



6th Symposium on the Lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin

Invitation to round tables

Dear friends and colleagues,

During the *6th International Symposium on the Lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin* we are also two round tables (although additional ideas and proposals are always welcome). These two round tables are:

1. Conservation of endangered and isolated populations and species, organised by Panagiota Maragou, WWF Greece.

Through the exchange of ideas and experiences during this round table we will try to address research and conservation needs as well as conservation practises and management responses targeted to species that are either endemic to the Mediterranean basin or have isolated and restricted populations. Lacertid lizards can provide many similar examples and case studies, given their high level of endemism and the abundance of isolated populations especially in the Mediterranean islands. The Mediterranean basin is a biodiversity “hotspot” for many different taxa, and as a result the significance, vulnerability and management requirements of endemic and isolated species, is an issue of general interest. This is why invitation to this round table is open to people working with other families.

2. Inventory, Taxonomy and Conservation status of Mediterranean Lacertidae, organized by Petros Lymberakis, NHMC

This will conclude in a list of Mediterranean Lacertidae possibly with comments on recent changes in nomenclature, problematic cases research should focus on, discussion, comments and updates on the results from the IUCN workshop. Should there be interest a tentative list for discussion will be proposed.

The organization of these round tables depends on participation interest. Therefore, **please let us know whether you would be interested to participate in either of these round tables presenting a case study or perhaps a more general comment.** Also please forward this message and information to anyone you think might be interested (or suitable) in these two proposed round table themes.

Each round table will include an introductory presentation outlining the main questions and issues and 3-5 case studies that will expand on the original questions and hopefully propose additional ones to explore and even dismiss. Each presentation

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should not exceed 10-15 minutes so as to have time and energy for lively discussions and a fruitful exchange of ideas.

Some compensation of expenses might be possible (depending on budget restrictions, interest and necessity) so, please, indicate if this would be mandatory in order for you to participate in the panel of these round tables.

For additional information and/or expression of interest you can contact either Panagiota Maragou (p.maragou@wwf.gr) or Petros Lymberakis (lyberis@nhmc.uoc.gr).

Thank you in advance and looking forward to seeing you in Lesvos.