

Snake and Lizard Red List Authority



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The group has 13 members

2011 Update

- Snake and Lizard Red List Authority Chair formally appointed in February.
- Reviewing Red List accounts prepared for reptiles in Madagascar, Southeast Asia, South India and East Melanesia prior to publication.
- Assisted in preparation of RLA-approved species lists for Central America prior to that assessment project.
- Organized assessments of reptiles of the Comoros.
- These represent the first conservation assessments for the major reptile groups for these regions, and hence serve as a benchmark for evaluating progress towards the 2020 CBD targets.

Success Stories

- Added the results of the Madagascar Reptile Assessment to the Red List.
- Completed assessments for the reptiles of the Comoros Islands.
- Reviewed and submitted assessments for the reptiles of Yemen's Socotra Archipelago.

Challenges

- Developing a standardised taxonomic scheme for the world's eight to nine thousand species of lizards and snakes, whilst ensuring consistency with existing Red List entries.
- Ensuring the incorporation of new discoveries and taxonomic changes into the Red List following Global Reptile Assessment workshops.

Future Goals

- Updating of previously-assessed regions, including the addition of, and amendments to, species accounts for the Philippines, Madagascar and Mexico.
- Submission for publication in 2012 of recently-completed workshops in Southeast Asia, South India and East Melanesia.
- Review and submission for publication in 2012 of results from forthcoming Global Reptile Assessment workshops in the Arabian Peninsula, Central America and West Africa (the latter to be published in 2013).

