and Ilam Provinces.

Genus: *Uromastix* MERREM, 1820 / Mastigurs

Uromastix aegyptia (FORSKÅL, 1775)

Egyptian Mastigure, Soosmar-e khardom-e Mesri (P)

IUCN: Vulnerable

CITES: Appendix II

U. a. microlepis BLANFORD, 1874

Small-scaled Mastigure

Distribution: Hormozgan, Bushehr and Fars Provinces.

Family: ANGUINAE GRAY, 1825 / Lateral-fold Lizards

Subfamily: ANGUINAE GRAY, 1825

Genus: *Anguis* LINNAEUS, 1758 / Slow Worms

Anguis colchica (NORDMANN, 1840)

Colchican Slow Worm, Kalmareh (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

A. c. orientalis ANDERSON, 1872

Oriental Slow Worm

Distribution: Tehran, Gilan, Mazandaran, Golestan, Semnan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.

Genus: *Pseudopus* MERREM, 1820 / Glass Lizards

Pseudopus apodus (PALLAS, 1775)

Legless Glass Lizard, Lusmar (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan, Semnan, Golestan, Mazandaran, Gilan, Ardabil, West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Lorestan and Tehran Provinces.

Family: EUBLEPHARIDAE BOULENGER, 1883 / Eublepharids

Genus: *Eublepharis* GRAY, 1827 / Leopard Geckos

Eublepharis angramainyu ANDERSON & LEVITON, 1966

Angra Mainyu Leopard Gecko, Geko-ye palangi-ye Ahrimani (P)

IUCN: Data Deficient

Distribution: Khuzestan, Lorestan, Ilam, Kermanshah, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Fars and Kerman Provinces.

Eublepharis macularius (BLYTH, 1854)

Spotted Leopard Gecko, Geko-ye palangi-ye khaldar (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan and South Khorasan Provinces.

Eublepharis turcmenicus DAREVSKY, 1977

Turkmenistan Leopard Gecko, Geko-ye palangi-ye Torkamani (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: North Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.

Family: GEKKONIDAE GRAY, 1825 / Geckos

Genus: ***Agamura*** BLANFORD, 1874 / Spider Geckos

Agamura persica (DUMÉRIL, 1856)

Persian Spider Gecko, Geko-ye ankabooti-ye Parsi (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Tehran, Semnan, Qom, Esfahan, Fars, Kerman, Yazd, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Genus: ***Bunopus*** BLANFORD, 1874 / Desert Geckos

Bunopus crassicaudus NIKOLSKY, 1907

Thick-tailed Desert Gecko, Geko-ye dom-koloft-e biabani (P)

IUCN: Data Deficient

Distribution: Qom, Semnan, Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Markazi, Esfahan, Yazd, Kerman, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi and North Khorasan Provinces. (E)

Bunopus tuberculatus BLANFORD, 1874

Tuberculated Desert Gecko, Geko-ye zegildar-e biabani (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Tehran, Semnan, Qom, Esfahan, Kermanshah, Ilam, Khuzestan, Fars, Bushehr, Hormozgan, Kerman, Yazd, Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi and North Khorasan Provinces.

Genus: ***Crossobamon*** BOETTGER, 1888 / Fringe-toed Geckos

Crossobamon eversmanni (WIEGMANN, 1834)

Eversmann's Fringe-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-sajafi-ye Eversmann (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

C. e. eversmanni (WIEGMANN, 1834)

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan and South Khorasan Provinces.

C. e. lumsdeni (BOULENGER, 1887)

Lumsden's Fringe-toed Geckos

Distribution: Semnan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.

Genus: ***Cyrtopodion*** FITZINGER, 1843 / Bent-toed Geckos

Cyrtopodion agamuroides (NIKOLSKY, 1900)

Spider Bent-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamide-ye

ankabooti (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan, Fars and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.

Cyrtopodion brevipes (BLANFORD, 1874)

Short-legged Bent-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamide-ye pa-kootah (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan, Bushehr, Fars and Ilam Provinces. (E)

Cyrtopodion gastropholis (WERNER, 1917)

Rough-belly Bent-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamide-ye shekam-zebr (P)

IUCN: Data Deficient

Distribution: Fars, Bushehr, Khuzestan and Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad Provinces. (E)

Cyrtopodion golubevi NAZAROV, ANANJEVA & RADJABIZADEH, 2009

Golubev's Bent-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamide-ye Golubev (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province. (E)

Cyrtopodion hormozganum NAZAROV, BONDARENKO & RADJABIZADEH, 2012

Hormozgan Bent-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamide-ye Hormozgan (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Hormozgan Province. (E)

Cyrtopodion kachhense (STOLICZKA, 1872)

Kachh Bent-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamide-ye Kachh (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Bushehr Province.

Comment: There is only one unconfirmed report for *Cyrtopodion kachhense* in 1913 from Iran (Rastegar-Pouyani *et al.*, 2008).

Cyrtopodion kiabii AHMADZADEH, FLECKS, TORIKI & BÖHME, 2011

Kiabi's Bent-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamide-ye Kiabi (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Bushehr Province. (E)

Cyrtopodion kirmanense (NIKOLSKY, 1900)

Kerman Bent-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamide-ye Kerman (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan and Kerman provinces. (E)

Cyrtopodion persepolense NAZAROV, ANANJEVA & RADJABIZADEH, 2009

- Persepolis Bent-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamide-ye Perspolis (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Fars province. (E)
Cyrtopodion scabrum (HEYDEN, 1827)
Rough-tail Bent-toed gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamide-ye dom-zebr (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Semnan, Qom, Markazi, Esfahan, Yazd, Fars, Bushehr, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Khuzestan, Ilam, Kermanshah, Hamedan, Kordestan, Gilan, East Azarbaijan, Kerman, Hormozgan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.
Cyrtopodion sistansensis NAZAROV & RAJABIZADEH, 2007
Sistan Bent-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-khamideh-ye Sistan (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province. (E)
Genus: ***Hemidactylus*** OKEN, 1817
Hemidactylus flaviviridis RÜPPELL, 1835
Yellow-bellied House Gecko, Geko-ye khanegi-ye shekam-zard (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan, Bushehr, Fars and Khuzestan Provinces.
Hemidactylus persicus ANDERSON, 1872
Persian House Gecko, Geko-ye khanegi-ye Parsi (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman, Hormozgan, Fars, Bushehr, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Khuzestan, Lorestan and Ilam Provinces.
Comment: Based on Šmid *et al.*, (2013), deep level of intraspecific differentiation exists within the Iranian populations.
Hemidactylus robustus HEYDEN, 1827
Robust House Gecko, Geko-ye khanegi-ye Farbeh (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Lorestan, Bushehr, Hormozgan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.
Hemidactylus romeshkanicus TORKI, 2011
Romeshkan House Gecko, Geko-ye khanegi-ye Romeshkan (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Lorestan Province. (E)
Genus: ***Mediodactylus*** SZCZERBAK & GOLUBEV, 1977 / Middle-toed Geckos
Mediodactylus aspratilis (ANDERSON, 1973)
Iranian Middle-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-motevaset-e Irani (L)
IUCN: Data Deficient
Distribution: Fars, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Lorestan, Hamedan and Kermanshah Provinces. (E)
Mediodactylus heterocercum (BLANFORD, 1874)
Blanford's Middle-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-motevaset-e Blanford (L)
IUCN: Least Concern
M. h. heterocercum (BLANFORD, 1874)
Distribution: Hamedan, Ilam, Kermanshah, Kordestan, Lorestan, Markazi and Esfahan Provinces.
Mediodactylus heteropholis (MINTON, ANDERSON & ANDERSON, 1970)
Iraqi Middle-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-motevaset-e Araqi (L)
IUCN: Data Deficient
Distribution: Ilam, Lorestan and Kermanshah Province.
Mediodactylus ilamensis (FATHINIA, KARAMIANI, DARVISHNIA, HEIDARI & RASTEGAR-POUYANI, 2011)
Ilam Middle-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-motevaset-e Ilam (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Ilam Province. (E)
Mediodactylus russowii (STRAUCH, 1887)
Transcaspian Middle-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-motevaset-e mavaraye Khazar (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
M. r. zarudnayi (NIKOLSKY, 1899)
Zarudny's Middle-toed Gecko
Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Khorasan Razavi and Semnan Provinces.
Mediodactylus sagittiferum (NIKOLSKY, 1900)
Jaz Murian Middle-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-motevaset-e Jazmoorian (P)
IUCN: Data Deficient
Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman and Hormozgan Provinces. (E)
Mediodactylus spinicauda (STRAUCH, 1887)
Thorny-tailed Middle-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-motevaset-e dom-khardar (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Semnan, Golestan, South Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.
Mediodactylus stevenandersoni (TORKI, 2011)
Steven Anderson's Middle-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-motevaset-e Steven Anderson (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Lorestan and Markazi Provinces. (E)

Comment: Based on Sadeghi and Torki (2011), *M. stevenandersoni* is probably occurs in Kermanshah and Ilam provinces.

Genus: *Microgecko* NIKOLSKY, 1907 / Tiny Geckos
Microgecko helenae (NIKOLSKY, 1907)

Helen's Tiny Gecko, Geko-ye koochak-e Helen (P)

IUCN: Data Deficient

M. h. helenae (NIKOLSKY, 1907)

Distribution: Lorestan, Ilam, Khuzestan, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Fars, Bushehr and Kerman Provinces. (E)

M. h. fasciatus (SCHMIDTLER & SCHMIDTLER, 1972)

Schmidler's Tiny Gecko

Distribution: Kermanshah and Lorestan Provinces.

Microgecko latifi (LEVITON & ANDERSON, 1972)

Latifi's Tiny Gecko, Geko-ye koochak-e Latifi (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Kerman, Fars, Esfahan, Yazd, Qom and Markazi Provinces. (E)

Microgecko persicus (NIKOLSKY, 1903)

Persian Tiny Gecko, Geko-ye koochak-e Parsi (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

M. p. bakhtiari MINTON, ANDERSON & ANDERSON, 1972

Bakhtiari's Tiny Gecko

Distribution: Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Khuzestan, Bushehr and Fars Provinces. (E)

M. p. persicus (NIKOLSKY, 1903)

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan, Kerman, Fars and Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad Provinces.

Genus: *Pseudoceramodactylus* HAAS, 1957

Pseudoceramodactylus khobarensis HAAS, 1957

Khobar Short-fingered Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-kootah-e Khobar (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Hormozgan Province.

Genus: *Rhinogecko* DE WITTE, 1973 / Swollen-nose Geckos

Comment: Based on Anderson (1999), occurrence of *Rhinogecko femoralis* SMITH, 1933 in Southeastern border of Iran is almost certain, but not confirmed.

Rhinogecko misonnei DE WITTE, 1973

Misonne's Swollen-nose Gecko, Geko-ye bini-kargadani-ye Misonne (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Kerman, Sistan Va Baluchestan and South Khorasan Provinces.

Genus: *Stenodactylus* FITZINGER, 1826 / Comb-fingered Geckos

Stenodactylus affinis (MURRAY, 1884)

Iranian Comb-fingered Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-shaneh-e Irani (L)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Khuzestan, Bushehr, Ilam and Hormozgan Provinces.

Stenodactylus arabicus (HAAS, 1957)

Arabian Comb-fingered Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-shaneh-e Arabi (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Khuzestan Province.

Stenodactylus doriae (BLANFORD, 1874)

Doria's Comb-fingered Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-shaneh-e Doria (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Khuzestan, Bushehr and Hormozgan Provinces.

Genus: *Tenuidactylus* SZCZERBAK & GOLUBEV, 1984 / Thin-toed Geckos

Tenuidactylus caspius (EICHWALD, 1831)

Caspian Thin-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-nazok-e Khazari (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

T. c. caspius (EICHWALD, 1831)

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan, Ardabil, Gilan, Golestan, Mazandaran, Semnan, Tehran and Qom Provinces.

Tenuidactylus longipes (NIKOLSKY, 1896)

Long-legged Thin-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-nazok-e pa-deraz (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

T. l. longipes (NIKOLSKY, 1896)

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi and North Khorasan Provinces.

Comment: *T. l. microlepis* (LANTZ 1918) is probably occurring in eastern border of Iran (Anderson 1999; Shafiei Bafti *et al.*, 2010).

Tenuidactylus turcmenicus (SZCZERBAK, 1978)

Turkmen Thin-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-nazok-e Torkamani (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Golestan Province.

Genus: *Tropiocolotes* PETERS, 1880

Tropiocolotes naybandensis KRAUSE, AHMADZADEH, MOAZENI, WAGNER & WILMS, 2013

Nayband Dwarf Gecko, Geko-ye kootoleh-ye Nayband (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Bushehr Province. (E)

Tropicolotes cf. steudneri (PETERS, 1869)

Steudner's Dwarf Gecko, Geko-ye kootoleh-ye Steudner (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Hormozgan, Fars and Bushehr Provinces.

Family: LACERTIDAE BONAPARTE, 1831 / Typical Lizards

Genus: *Acanthodactylus* FITZINGER, 1834 / Fringe-toed Lizards

Acanthodactylus blanfordii BOULENGER, 1918

Blanford's Fringe-toed Lizard, Soosmar-e pa-sharabeh-ye Blanford (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman, Hormozgan and South Khorasan Provinces.

Acanthodactylus boskianus (DAUDIN, 1802)

Bosc's Fringe-toed Lizard, Soosmar-e pa-sharabeh-ye Bosc (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

A. b. euphraticus BOULENGER, 1919

Euphrates Fringe-toed Lizard

Distribution: Kermanshah and Ilam Provinces.

Acanthodactylus cantoris G-NTHER, 1864

Cantor's Fringe-toed Lizard, Soosmar-e pa-sharabeh-ye Cantor (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province.

Acanthodactylus grandis BOULENGER, 1909

Giant Fringe-toed Lizard, Soosmar-e pa-sharabeh-ye bozorg (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Khuzestan and Bushehr Provinces.

Acanthodactylus khamirensis HEIDARI, RASTEGAR-POUYANI, RASTEGAR-POUYANI & RAJABIZADEH, 2013

Khamir Port Fringe-toed Lizard, Soosmar-e pa-sharabeh-ye Bandar-e-Khamir (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Hormozgan Province. (E)

Acanthodactylus micropholis BLANFORD, 1874

Small-scaled Fringe-toed Lizard, Soosmar-e pa-sharabeh-ye riz-poolak (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan, Kerman, Fars and Bushehr Provinces.

Acanthodactylus nilsoni RASTEGAR-POUYANI, 1998

Nilson's Fringe-toed Lizard, Soosmar-e pa-sharabeh-ye Nilson (P)

IUCN: Data Deficient

Distribution: Kermanshah Province. (E)

Acanthodactylus schmidti HAAS, 1957

Schmidt's Fringe-toed Lizard, Soosmar-e pa-sharabeh-ye Schmidt (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Khuzestan, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad and Bushehr Provinces.

Genus: *Apathya* MEHELY, 1907

Apathya cappadocica (WERNER, 1902)

Anatolian Lizard, Soosmar-e Anatoli (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

A. c. urmiana (LANTZ & SUCHOW 1934)

Urmia Anatolian Lizard

Distribution: West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Kermanshah and Ilam Provinces.

A. c. muhtari (Eiselt, 1979)

Muhar's Anatolian Lizard

Distribution: Kordestan Province.

Apathya yassujica (NILSON, RASTEGAR-POUYANI, RASTEGAR-POUYANI & ANDRÉN, 2003)

Yasuj Lizard, Soosmar-e Yasooj (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad and Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari Provinces. (E)

Genus: *Darevskia* ARRIBAS, 1997 / Darevski's Lizards

Darevskia caspica AHMADZADEH, FLECKS, CARRETERO, MOZAFFARI, BÖHME, HARRIS, FREITAS & RÖDDER, 2013

Caspian Sea Rock Lizard, Soosmar-e sangi-ye daryay-e-Khazar (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Mazandaran Province. (E)

Darevskia chlorogaster (BOULENGER, 1908)

Green-bellied Rock Lizard, Soosmar-e sangi-ye shekam-sabz (L)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Ardabil, Gilan and Mazandaran Provinces.

Darevskia defilippii (CAMERANO, 1877)

De Filippi's Rock Lizard, Soosmar-e sangi-ye De Filippi (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Mazandaran and Gilan Provinces. (E)

Darevskia kamii AHMADZADEH, FLECKS, CARRETERO, MOZAFFARI, BÖHME, HARRIS, FREITAS & RÖDDER, 2013

Kami's Rock Lizard, Soosmar-e sangi-ye Kami (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Golestan Province. (E)

Darevskia kopetdaghica AHMADZADEH, FLECKS, CARRETERO, MOZAFFARI, BÖHME, HARRIS,

- FREITAS & RÖDDER, 2013
Kopet-Dagh Rock Lizard, Soosmar-e sangi-ye Kopeh-Daq (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: North Khorasan Province.
- Darevskia praticola*** (EVERSMANN, 1834)
Meadow Rock Lizard, Soosmar-e sangi-ye alafzar (P)
IUCN: Near Threatened
Distribution: Ardabil and Gilan Provinces.
- Darevskia raddei*** (BOETTGER, 1892)
Radde's Rock Lizard, Soosmar-e sangi-ye Radde (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
D. r. raddei (BOETTGER, 1892)
Distribution: East Azarbaijan and Ardabil Provinces.
- D. r. chaldoranensis*** RASTEGAR-POUYANI, KARAMIANI, ORAEI, KHOSRAWANI & RASTEGAR-POUYANI, 2011
Chaldoran Rock Lizard
Distribution: West Azarbaijan Province. (E)
- D. r. vanensis*** (EISELT, SCHMIDTLER & DAREWSKY, 1993)
Lake Van Rock Lizard
Distribution: West Azarbaijan Province.
- Darevskia schaekeli*** AHMADZADEH, FLECKS, CARRETERO, MOZAFFARI, BÖHME, HARRIS, FREITAS, RÖDDER, 2013
Schäkel's Rock Lizard, Soosmar-e sangi-ye Schakel (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Tehran, Mazandaran and Golestan Provinces. (E)
- Darevskia steineri*** (EISELT, 1995)
Steiner's Rock Lizard, Soosmar-e sangi-ye Steiner (P)
IUCN: Data Deficient
Distribution: Golestan Province. (E)
- Darevskia valentini*** (BOETTGER, 1892)
Valentin's Rock Lizard, Soosmar-e sangi-ye Valentin (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: West Azarbaijan Province.
Genus: ***Eremias*** FITZINGER, 1834 / Desert Lacertas
- Eremias acutirostris*** (BOULENGER, 1887)
Point-snouted Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye poozeh-nok-tiz (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan and South Khorasan Provinces.
- Eremias andersoni*** DAREVSKY & SZCZERBAK, 1978
Anderson's Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye Anderson (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Semnan, Qom and Esfahan Provinces. (E)
- Eremias arguta*** (PALLAS, 1773)
Bright Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye Barragh (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, Semnan, Ardabil and East Azarbaijan Provinces.
- Eremias fasciata*** BLANFORD, 1874
Narrow-banded Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye navar-dar (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Kerman, Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan, Semnan, Yazd and Qom Provinces.
- Eremias grammica*** (LICHTENSTEIN, 1823)
Reticulate Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye shatranji (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: South Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.
- Eremias intermedia*** (STRAUCH, 1876)
Medial Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye miyani (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Khorasan Razavi Province.
- Eremias kavirensis*** MOZAFFARI & PARHAM, 2007
Kavir Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye Kavir (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Esfahan Province. (E)
- Eremias kopetdaghica*** SZCZERBAK, 1972
Kopet Dagh Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye Kopeh-Daq (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Golestan, Semnan, North Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.
- Eremias lalezharica*** MORAVEC, 1994
Lalehzar Racerunner, Lacerta-ye davandeh-ye Lalehzar (L)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Kerman Province. (E)
- Eremias lineolata*** (NIKOLSKY, 1896)
Striped Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye rah-rah (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan and Semnan Provinces.
- Eremias montana*** RASTEGAR-POUYANI & RASTEGAR-POUYANI, 2001
Mountain Racerunner, Lacerta-ye davandeh-ye koohestan (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Kermanshah, Kordestan and Qazvin Provinces. (E)
- Eremias nigrocellata*** NIKOLSKY, 1896

Black-ocellated Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye khaldar (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan, Golestan and Semnan Provinces.

Eremias nigrolateralis RASTEGAR-POUYANI & NILSON, 1998

Black-sided Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye pahloo-siah (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Fars Province. (E)

Eremias papenfussi MOZAFFARI, AHMADZADEH & PARHAM, 2011

Papenfuss's Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye Papenfuss (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz and Qazvin Provinces. (E)

Eremias persica BLANFORD, 1874

Persian Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye Parsi (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Qom, Esfahan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Markazi, Zanjan, Semnan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman, Fars and Yazd Provinces.

Eremias pleskei NIKOLSKY, 1905

Pleske's Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye Pleske (P)

IUCN: Critically Endangered

Distribution: West Azarbaijan and East Azarbaijan Provinces.

Eremias strauchi KESSLER, 1878

Strauch's Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye Strauch (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil and Kordestan Provinces.

Eremias suphani BAŞOĞLU & HELLMICH, 1968

Suphan Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye Soophan (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: West Azarbaijan Province.

Eremias velox (PALLAS, 1771)

Rapid Desert Lacerta, Lacerta-ye biabani-ye chabok (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

E. v. velox (PALLAS, 1771)

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Markazi, Qazvin, Qom, Gilan, Semnan, Golestan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi and South Khorasan Provinces.

Genus: ***Iranolacerta*** ARNOLD, ARRIBAS & CARRANZA, 2007 / Iranian Lacertas

Iranolacerta brandtii (DE FILIPPI, 1863)

Brandt's Iranian Lacerta, Lacerta-ye Irani-ye Brandt (P)

IUCN: Data Deficient

Distribution: East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Kordestan, Gilan and Esfahan Provinces.

Comment: Šmíd *et al.*, (2014) assumed that *I. b. esfahanica* (NILSON, N. RASTEGAR-POUYANI, E. RASTEGAR-POUYANI & ANDRÉN, 2003) is younger synonym of *I. b. brandtii* (DE FILIPPI, 1863).

Iranolacerta zagrosica (RASTEGAR-POUYANI & NILSON, 1998)

Zagros Iranian Lacerta, Lacerta-ye Irani-ye Zagros (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Esfahan, Lorestan and Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari Provinces. (E)

Genus: ***Lacerta*** LINNAEUS, 1758 / Lacertas

Comment: Ahmadzadeh *et al.*, (2011) assumed that *Lacerta mostoufi* BALOUTCH, 1976 is a nomen dubium.

Lacerta media LANTZ & CYRÉN, 1920

Three-lined Lacerta, Lacerta-ye se-khatti (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

L. m. media LANTZ & CYRÉN, 1920

Distribution: Zanjan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Lorestan and Esfahan Provinces.

Lacerta strigata EICHWALD, 1831

Caspian Green Lacerta, Lacerta-ye sabz-e-Khazari (L)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Gilan, Mazandaran, Golestan, Ardabil and East Azarbaijan Provinces.

Genus: ***Mesalina*** GRAY, 1838 / Sand Lizards

Mesalina brevirostris BLANFORD, 1874

Short-snouted Sand Lizard, Soosmar-e rigzar-e poozeh-kootah (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

M. b. brevirostris BLANFORD, 1874

Distribution: Hormozgan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

M. b. fieldi (HAAS & WERNER, 1969)

Field Sand Lizard

Distribution: Khuzestan, Ilam and Bushehr Provinces.

Mesalina watsonana (STOLICZKA, 1872)

Watson's Sand Lizard, Soosmar-e rigzar-e Watson (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Markazi, Qom, Esfahan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Fars, Bushehr, Hormozgan, Semnan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Yazd, Kerman and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Genus: ***Ophisops*** MÉNÉTRIES, 1832 / Snake-eyed

Lizards

Ophisops elegans MÉNÉTRIES, 1832

Elegant Snake-eyed Lizard, Soosmar-e mar-cheshm-e ziba (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Semnan, Qazvin, Zanjan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Hamedan, Ilam, Lorestan, Khuzestan, Fars, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Markazi, Qom, Esfahan, Yazd, Kerman and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Genus: ***Timon*** TSCHUDI, 1836

Timon kurdistanica SUCHOW, 1936

Kurdistan Lacerta, Lacerta-ye Kordestan (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Kordestan and Kermanshah Provinces.

Timon princeps (BLANFORD, 1874)

Prince Lacerta, Lacerta-ye perans (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Ilam, Kermanshah, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Lorestan, Esfahan and Fars Provinces. (E)

Family: PHYLLODACTYLIDAE GAMBLE, BAUER, GREENBAUM & JACKMAN, 2008 / Leaf-toed Geckos

Genus: ***Asaccus*** DIXON & ANDERSON, 1973 / Leaf-toed Geckos

Asaccus andersoni TORKI, FATHINIA, ROSTAMI, GHARZI & NAZARI-SERENJEH, 2011

Anderson's Leaf-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-bargi-ye Anderson (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Ilam Province. (E)

Asaccus elisae (WERNER, 1895)

Elisa's Leaf-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-bargi-ye Elisa (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Kermanshah, Ilam, Lorestan, Khuzestan, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Fars and Bushehr Provinces.

Asaccus granularis TORKI, 2010

Granular-scaled Leaf-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-bargi-ye poolak-gerd (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Lorestan and Khuzestan Provinces. (E)

Asaccus griseonotus DIXON & ANDERSON, 1973

Gray-marked Leaf-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-bargi-ye khakestari (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Kermanshah, Lorestan and Khuzestan Provinces.

Asaccus iranicus TORKI, AHMADZADEH, ILGAZ,

AVCI & KUMLUTAS, 2011

Iranian Leaf-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-bargi-ye Irani (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Bushehr Province. (E)

Asaccus kermanshahensis RASTEGAR-POUYANI, 1996

Kermanshah Leaf-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-bargi-ye Kermanshah (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Kermanshah Province. (E)

Asaccus kurdistanensis RASTEGAR-POUYANI, NILSON & FAIZI, 2006

Kurdistan Leaf-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-bargi-ye Kordestan (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Kordestan and Kermanshah Provinces. (E)

Asaccus nasrullahi WERNER, 2006

Nasrullah's Leaf-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-bargi-ye Nasrollah (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Khuzestan and Lorestan Provinces. (E)

Asaccus tangestanensis TORKI, AHMADZADEH, ILGAZ, AVCI & KUMLUTAS, 2011

Tangestan Leaf-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-bargi-ye Tangestan (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Bushehr Province. (E)

Asaccus zagrosicus TORKI, AHMADZADEH, ILGAZ, AVCI & KUMLUTAS, 2011

Zagros Leaf-toed Gecko, Geko-ye angosht-bargi-ye Zagros (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Lorestan Province. (E)

Family: SCINCIDAE OPPEL, 1811 / Skinks

Subfamily: EUGONGYLINAE WELCH, 1982

Genus: ***Ablepharus*** FITZINGER, 1823 / Snake-eyed Skinks

Ablepharus bivittatus (MÉNÉTRIES, 1832)

Two-streaked Snake-eyed Skink, Skink-e mar-cheshm-e do-khatti (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Qazvin, Tehran, Mazandaran, Semnan and Fars Provinces.

Ablepharus pannonicus FITZINGER, 1823

Asian Snake-eyed Skink, Skink-e mar-cheshm-e Asiayi (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Semnan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan,

- Golestan, Mazandaran, Gilan, Tehran, Alborz, Qom, Khuzestan, Ilam, Lorestan, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Esfahan, Yazd, Fars, Kerman, South Khorasan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.
Subfamily: MABUYINAE MITTLEMAN, 1952
Genus: *Trachylepis* FITZINGER, 1843 / Grass Skinks
Trachylepis aurata (LINNAEUS, 1758)
Golden Grass Skink, Skink-e alafzar-e talayi (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
T. a. transcaucasica (CHERNOV, 1926)
Transcaucasian Grass Skink
Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Zanjan, Qazvin, Markazi, Alborz, Tehran, Qom, Esfahan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Lorestan, Ilam, Kermanshah, Kordestan, Semnan, Mazandaran, Golestan, North Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.
Trachylepis septemtaeniata (REUSS, 1834)
Southern Grass Skink, Skink-e alafzar-e jonoobi (L)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Qom, Khuzestan, Ilam, Lorestan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Bushehr, Fars, Kerman and Hormozgan Provinces.
Trachylepis vittata (OLIVIER, 1804)
Bridled Grass Skink, Skink-e alafzar-e ramook (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Kermanshah and Ilam Provinces.
Subfamily: SCINCINAE GRAY, 1825
Genus: *Chalcides* LAURENTI, 1768 / Cylindrical Skinks
Chalcides ocellatus (FORSKÅL, 1775)
Ocellated Cylindrical Skink, Skink-e khal-cheshmi (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
C. o. ocellatus (FORSKÅL, 1775)
Distribution: Bushehr, Hormozgan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.
Genus: *Eumeces* WIEGMANN, 1834 / Long-legged Skinks
Eumeces schneideri (DAUDIN, 1802)
Schneider's Long-legged Skink, Skink-e pa-boland-e Schneider (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
E. s. princeps (EICHWALD, 1839)
Prince Long-legged Skink
Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Zanjan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Ilam, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Fars, Kerman, Yazd, Gilan, Qazvin, Alborz, Tehran, Qom, Mazandaran, Golestan, Semnan, North Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.
E. s. zarudnyi NIKOLSKY, 1900
Zarudny's Long-legged Skink
Distribution: South Khorasan, Sistan Va Baluchestan and Hormozgan Provinces.
Genus: *Eurylepis* BLYTH, 1854 / Mole Skinks
Eurylepis taeniolatus BLYTH, 1854
Ribbon-sided Mole Skink, Skink-e haffar-e pahloo-khaldar (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
E. t. parthianicus (SZCZERBAK, 1990)
Parthian Mole Skink
Distribution: Khorasan Razavi and Semnan Provinces.
Genus: *Ophiomorus* DUMÉRIL & BIBRON, 1839 / Snake Skinks
Comment: Following Ananjeva *et al.* (2006) presence of *Ophiomorus chernovi* ANDERSON & LEVITON, 1966 in northeastern of Iran is probable.
Ophiomorus blanfordii BOULENGER, 1887
Blanford's Snake Skink, Skink-e mar-shekl-e Blanford (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province.
Ophiomorus brevipes (BLANFORD, 1874)
Short-legged Snake Skink, Skink-e mar-shekl-e pa-kootah (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Semnan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman and Hormozgan Provinces.
Ophiomorus maranjabensis KAZEMI, FARHADI QOMI, KAMI & ANDERSON, 2011
Maranjab Snake Skink, Skink-e mar-shekl-e Maranjab (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Esfahan Province. (E)
Ophiomorus nuchalis NILSON & ANDRÉN, 1978
Plateau Snake Skink, Skink-e mar-shekl-e falat (L)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Semnan, Tehran, Esfahan, Qom and Yazd Provinces. (E)
Ophiomorus persicus (STEINDACHNER, 1867)
Persian Snake Skink, Skink-e mar-shekl-e Parsi (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Fars and Kerman Provinces. (E)
Ophiomorus streeti ANDERSON & LEVITON, 1966
Street's Snake Skink, Skink-e mar-shekl-e Street (P)
IUCN: Least Concern
Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province. (E)
Ophiomorus tridactylus (BLYTH, 1853)
Three-toed Snake Skink, Skink-e mar-shekl-e se-angoshti (P)
IUCN: Not Listed
Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan and Hormozgan Provinces.

Genus: *Scincus* LAURENTI, 1768 / Sandfishes

Scincus mitranus ANDERSON, 1871

Mitra's Sandfish, Mahi-ye shenzar-e Mitra (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province.

Scincus scincus (LINNAEUS, 1758)

Common Sandfish, Mahi-ye shenzar-e mamooli (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

S. s. conirostris BLANFORD, 1881

Cone-snouted Sandfish

Distribution: Khuzestan, Bushehr, Fars and Kerman Provinces.

Family: SPHAERODACTYLIDAE GAMBLE, BAUER, GREENBAUM & JACKMAN, 2008 / Plate-fingered

Genus: *Pristurus* RÜPPELL, 1835

Pristurus rupestris BLANFORD, 1874

Blanford's Rock Gecko, Geko-ye sanglakh-e Blanford (L)

IUCN: Least Concern

P. r. rupestris SCHMIDT, 1952

Distribution: Hormozgan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Bushehr and Fars Provinces.

P. r. iranicus BLANFORD, 1874

Iranian Rock Gecko

Distribution: Bushehr Province. (E)

Genus: *Teratoscincus* STRAUCH, 1863 / Plate-tailed Geckos

Teratoscincus bedriagai NIKOLSKY, 1900

Bedraiga's Plate-tailed Gecko, Geko-ye dom-pakh-e Bedraiga (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Tehran, Semnan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Teratoscincus scincus (SCHLEGEL, 1858)

Common Plate-tailed Gecko, Geko-ye dom-pakh-e mamooli (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

T. s. keyserlingii (STRAUCH, 1863)

Keyserling's Plate-tailed Gecko

Distribution: Qom, Semnan, Esfahan, Yazd, Fars, Kerman, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Sistan Va Baluchestan and Hormozgan Provinces.

Teratoscincus microlepis NIKOLSKY, 1899

Small-scaled Plate-tailed Gecko, Geko-ye dom-pakh-e riz-poolak (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan and Kerman Provinces.

Family: VARANIDAE GRAY, 1827 / Monitors

Genus: *Varanus* MERREM, 1820

Varanus bengalensis (DAUDIN, 1802)

Bengal Monitor, Bozmajeh-ye Bangal (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

CITES: Appendix I

V. b. bengalensis (DAUDIN, 1802)

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman and Hormozgan Provinces.

Varanus griseus (DAUDIN, 1803)

Gray Desert Monitor, Bozmajeh-ye biabani-ye khakestari (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

CITES: Appendix I

V. g. griseus (DAUDIN, 1803)

Distribution: Khuzestan, Ilam, Kermanshah, Bushehr and Fars Provinces.

V. g. caspius (EICHWALD, 1831)

Caspian Desert Monitor

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qom, Markazi, Esfahan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Fars, Hormozgan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman, Yazd, Semnan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi and South Khorasan Provinces.

Suborder: SERPENTES LINNAEUS, 1758 / Snakes

Family: COLUBRIDAE OPPEL, 1811 / Typical Snakes

Subfamily: COLUBRINAE OPPEL, 1811

Genus: *Boiga* FITZINGER, 1826

Boiga trigonata (SCHNEIDER, 1802)

Indian Cat Snake, Gorbeh mar-e Hendi (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

B. t. melanocephala (ANNANDALE, 1904)

Black-headed Cat Snake

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman, Hormozgan, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan and Semnan Provinces.

Genus: *Coronella* LAURENTI, 1768

Coronella austriaca LAURENTI, 1768

Austrian Smooth Snake, Mar-e baraq-e Otrishi (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

C. a. austriaca LAURENTI, 1768

Distribution: Alboz, Tehran, West Azarbaijan, Gilan, Mazandaran and Golestan Provinces.

Genus: *Dolichophis* GISTEL, 1868 / Whip Snakes

Dolichophis caspius (GMELIN, 1789)

Caspian Whip Snake, Mar-e shalaqi-ye Khazar (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

D. c. caspius GMELIN, 1789

Distribution: East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Gilan, Mazandaran, Golestan, North Khorasan, Tehran, Qazvin, Zanjan and Hamedan Provinces.

Dolichophis jugularis (LINNAEUS, 1758)

Large Whip Snake, Mar-e shalaqi-ye bozorg (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

D. j. jugularis (LINNAEUS, 1758)

Distribution: East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Gilan, Mazandaran, Golestan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, Semnan, Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Zanjan, Markazi, Hamedan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Ilam, Lorestan, Esfahan and Khuzestan Provinces.

Dolichophis schmidti (NIKOLSKY, 1909)

Schmidt's Whip Snake, Mar-e shalaqi-ye Schmidt (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Gilan, Mazandaran, Golestan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, Semnan, Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Zanjan and Khuzestan Provinces.

Genus: ***Eirenis*** JAN, 1863 / Dwarf Snakes

Comment: Rajabizadeh *et al.*, (2012) described *Eirenis (Pediophis) kermanensis* as a new species, but because morphology of this new species is very similar to *E. medus*, Mahlow *et al.*, (2013) suggested more specimens must be collected and further studies should be carried out.

Based on Gholamhosseini *et al.*, (2009) and Mahlow *et al.*, (2013) *Eirenis (Eoseirenis) decemlineatus* (DUMÉRIL, BIBRON & DUMÉRIL, 1854) has not been recorded in Iran.

Subgenus: ***Eirenis*** JAN, 1863

Eirenis (Eirenis) modestus (MARTIN, 1838)

Mild Dwarf Snake, Mar-e kootoleh-ye aram (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

E. (E.) m. modestus (MARTIN, 1838)

Distribution: Markazi, Zanjan and Golestan Provinces.

Subgenus: ***Pediophis*** FITZINGER, 1843

Eirenis (Pediophis) collaris (MÉNÉTRIES, 1832)

Collared Dwarf Snake, Mar-e kootoleh-ye toq-dar (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

E. (P.) c. collaris (MÉNÉTRIES, 1832)

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Markazi, Qazvin, Zanjan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Hamedan, Kermanshah, Ilam, Khuzestan, Esfahan, Bushehr and Fars Provinces.

Eirenis (Pediophis) coronella (SCHLEGEL, 1837)

Crowned Dwarf Snake, Mar-e kootoleh-ye taj-dar (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

E. (P.) c. coronella (SCHLEGEL, 1837)

Distribution: Khuzestan and Gilan Provinces.

Eirenis (Pediophis) medus (CHERNOV, 1940)

Striped Dwarf Snake, Mar-e kootoleh-ye rah-rah (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Ardabil,

Zanjan, Markazi, Gilan, Tehran, North Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.

Eirenis (Pediophis) punctatolineatus (BOETTGER, 1892)

Dotted Dwarf Snake, Mar-e kootoleh-ye khaldar (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

E. (P.) p. condoni (BOULENGER, 1920)

Condon's Dwarf Snake

Distribution: Fars, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Bushehr, Hormozgan and Kerman Provinces.

E. (P.) p. punctatolineatus (BOETTGER, 1892)

Distribution: Markazi, Esfahan, Fars, Khuzestan, Ilam, Lorestan, Kermanshah, Kordestan, West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Zanjan, Qazvin, Tehran, Semnan, Gilan and North Khorasan Provinces.

Eirenis (Pediophis ?) rechingeri EISELT, 1971

Rechinger's Dwarf Snake, Mar-e kootoleh-ye Rechinger (P)

IUCN: Data Deficient

Distribution: Fars Province. (*E*)

Comment: Mahlow *et al.*, (2013) followed the recent authors and placed *Eirenis rechingeri* into the subgenus *Pediophis*.

Subgenus: ***Pseudocyclophis*** BOETTGER, 1888

Eirenis (Pseudocyclophis) persicus (ANDERSON, 1872)

Persian Dwarf Snake, Mar-e kootoleh-ye Parsi (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Comment: Based on Ananjeva *et al.*, (2006) and Gholamifard *et al.*, (2012) *Eirenis Pseudocyclophis nigrofasciatus* (NIKOLSKY, 1907) doesn't have taxonomic value.

E. (P.) p. persicus (ANDERSON, 1872)

Distribution: Bushehr, Fars, Hormozgan, Kerman, Khuzestan, Ilam, Kermanshah, Markazi, Tehran, Mazandaran and North Khorasan Provinces.

Genus: ***Elaphe*** FITZINGER, 1833

Comment: Although some researchers continue to use *Elaphe*, the Iranian species have been placed by others in *Zamenis* Wagler, 1830, reserving *Elaphe* for the North American species.

Elaphe dione (PALLAS, 1773)

Dione's Rat Snake, Mar-e mooshkhar-e Dione (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Mazandaran, Semnan, Golestan, Gilan and West Azarbaijan Provinces.

Elaphe sauromates (PALLAS, 1811)

Four-lined Rat Snake, Mar-e mooshkhar-e char-khati (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Tehran, Mazandaran, Golestan, Semnan, Hamedan, Kermanshah, Zanjan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan

and West Azarbaijan Provinces.

Genus: *Hemorrhois* BOIE, 1826

Hemorrhois nummifer (REUSS, 1834)

Coin-marked Snake, Mar-e khal-sekeh-ee (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Zanjan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Ilam, Markazi, Tehran, Alborz, Mazandaran, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi and Fars Provinces.

Hemorrhois ravergieri (MÉNÉTRIES, 1832)

Ravergier's Snake, Mar-e Ravergier (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Zanjan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Hamedan, Markazi, Lorestan, Ilam, Khuzestan, Fars, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kerman, Esfahan, Qom, Semnan, Mazandaran, Gilan, Golestan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Genus: *Hierophis* FITZINGER, 1843

Hierophis andreanus (WERNER, 1917)

Andrea's Racer, Mar-e Andrea (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Fars, Bushehr, Kerman, Lorestan, Markazi, Khuzestan, Ilam and Kermanshah Provinces. (E)

Genus: *Lycodon* BOIE, 1826

Lycodon striatus (SHAW, 1802)

Barred Wolf Snake, Mar-e gorgi-ye rah-rah (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

L. s. bicolor (NIKOLSKY 1903)

Bicolored Wolf Snake

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan and Hormozgan Provinces.

Genus: *Lytorhynchus* PETERS, 1862 / Leafnose Snakes

Lytorhynchus diadema (DUMÉRIL, BIBRON & DUMÉRIL, 1854)

Diadem Leafnose Snake, Mar-e bini-bargi-ye taj-almasi (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

L. d. gaddi (NIKOLSKY, 1907)

Gadd's Leafnose Snake

Distribution: Khuzestan, Ilam, Bushehr, Hormozgan and Kerman Provinces.

Lytorhynchus maynardi ALCOCK & FINN, 1897

Maynard's Leafnose Snake, Mar-e bini-bargi-ye Maynard (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province.

Lytorhynchus ridgewayi BOULENGER, 1887

Ridgeway's Leafnose Snake, Mar-e bini-bargi-ye

Ridgeway (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Khuzestan, Fars, Bushehr, Hormozgan, Kerman, Esfahan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Markazi, Qazvin, Tehran, Alborz, Mazandaran, Golestan, Semnan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Genus: *Oligodon* BOIE, 1826 / Kukri Snakes

Oligodon taeniolatus (JERDON, 1853)

Striped Kukri Snake, Mar-e rah rah (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

O. t. taeniolatus (JERDON, 1853)

Distribution: Mazandaran, Golestan, North Khorasan, Zanjan and West Azarbaijan Provinces.

Genus: *Platyceps* BLYTH, 1826

Platyceps karelini (BRANDT, 1838)

Karelin's Flat-headed Snake, Mar-e sartakht-e Karelin (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

P. k. chesneii (MARTIN, 1838)

Chesney's Flat-headed Snake

Distribution: Fars, Esfahan, Bushehr, Lorestan, Khuzestan and Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari Provinces.

P. k. karelini (BRANDT, 1838)

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan, Golestan, Mazandaran, Semnan, Tehran, Qom, Esfahan and Yazd Provinces.

Platyceps najadum (EICHWALD, 1831)

Slender Flat-headed Snake, Mar-e sartakht-e peikani (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

P. n. najadum (EICHWALD, 1831)

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Zanjan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Ilam, Hamedan, Markazi, Esfahan, Bushehr, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Lorestan, Qom, Semnan, Mazandaran, Gilan, Golestan, North Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.

P. n. schmidtleri (SCHÄTTI and MCCARTHY, 2001)

Schmidtler's Flat-headed Snake

Distribution: Fars, Khuzestan, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad and Kerman Provinces. (E)

Platyceps rhodorachis (JAN, 1865)

Braid Flat-headed Snake, Mar-e sartakht-e qeytani (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

P. r. ladacensis (ANDERSON, 1871)

Ladak Flat-headed Snake, Mar-e sartakht-e dasty (L)

Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Zanjan, Qazvin, Hamedan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Ilam, Lorestan, Khuzestan, Markazi, Qom, Tehran, Alborz,

Semnan, Yazd, Esfahan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Fars, Bushehr, Hormozgan, Kerman, Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi and North Khorasan Provinces.

P. r. rhodorachis (JAN, 1865)

Distribution: Zanjan, Hamedan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Lorestan, Ilam, Khuzestan, Bushehr, Fars, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Esfahan, Qom, Markazi, Qazvin, Alborz, Tehran, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Semnan, Yazd, Kerman, Hormozgan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Platyceps ventrimaculatus (GRAY, 1834)

Spotted Flat-headed Snake, Mar-e sarkakht-e Pahlookhaldar (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

P. v. ventrimaculatus (GRAY, 1834)

Distribution: Tehran, Semnan, Qom, Markazi, Esfahan, Fars, Bushehr, Kerman, Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, Golestan, Kordestan and Khuzestan Provinces.

Genus: ***Rhynchocalamus*** GÜNTHER, 1864

Rhynchocalamus melanocephalus (JAN, 1862)

Black-Headed Snake, Mar-e sar-siah (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

R. m. satunini NIKOLSKY, 1899

Stunin's Black-Headed Snake

Distribution: Markazi, Lorestan, Khuzestan and Bushehr Provinces.

Genus: ***Spalerosophis*** JAN, 1843

Spalerosophis diadema (SCHLEGEL, 1837)

Diadem Snake, Mar-e tajdar (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

S. d. cliffordii (SCHLEGEL, 1837)

Clifford's Diadem Snake

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Zanjan, Hamedan, Lorestan, Ilam, Khuzestan, Bushehr, Fars, Hormozgan, Kerman, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Yazd, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan, Golestan, Semnan, Qom, Markazi and Esfahan Provinces.

Comment: Based on Schätti *et al.*, (2009) populations from Southwest Iran and possibly more western lowland areas are *S. d. cliffordii* and those from the Iranian Plateau are *S. diadema*. Schätti *et al.*, (2009).

Suggested *S. d. schirasianus* (JAN, 1863) is a valid subspecies whereas, Baig and Masroor (2008) placed it in the junior synonymy of *S. diadema*.

Spalerosophis microlepis JAN, 1865

Small-scaled Diadem Snake, Mar-e tajdar-e riz-poolak (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Fars, Kerman, Esfahan, Qom, Markazi, Hamedan, Lorestan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Khuzestan and Ilam Provinces. (E)

Genus: ***Telescopus*** WAGLER, 1830

Telescopus fallax FLEISCHMANN, 1831

European Tiger-Snake, Babr mar-e Oroopayi (L)

IUCN: Least Concern

T. f. iberus EICHWALD, 1831

Iberian Tiger-Snake

Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Kordestan, Zanjan, Qazvin, Hamedan, Markazi, Esfahan, Tehran, Alborz, Gilan, Mazandaran, Golestan, Semnan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Telescopus nigriceps (AHL, 1924)

Black-headed Tiger-Snake, Babr mar-e sar-siah (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Kermanshah Province.

Telescopus rhinopoma (BLANFORD, 1874)

Iranian Tiger-Snake, Babr mar-e Irani (L)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan, Kerman, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan, Semnan, Qom, Markazi, Esfahan, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Fars and Bushehr Provinces.

Telescopus tessellatus (WALL, 1908)

Checkered Tiger-Snake, Babr mar-e shatranji (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

T. t. martini (SCHMIDT, 1939)

Martin's Tiger Snake

Distribution: Tehran, Markazi, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Hamedan, Khuzestan and Ilam Provinces.

T. t. tessellatus (WALL, 1908)

Distribution: Khuzestan, Bushehr and Esfahan Provinces. (E)

Genus: ***Zamenis*** WAGLER, 1830

Zamenis hohenackeri (STRAUCH, 1873)

Hohenacker's Rat Snake, Mar-e moosh-khar-e Hohenacker (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: East Azarbaijan and Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari Provinces.

Zamenis longissimus (LAURENTI, 1768)

Long Rat Snake, Mar-e moosh-khar-e deraz (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: West Azarbaijan, Zanjan, Hamedan, Mazandaran and Golestan Provinces.

Zamenis persicus (WERNER, 1913)

Persian Rat Snake, Mar-e moosh-khar-e Parsi (P)

IUCN: Data Deficient

- Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Gilan, Mazandaran and Golestan Provinces.
 Family: ELAPIDAE BOIE, 1827 / Cobras
 Subfamily: ELAPINAE BOIE, 1827
 Genus: **Bungarus** DAUDIN, 1803
Bungarus persicus ABTIN, NILSON, MOBARAKI, HOSSEINI, DEHGANNEJHAD, 2014
 Persian Krait, Kobray-e Parsi (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
 Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province. (E)
 Genus: **Naja** LAURENTI, 1768
Naja (Naja) oxiana (EICHWALD, 1831)
 Central Asian Cobra, Kobray-e Asia-ye Miyaneh (P)
 IUCN: Data Deficient
 CITES: Appendix II
 Distribution: Golestan, Semnan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.
 Genus: **Walterinnesia** LATASTE, 1887
Walterinnesia morgani (MOCQUARD, 1905)
 Morgan's Black Cobra, Kobray-e siah-e Morgan (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
 CITES: Appendix II
 Distribution: Fars, Hormozgan, Bushehr, Khuzestan, Ilam and Kermanshah Provinces.
 Subfamily: HYDROPHIINAE SMITH, 1926 / Sea Snakes
 Genus: **Hydrophis** LATRIELLE, 1802
Hydrophis curtus (SHAW, 1802)
 Short Sea Snake, Mar-e daryayi kootah (P)
 IUCN: Least Concern
 Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.
Hydrophis cyanocinctus (DAUDIN, 1803)
 Annulated Sea Snake, Mar-e daryayi halqe-dar (P)
 IUCN: Least Concern
 Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.
Hydrophis gracilis (SHAW, 1802)
 Small-headed Sea Snake, Mar-e daryayi sar-koochak (P)
 IUCN: Least Concern
 Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.
Hydrophis lapemoides (GRAY, 1849)
 Persian Gulf Sea Snake, Mar-e daryayi Kahlij-e Fars (L)
 IUCN: Least Concern
 Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.
Hydrophis ornatus (GRAY, 1842)
 Ornate Sea Snake, Mar-e daryayi arasteh (P)
 IUCN: Least Concern
 Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.
Hydrophis platurus (LINNAEUS, 1766)
 Yellow-bellied Sea Snake, Mar-e daryayi shekam-zard (L)
 IUCN: Least Concern
 Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.
Hydrophis schistosus (DAUDIN, 1803)
 Beaked Sea Snake, Mar-e daryayi nok deraz (P)
 IUCN: Least Concern
 Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.
Hydrophis spiralis (SHAW, 1802)
 Yellow Sea Snake, Mar-e daryayi zard (L)
 IUCN: Least Concern
 Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.
Hydrophis viperinus (SCHMIDT, 1852)
 Viperine Sea Snake, Mar-e daryayi afee-shekl (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
 Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.
 Family: ERYCIDAE BONAPARTE, 1831
 Genus: **Eryx** DAUDIN, 1803 / Sand Boas
Eryx elegans (GRAY, 1849)
 Elegant Sand Boa, Boa-ye sheni-ye ziba (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
 CITES: Appendix II
 Distribution: Khuzestan, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Ardabil, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi and South Khorasan Provinces.
Eryx jaculus (LINNAEUS, 1758)
 Javelin Sand Boa, Boa-ye sheni-ye nayzeyi (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
 CITES: Appendix II
E. j. turcicus (OLIVIER, 1801)
 Turkish Sand Boa
 Distribution: East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Kordestan, Zanjan, Hamedan, Qazvin, Alborz, Tehran, Qom, Semnan, Esfahan, Ilam, Khuzestan, Kerman, Sistan Va Baluchestan, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan, Golestan, Mazandaran and Gilan Provinces.
E. j. familiaris EICHWALD, 1831
 Familiar Sand Boa
 Distribution: Fars Province.
 Comment: Gholamifard *et al.*, (2012) reported collect *Eryx jaculus familiaris* from Fars Province.
Eryx jayakari BOULENGER, 1888
 Jayakar's Sand Boa, Boa-ye sheni-ye Jayakar (P)
 IUCN: Least Concern
 CITES: Appendix II
 Distribution: Khuzestan and Bushehr Provinces.
Eryx johnii (RUSSELL, 1801)
 John's Sand Boa, Boa-ye sheni-ye John (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
 CITES: Appendix II
 Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province.

Eryx miliaris (PALLAS, 1773)

Dwarf Sand Boa, Boa-ye sheni-ye kootoleh (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

CITES: Appendix II

Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Markazi, Hamedan, Qazvin, Esfahan, Mazandaran, Golestan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan and Khuzestan Provinces.

Comment: Based on morphological work, Eskandarzadeh *et al.* (2013) reported 2 specimens of *Eryx sp.* from Khorasan Provinces.

Eryx tataricus (LICHTENSTEIN, 1823)

Tartar Sand Boa, Boa-ye sheni-ye Tatari (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

CITES: Appendix II

E. t. tataricus (LICHTENSTEIN, 1823)

Distribution: Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Zanjan, Qazvin, Hamedan, Markazi, Khuzestan, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Golestan, Gilan, North Khorasan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

E. t. vittatus CHERNOV, 1959

Striped Sand Boa

Distribution: North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi and South Khorasan Provinces.

Family: LAMPROPHIIDAE FITZINGER, 1843

Subfamily: LAMPROPHIINAE FITZINGER, 1843

Genus: ***Malpolon*** FITZINGER, 1826***Malpolon insignitus*** (GEOFFROY DE ST-HILAIRE, 1827)

Eastern Montpellier Snake, Yaleh mar (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

M. i. fuscus (FLEISCHMANN, 1831)

Dark Montpellier Snake

Distribution: East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Zanjan, Hamedan, Kermanshah, Ilam, Khuzestan, Lorestan, Markazi, Esfahan, Yazd, Qom, Semnan, Qazvin, Tehran, Alborz, Mazandaran, North Khorasan, Khorasan razavi and Hormozgan Provinces.

Comment: Based on Carranza *et al.* (2006) and Sindaco *et al.* (2013) *M. monspessulanus* (HERMANN, 1804) distributed in west of Mediterranean Sea.

Genus: ***Rhagerhis*** PETERS, 1862***Rhagerhis moilensis*** (REUSS, 1834)

Moila Snake, Talheh mar (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Khuzestan, Bushehr and Ilam Provinces.

Family: LEPTOTYPHLOPIDAE STEJNEGER, 1892 / Slender Blind Snakes

Subfamily: LEPTOTYPHLOPINAE

Genus: ***Myriopholis*** HEDGES, ADALSTEINSSON & BRANCH, 2009***Myriopholis blanfordi*** (BOULENGER, 1890)

Blanford's Countless-Scaled Snake, Mar-e kermi-shekl-e Blanford (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province.

Myriopholis macrorhyncha (JAN, 1860)

Beaked Countless-Scaled Snake, Mar-e kermi-shekl-e nok-dar (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Khuzestan, Lorestan, Ilam, Kermanshah, West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Qazvin, Alborz, Tehran, Mazandaran and Golestan Provinces.

Family: NATRICIDAE BONAPARTE, 1838

Genus: ***Natrix*** LAURENTI, 1768 / Water Snakes***Natrix natrix*** (LINNAEUS, 1758)

European Water Snake, Mar-e abi-ye Oroopayi (L)

IUCN: Lower risk/Least Concern

N. n. persa (PALLAS, 1814)

Persian Water Snake

Distribution: Mazandaran, Golestan, Gilan, Ardabil, Zanjan, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Markazi, Semnan and Tehran Provinces.

Natrix tessellata (LAURENTI, 1768)

Tessellated Water Snake, Mar-e abi-ye shatranji (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Zanjan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Hamedan, Lorestan, Ilam, Khuzestan, Fars, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Esfahan, Qom, Gilan, Mazandaran, Golestan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan and Sistan Va Baluchestan Provinces.

Family: PSAMMOPHIIDAE BONAPARTE, 1845

Genus: ***Psammophis*** FITZINGER, 1826***Psammophis lineolatus*** (BRANDT, 1836)

Ribbon Sand Racer, Tir mar-e rah-rah (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Golestan, Semnan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman, Fars, Esfahan, Markazi, Lorestan and Khuzestan Provinces.

Psammophis schokari (FORSKÅL, 1775)

Schokari Sand Racer, Tir mar-e biabani (L)

IUCN: Not Listed

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan, Kerman, Fars, Esfahan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Yazd, Semnan, Qom, Markazi, Tehran, Ilam, North Khorasan, Khorasan

- Razavi, South Khorasan, Mazandaran and Khuzestan Provinces.
 Family: TYPHLOPIDAE MERREM, 1820 / Blind Snakes
 Genus: *Indotyphlops* HEDGES, MARION, LIPP, MARIN & VIADAL, 2014
Indotyphlops braminus (DAUDIN, 1803)
 Brahminy Blind Snake, Koor-mar-e Berahman (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
 Distribution: Hormozgan Province.
 Genus: *Xerotyphlops* HEDGES, MARION, LIPP, MARIN & VIDAL, 2014
Xerotyphlops vermicularis (MERREM, 1820)
 Vormiform Blind Snake, Mar-e kermi shekl (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
 Distribution: West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Lorestan, Ilam, Khuzestan, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Markazi, Esfahan, Qom, Tehran, Alborz, Mazandaran, Semnan, Golestan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, Kerman, Fars and Yazd Provinces.
Xerotyphlops wilsoni (WALL, 1908)
 Wilson's Blind Snake, Mar-e kermi shekl Wilson (P)
 IUCN: Data Deficient
 Distribution: Khuzestan Province. (E)
 Family: VIPERIDAE LAURENTI, 1768 / Vipers
 Subfamily: CROTALINAE OPPEL, 1811 / Pit Vipers
 Genus: *Gloydus* HOGE ET ROMANO-HOGE, 1981
Gloydus halys (PALLAS, 1776)
 Halys Pit Viper
 IUCN: Not Listed
G. h. caucasicus (NIKOLSKY, 1916)
 Caucasian Pit Viper, Afee hofredar-e Qafqazi (P)
 Distribution: Semnan, Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Gilan, Mazandaran, Golestan, North Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi Provinces.
 Subfamily: VIPERINAE OPPEL, 1811 / Old World vipers
 Genus: *Cerastes* LAURENTI, 1768
Cerastes gasperettii LEVITON & ANDERSON, 1967
 Gasperetti's Horned Viper, Afee shakhdar-e Gasperetti (P)
 IUCN: Least Concern
C. g. gasperettii LEVITON & ANDERSON, 1967
 Distribution: Khuzestan and Ilam Provinces.
 Genus: *Echis* MERREM, 1820
Echis carinatus (SCHNEIDER, 1801)
 Carinate Saw-scaled Viper, Afee poolak areh-ee (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
E. c. sochureki STEMMLER, 1969
 Sochurek's Saw-scaled Viper
 Distribution: Golestan, North Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Semnan, Yazd, Kerman, Fars, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Bushehr, Hormozgan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, and Khuzestan Provinces.
 Comment: Based on molecular technic and morphology Pook *et al.*, (2009) placed *Echis multisquamatus* CHERLIN, 1981 in the synonymy of *E. carinatus*.
 Genus: *Eristicophis* ALCOCK & FINN, 1896
Eristicophis macmahoni ALCOCK & FINN, 1897
 McMahan's Desert Viper, Afee biabani-ye McMahan (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
 Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan Province.
 Genus: *Macrovipera* REUSS, 1927
Macrovipera lebetina (LINNAEUS, 1758)
 Levantine Viper, Gorzeh mar (L)
 IUCN: Not Listed
M. l. cernovi (CHIKIN & SZCZERBAK, 1992)
 Cernov's Viper
 Distribution: Kerman, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan and Semnan Provinces.
M. l. obtusa (DWIGUBSKY, 1832)
 Blunt Viper
 Distribution: West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Ardabil, Qazvin, Gilan, Mazandaran, Golestan, Alborz, Tehran, Semnan, Qom, Markazi, Zanjan, Hamedan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Lorestan, Ilam, Khuzestan, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Fars and Esfahan Provinces.
 Genus: *Montivipera* NILSON, TUNIYEV, ANDRÉN, ORLOV, JOGER & HERRMANN, 1999
Montivipera albicornuta (NILSON & ANDRÉN, 1985)
 Zanjan Mountain Viper, Afee koohestani-e Zanjan (P)
 IUCN: Vulnerable
 Distribution: Zanjan, Qazvin, Gilan, West Azarbaijan, East Azarbaijan, Kordestan and Hamedan Provinces.
Montivipera kuhrangica RAJABIZADEH, NILSON & KAMI, 2011
 Kuhrang Mountain Viper, Afee koohestani-e Koohrang (P)
 IUCN: Not Listed
 Distribution: Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari Province. (E)
Montivipera latifii (MERTENS, DAREWSKY & KLEMMER, 1967)
 Latifi's Mountain Viper, Afee koohestani-ye Latifi (P)
 IUCN: Endangered
 Distribution: Tehran, Alborz and Mazandaran Provinces. (E)
Montivipera raddei (BOETTGER, 1890)
 Radde's Mountain Viper, Afee koohestani-ye Radde (P)
 IUCN: Near Threatened
M. r. raddei (BOETTGER, 1890)
 Distribution: West Azarbaijan Province.

M. r. kurdestanica (NILSON & ANDRÉN, 1986)

Kordestan Mountain Viper

Distribution: West Azarbaijan, Kordestan, Zanjan and Hamedan Provinces.

Comment: Stümpel and Joger (2009) by using molecular techniques expressed *Montivipera wagneri* (Nilson & Andrén, 1984) has not been recorded from Iran.Genus: ***Pseudocerastes*** BOULENGER, 1896Comment: Based on Fathinia *et al.*, (2014) *Pseudocerastes fieldi* SCHMIDT, 1930 has not been recorded from Iran. Former records reported by (Bostanchi *et al.*, 2006; Gholamifard and Esmaeili, 2010) could be *P. persicus*.***Pseudocerastes persicus*** (DUMÉRIL, BIBRON & DUMÉRIL, 1854)

Persian False Horned Viper, Afee shakhdar-e Parsi (P)

IUCN: Least Concern

Distribution: Hormozgan, Sistan Va Baluchestan, Kerman, Yazd, South Khorasan, Khorasan Razavi, North Khorasan, Semnan, Tehran, Qom, Markazi, Zanjan, Esfahan, Fars, Kermanshah, Ilam and Khuzestan Provinces.

Pseudocerastes urarachnoides BOSTANCHI, ANDERSON, KAMI & PAPENFUSS, 2006

Spider-tailed False Horned Viper, Afee shakhdar-e dom-ankabooti (P)

IUCN: Data Deficient

Distribution: Ilam, Khuzestan and Kermanshah Provinces. (E)

Genus: ***Vipera*** LAURENTI, 1768Subgenus: ***Acridophaga*** REUSS, 1927***Vipera (Acridophaga) ebneri*** KNÖPFLER & SOCHUREK, 1955

Ebner's Viper, Afee Ebner (P)

IUCN: Vulnerable

Distribution: Tehran, Alborz, Mazandaran, Zanjan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan and West Azarbaijan Provinces. (E)

Vipera (Acridophaga) eriwanensis (REUSS, 1933)

Yerevan Viper, Afee Iravan (P)

IUCN: Vulnerable

Distribution: Ardabil and East Azarbaijan Provinces.

Order: TESTUDINES BATSCH, 1788 / Turtles, Tortoises & Terrapins

Suborder: CRYPTODIRA COPE, 1868 / Hidden-necked Turtles

Family: CHELONIIDAE OPPEL, 1811 / Marine Turtles

Subfamily: CARETTINAE GRAY, 1825

Genus: ***Caretta*** RAFINESQUE, 1814***Caretta caretta*** (LINNAEUS, 1758)

Loggerhead Sea Turtle, Lakposht-e Daryaye Sorkh (L)

IUCN: Endangered

CITES: Appendix I

C. c. gigas DERANIYAGALA, 1933

Pacific Loggerhead Sea Turtle

Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.

Genus: ***Lepidochelys*** FITZINGER, 1843***Lepidochelys olivacea*** (ESCHSCHOLTZ, 1829)

Olive Ridley Sea Turtle, Lakposht-e daryayi-ye zeytuni-ye Ridley (P)

IUCN: Vulnerable

CITES: Appendix I

Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.

Subfamily: CHELONINAE OPPEL, 1811

Genus: ***Chelonia*** BRONGNIART, 1800***Chelonia mydas*** (LINNAEUS, 1758)

Green Sea Turtle, Lakposht-e daryayi-ye sabz (L)

IUCN: Endangered

CITES: Appendix I

C. m. japonica (THUNBERG, 1787)

Japanese Green Sea Turtle

Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.

Genus: ***Eretmochelys*** FITZINGER, 1843***Eretmochelys imbricata*** (LINNAEUS, 1766)

Hawksbill Sea Turtle, Lakposht-e daryayi-ye poozeh oqabi (L)

IUCN: Critically Endangered

CITES: Appendix I

E. i. bissa (RÜPPELL, 1835)

Pacific Hawksbill Sea Turtle

Distribution: Sea of Oman and Persian Gulf.

Family: DERMOCHELYIDAE BLAINVILLE, 1816 / Leatherback Turtles

Genus: ***Dermochelys*** BLAINVILLE, 1816***Dermochelys coriacea*** (VANDELLI, 1761)

Leatherback Sea Turtle, Lakposht-e charmi (P)

IUCN: Vulnerable

CITES: Appendix I

D. c. schlegelii (GARMAN, 1884)

Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle

Distribution: Oman and Persian Gulfs

Family: EMYDIDAE GRAY, 1825 / New World Pond Turtles

Subfamily: EMYDINAE RAFINESQUE, 1815

Genus: ***Emys*** DUMÉRIL, 1806***Emys orbicularis*** (LINNAEUS, 1758)

European Pond Turtle, Lakposht-e berkeyi-ye Oroopayi (L)

IUCN: Lower risk/Near Threatened

E. o. persica EICHWALD, 1831

Persian Pond Turtle

Distribution: Golestan, Mazandaran, Gilan and Ardabil Provinces.

Comment: Currently *Emys orbicularis* distribution has expanded into other provinces of Iran such as Tehran and Alborz, caused by selling in Nowruz ceremonies.

Subfamily: DEIROCHELYINAE AGASSIZ, 1857

Genus: *Trachemys* AGASSIZ, 1857

Trachemys scripta (SCHOEPFF, 1792)

Common Slider, Lakposht-e goosh qermez (P)

Distribution: H. Ghaffari, B. Safaei-Mahroo and M. Yazdanyan have observed *Trachemys scripta* from Shoormast Lake, 5km West of Shirgah, Mazandaran Province and Mamloo Dam Lake, Tehran Province. This is the first Record of this exotic species from Iran. (I)

Family: GEOEMYDIDAE THEOBALD, 1868 / Old World pond Turtles

Subfamily: GEOEMYDINAE THEOBALD, 1868

Genus: *Mauremys* GRAY, 1869

Mauremys caspica (GMELIN, 1774)

Caspian Turtle, Lakposht-e berkeyi-ye Khazari (P)

IUCN: Not Listed

M. c. caspica (GMELIN, 1774)

Distribution: Golestan, Mazandaran, Gilan, Ardabil, East Azarbaijan, West Azarbaijan, Kermanshah and Kordestan Provinces.

M. c. siebenrocki WISCHUF & FRITZ, 1997

Siebenrock's Caspian Turtle

Distribution: Bushehr, Khuzestan, Ilam, Lorestan, Fars and Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari Provinces.

M. c. ventrimaculata WISCHUF & FRITZ, 1996

Spot-bellied Caspian Turtle

Distribution: Fars and Esfahan Provinces. (E)

Comment: But based on results of Vambeger *et al.*, (2012) and Fritz *et al.*, (2007) that analysed microsatellite loci, mtDNA (cyt b) and nDNA (C-mos) sequences, they did not support the validity of three morphologically defined subspecies and concluded the subspecies should no longer be recognized.

Family: TESTUDINIDAE BATSCH, 1788 / Tortoises

Genus: *Testudo* LINNAEUS, 1758

Testudo graeca LINNAEUS, 1758

Spur-thighed Tortoise, Lakposht-e mehmizdar (P)

IUCN: Vulnerable

CITES: Appendix II

T. g. boxtoni BOULENGER, 1921

Buxton's Spur-thighed Tortoise

Distribution: Gilan, Qazvin, Zanjan, Ardabil and East Azarbaijan Provinces.

T. g. armeniaca CHKHIKVADZE & BAKRADZE, 1991
Armenian Spur-thighed Tortoise

Distribution: Ardabil, East Azarbaijan and West Azarbaijan Provinces.

T. g. zarudnyi NIKOLSKY, 1896

Zarudni's Spur-thighed Tortoise

Distribution: Sistan Va Baluchestan, Hormozgan, Kerman, Yazd, Khorasan Razavi and South Khorasan Provinces.

Comment: Based on Mashkaryan *et al.*, (2013) *T. graeca* subspecies from other provinces (Tehran, Alborz, Markazi, Qom, Esfahan, Kordestan, Kermanshah, Kohgiluyeh Va Boyer Ahmad, Chahar Mahal Va Bakhtiari, Fars and Hamedan) are still unrecognized. Also see Parham *et al.*, (2006).

Testudo horsfieldii GRAY, 1844

Horsfield's Tortoise, Lakposht Horsfield (P)

IUCN: Vulnerable

CITES: Appendix II

T. h. horsfieldii GRAY, 1844

Distribution: South Khorasan Province.

T. h. rustamovi CHKHIKVADZE, AMIRANSHVILI & ATAIEV, 1990

Rustamov's Tortoise

Distribution: Golestan, Semnan, Khorasan Razavi and North Khorasan Provinces.

Family: TRIONYCHIDAE FITZINGER, 1826 / Soft-shell Turtles

Subfamily: TRIONYCHINAE GRAY, 1825

Genus: *Pelodiscus* FITZINGER, 1835

Pelodiscus sinensis (WIEGMANN, 1835)

Chinese Soft-shell Turtle, Lakposht-e lak-narm-e Chini (P)

Distribution: Two adult *Pelodiscus sinensis* were captured in 2011, from fish pools in Miankaleh Wildlife refuge, Mazandaran Province. (I)

Genus: *Rafetus* GRAY, 1864

Rafetus euphraticus (DAUDIN, 1802)

Euphrates Soft-shell Turtle, Lakposht-e lak-narm-e Foraty (P)

IUCN: Endangered

Distribution: Khuzestan and Lorestan Provinces.

Comment: Department of Environment of Lorestan Province in 2012, reported existence of one adult *Rafetus euphraticus* from Cham-mehr, 28 km West of Pol-e dokhtar, Lorestan Province.

4. Discussion

Gholamifard *et al.*, (2012) and Rastegar-Pouyani *et al.*, (2008) listed 215 species of Reptiles in Iran. The number of reptiles recorded from Iran now stands at 241 species. In addition, Baloutch and Kami (1995) listed 22

species of amphibians and Rastegar-Pouyani *et al.*, (2008) recorded 20 species from Iran. The number of recognized amphibians is 22 species.

Among 263 amphibian and reptile species of Iran, 108 (41%) species are not listed and 109 (41.4%) species are least concern in the red list of IUCN. We assume the only reason for this high number of not listed and least concern species in the red list of IUCN is lack of information about population size, reduction trend and accurate extend of occurrence of reptiles and amphibians in national and global levels. In the other hand, the status of amphibians and reptiles of Iran has not been studied in depth. This shows the necessity of reconsideration in global categories and application of the IUCN red list criteria at national level based on IUCN guidelines. Considering the number of endemic amphibians and reptiles 61 (23.2%) in Iran, the first step should be preparing endemic national assessment for inclusion on the IUCN red list.

In recent ten years, some of native and nonnative amphibians and reptiles have spread in high quantities inside the country through pet trade. European Pond Turtle and European Water Snake habitats limited to Caspian Sea coastline, north part of Iran. While now there are many records from central parts of Iran. Also for the first time we report Common Slider and Chinese Soft-shell Turtle as non-native introduced reptiles from natural habitats of Iran.

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