

New Records of Dalmatian *Algyroides* (*Algyroides nigropunctatus*, DUMERIL and BIBRON, 1839) (Lacertidae) in Montenegro with Comment on its Conservation Status

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Abstract: Dalmatian *Algyroides* (*Algyroides nigropunctatus*, DUMERIL and BIBRON, 1839) is a Balkan subendemic lacertid lizard with strong dependence on the Mediterranean climatic conditions. Its distribution area is restricted to the coastal zone and the islands of the Eastern Adriatic and in the Western part of Ionian Sea. Relatively few data of Dalmatian *Algyroides* were known for the territory of Serbia and Montenegro. This species was found relatively deep inlands in the valleys, canyons and gorges of the Eastern Adriatic tributaries in Montenegro, as well as in Metohia (Serbia). In this paper, we present more precise insight into the distributional pattern of this species in Montenegro. Conservation status of this species in Serbia and Montenegro is also proposed.

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