

# Salamandra lanzai

**Taxonomic Authority:** Nascetti, Capula and Bullini, 1988

**Synonyms:**

**Region:** 10

**Common Names:**

Lanza's Alpine Salamander      English  
salamandra di Lanza      Italian

**Order:** Caudata

**Family:** Salamandridae

**Notes on taxonomy:**

## General Information

**Biome**

Terrestrial       Freshwater       Marine

### **Geographic Range of species:**

This species is occurs only in a very small area of the western Alps on the border of Italy and France. It is distributed in the valleys of Po, Pellice and Germanasca in Italy and in the Guil Valley in France. It has also been reported to be (or have been) present on the Maritime Alps, in Cuneo Province. This finding is based upon a single specimen housed in Florence Museum, and with a label indicating its provenience as "Antracque", which is a mistake for Entracque, Valdieri (Cuneo). The species has not been found again at Entracque or nearby sites. Ribéron (2003) concluded that the species' distribution is decreasing, but this assertion is based solely on the Entracque specimen. The altitude record of 2,800m and corresponding locality (Lago delle Forciolline), as reported by Andreone and Sindaco (1999) and stressed by Vences et al. (2003) is most likely erroneous (Andreone et al., in press). Therefore, the species' altitudinal range is from 1,200 (perhaps less) to around 2,600m asl.

### **Habitat and Ecology Information:**

It is associated with rocky alpine meadows and scree slopes, often close to small streams, usually above the tree line. The known sites of this species at lower elevations may have mixed or coniferous forest. It gives birth to one to six fully metamorphosed young on land (Noellert and Noellert, 1996), and is not associated with water. This species hides beneath rocks and stones when inactive and may be found in pastureland and other slightly modified habitats.

### **Conservation Measures:**

It is listed on Annex IV of the EU Natural Habitats Directive and on Appendix II of the Berne Convention under Salamandra atra. There is a need to maintain traditional forest and alpine management within the species range. It is found in protected areas in both Italy and France.

### **Threats:**

While there are no major threats to this species, some localised development for tourism may be disturbing the habitat.

### **Species population information:**

The small known populations of this species are considered to be stable. The Germanasca Valley (Torino Province) population was reduced during 2000 because of habitat changes caused by unusually high levels of precipitation.

## Country Distribution

	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced	Vagrant
France	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Italy	<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
4.4 Grassland - Temperate	1
11.2 Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	1

## Lower Level Habitat Preferences

	Score
Cold Grassland	1
Cool Conifer Forest	2
Cool Forest and Field	1
Forest and Field	1
Mixed Forest	2
Semi Desert Shrubs	9
Small Leaf Mixed Woods	2

## Major threats

Code	Description of threat	Past	Present	Future
1	Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)	<input 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"/>

1.4	Infrastructure development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2	Legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4.3	Tourism/recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1	Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Intrinsic factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1.1	International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.2	Poor recruitment/reproduction/regeneration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2	Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.9	Restricted range	<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"/>
10	Human disturbance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	Research actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10.1	Recreation/tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.2	Population numbers and range	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4.4	Protected areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					4.4.2	Establishment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					4.4.3	Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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%	<i>Other forms removed from the wild:</i>
Source of specimens in commercial trade	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50% <25%	<i>Other source of specimens:</i>

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: D2

Rationale for the Red List Assessment: Listed as Vulnerable because it is known from fewer than five locations.

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

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Notes on Red listing:

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