



## Podarcis sicula

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<b>Annex</b>	IV
<b>Priority</b>	No
<b>Species group</b>	Reptiles
<b>Regions</b>	Alpine, Continental, Mediterranean

### *Podarcis sicula*

According to the IUCN Red List, the Italian Wall Lizard is found in many southern European countries, ranging from Spain to Turkey. It is a species without a specific habitat preference. It is found in temperate forests and shrublands, different types of grasslands, rocky areas and urban areas.

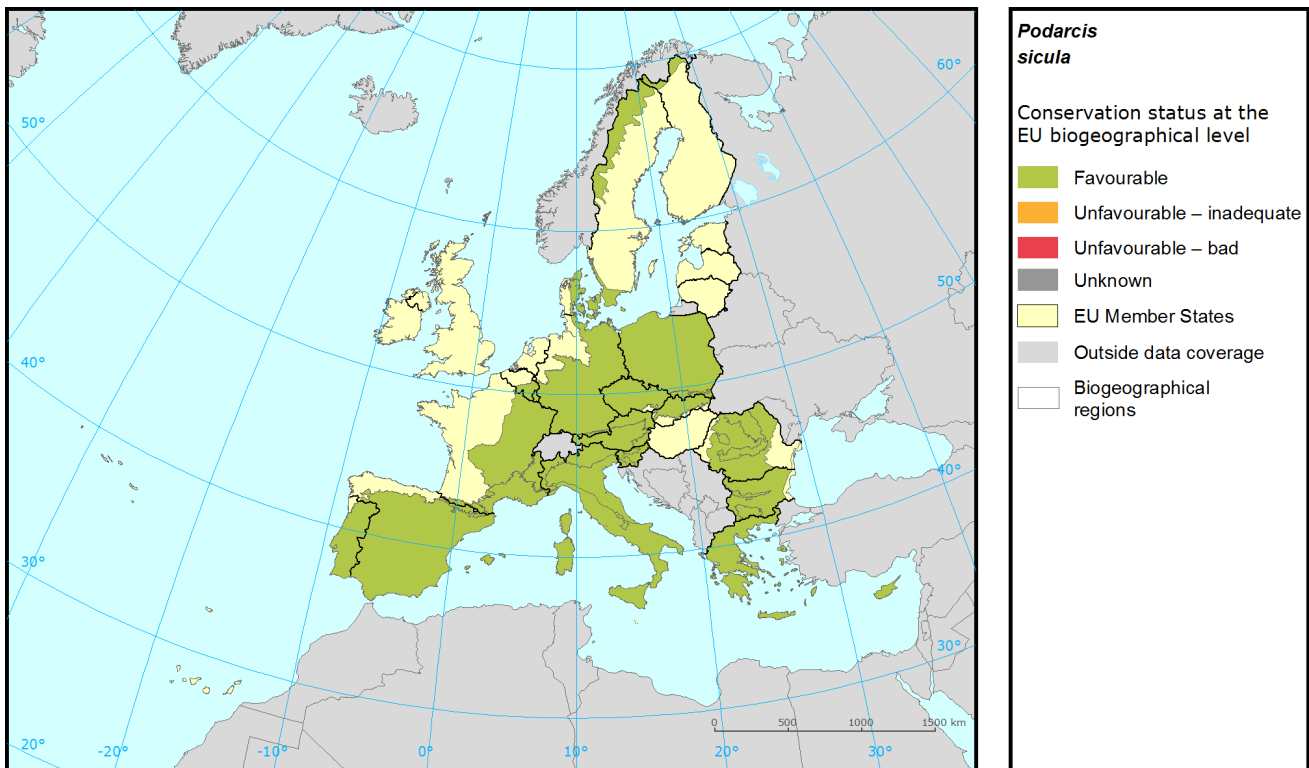
For Article 17 reporting the species is reported by Italy and Slovenia for the Alpine, Continental and Mediterranean biogeographical regions. The conservation status of the species in these biogeographical regions is assessed as 'favourable' across all three regions for which there are reports. This marks a change from the status 'unknown' for the Alpine and Continental regions in the previous reporting period, which is due to a change in the data available in Italy. The species also occurs in the Mediterranean region of France, where its Red List status is 'least concern'. Italy has reported agricultural intensification, roads, paths and railroads, reduction of habitat connectivity, urbanisation and burning as high- and medium-ranked pressures and threats for this species.

The IUCN Red List classifies the species as least concern due to its wide distribution, large population, and tolerance for a broad range of habitats (<http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/61553/1> consulted on 25 February 2015).

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## Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level



Region	Conservation status (CS) of parameters				Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	Previous CS	Reason for change
	Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects					
ALP	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV	=	1	XX	Not genuine
CON	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV	=	23	XX	Not genuine
MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV	=	76	FV	

See the endnote for more information<sup>i</sup>

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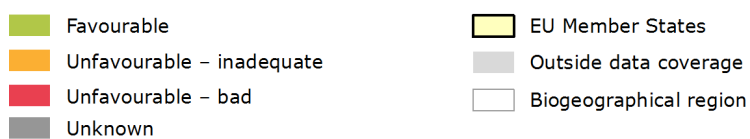
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## Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



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Distribution and conservation status at the Member State level



The map shows both Conservation Status and distribution using a 10 km x 10 km grid. Conservation status is assessed at biogeographical level. Therefore the representation in each grid cell is only illustrative.

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MS	Region	Conservation status of parameters				Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	Previous CS	Reason for change
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects					
IT	ALP	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		100.0	XX	Better data
IT	CON	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		98.5	XX	Better data
SI	CON	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		1.5	U1	Changed method
IT	MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		100.0	FV	

Knowing that not all changes in conservation status between the reporting periods were genuine, Member States were asked to give the reasons for changes in conservation status. Bulgaria and Romania only joined the EU in 2007 and Greece did not report for 2007-12 so no reason is given for change for these countries. Greek data shown above is from 2001-06.

## Main pressures and threats reported by Member States

Member States were asked to report the 20 most important threats and pressures using an agreed hierarchical list which can be found on the [Article 17 Reference Portal](#). Pressures are activities which are currently having an impact on the species and threats are activities expected to have an impact in the near future. Pressures and threats were ranked in three classes 'high, medium and low importance'; the tables below only show threats and pressures classed as 'high', for some species there were less than ten threats or pressures reported as highly important.

### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' pressures

Code	Activity	Frequency
A02	Modification of cultivation practices	50
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	50

### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

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This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive in 2013 and covering the period 2007-2012. More detailed information, including the MS reports, is available at:

<http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article17/reports2012/species/summary/?group=Reptiles&period=3&subject=Podarcis+sicula>

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**i Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level:** Current Conservation Status (Current CS) shows the status for the reporting period 2007-2012, Previous Conservation Status (Previous CS) for the reporting period 2000-2006. Reason for change in conservation status between the reporting periods indicates whether the changes in the status were genuine or not genuine. Previous Conservation Status was not assessed for Steppic, Black Sea and Marine Black Sea regions. For these regions the Previous status is therefore considered as 'unknown'. The percentage of the species population occurring within the biogeographical/marine region (% in region) is calculated based on the area of GIS distribution.