

Alytes dickhilleni

Taxonomic Authority: Amrtzen and García-París, 1995

Synonyms:

Region: 10

Common Names:

Betic Midwife Toad English
Sapo Partero Bético Spanish

Order: Anura

Family: Discoglossidae

Notes on taxonomy:

General Information

Biome Terrestrial Freshwater Marine

Geographic Range of species:

This species is restricted to the mountains of southeastern Spain; the populations are very fragmented (it has a small Area of Occupancy within its Extent of Occurrence). It occurs at altitudes of between 700 - 2,140m asl (Sierra Nevada, Almería).

Habitat and Ecology Information:

The species is present in pine and oak forests, most often on calciferous substrate, in open very rocky landscapes. Adults occur in rock fissures and in stones next to water sources. Reproduction and larval development takes place in permanent mountain streams, man made reservoirs and cattle troughs, and the larvae may take a long time to mature. The species is largely confined to valleys and populations are often isolated from one another. Almost all known breeding habitats are in human-modified water bodies.

Conservation Measures:

This species is listed on Appendix III of the Berne Convention. It is listed in regional Red Data Books and is present in the protected areas of Parque Nacional Sierra Morena, Parque Nacional de Sierra Nevada, and the Natural Park of Cazorla, Segura y las Villas. Protection measures in Castilla-La Mancha, Andalusia (such as restoration and construction of new breeding habitats) are underway.

Threats:

The species is threatened by loss of suitable breeding habitat through excessive water withdrawal, droughts, and modernisation of agricultural practices leading to the abandonment of cattle troughs and other man made water sources. Stochastic dynamics may impact small, isolated populations. A potential future threat is the fungal disease chytridiomycosis, which has already impacted the related Alytes obstetricans in Spain.

Species population information:

Populations of this species are very fragmented, many of them confined to isolated mountains. It is relatively common in the Alcaraz, Segura, and Cazorla mountains, but it is rare in drier mountains (Filabres, Baza, Gádor), where it is associated with springs. Populations in drier areas may consist of only a few adults.

Country Distribution

	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced	Vagrant
Spain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FAO Marine Habitats

Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Major Lakes

Major Rivers

Upper Level Habitat Preferences

	Score
1.4 Forest - Temperate	1
5.7 Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Freshwater Marshes/Pools (under 8ha)	2
5.8 Wetlands (inland) - Seasonal/Intermittent Freshwater Marshes/Pools (under 8ha)	2
11.2 Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	2
12.2 Artificial/Aquatic - Ponds (below 8ha)	1
12.3 Artificial/Aquatic - Aquaculture Ponds	1

Lower Level Habitat Preferences

	Score
Grass Crops	2
Urban	1

Major threats

Code	Description of threat	Past	Present	Future
1	Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1	Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1	Crops	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1.3	Agro-industry farming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Conservation Measures

Code	Conservation measures	In place	Needed
1	Policy-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2.1	Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2.1.1	International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.1.5	Abandonment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1.2 National level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3	Extraction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2 Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.6	Groundwater extraction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2.1 International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.8	Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2.2 National level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Changes in native species dynamics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 Communication and Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8.5	Pathogens/parasites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.2 Awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Intrinsic factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 Research actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9.7	Slow growth rates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.2 Population numbers and range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9.9	Restricted range	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.3 Biology and Ecology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					3.4 Habitat status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					3.5 Threats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					3.8 Conservation measures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					3.9 Trends/Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4 Habitat and site-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4.1 Maintenance/Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4.4 Protected areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4.4.1 Identification of new protected areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4.4.2 Establishment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4.4.3 Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Utilisation of Species

Purpose/Type of Use	Subsistence	National	International	Other purpose:	
Primary forms removed from the wild	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50% <25%	Other forms removed from the wild:
Source of specimens in commercial trade	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50% <25%	Other source of specimens:
Trend in wild offtake/harvest in relation to total wild population numbers over last five years:					
Trend in offtake/harvest produced through domestication/cultivation over last five years:					
CITES: Not listed					

Red Listing

Red List Assessment: Vulnerable (VU) Possibly Extinct

Red List Criteria: B2ab(iii,iv)

Rationale for the Red List Assessment: Listed as Vulnerable, because its Area of Occupancy is less than 2,000 km², its distribution is severely fragmented, and there is a continuing decline in the extent and quality of its habitat and in the number of subpopulations.

Current Population Trend: Decreasing Date of Assessment: 12/17/2004

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Notes on Red listing:

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