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The Reptiles of the Western Palearctic. 1. Annotated Checklist and Distributional Atlas of the Turtles, Crocodiles, Amphisbaenians and Lizards of Europe, North Africa, Middle East and Central Asia.

By Roberto Sindaco and Valery K. Jeremcenko.

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This book shows a comprehensive picture of the reptiles, excluding snakes, living in Europe, North Africa, Middle and Near East and Central Asia.

The bulks of this book are an annotated checklist and a distributional atlas of about 500 species of lizards, crocodiles, turtles and terrapins, and amphisbaenians, living in the Western Palearctic.

Information on distribution, subspecies, chorotype and main references are provided for each species, as well as 226 nice colour maps showing the global distribution of the species on a grid of 1 degree. For each species map the bibliographic and original sources (more than 850 sources are listed) are indicated.

Other 83 additional white and black maps show the distribution of all genera and main species groups of Palearctic reptiles.

Beside the checklist and the atlas, in some additional chapters the following arguments are treated: Materials and Methods; Status of knowledge on the Palearctic fauna; Composition of the Western Palearctic reptile fauna (including a statement on biodiversity and species richness); Descriptive biogeography (including a discussion on the Palearctic Region boundaries based on reptile distribution and the herpeto-geographic sectors of the Western Palearctic); Conservation status.

A list of more than 730 references quoted in the text and high quality colour plates including photos of most of the supraspecific taxa living in the study area completes the book.

Preface. *“This work is the first to attempt a synopsis of the reptiles of the Western Palearctic (with the exception of the snakes, planned for a second volume). It is more than a checklist, as it includes distribution maps for all taxa, distribution statements, including chorotypes, notes on unsettled taxonomic questions, and principal references. It also contains a discussion of the descriptive biogeography of the reptiles of the Western Palearctic. It is an extension of the senior author’s previous work, which includes checklists of the Mediterranean and Anatolian herpetofaunas. Perhaps best known for his primary research on amphibians of Italy and elsewhere, Dr. Roberto Sindaco has recently turned his attention to summary works on reptiles which will be of service to a larger audience. His collaboration with Dr. Valery K. Jeremcenko, an expert on the herpetology of Central Asia, has enabled them to include the Russian literature and other sources on that portion of the Palearctic.*

Too often such summary work does not receive the respect given to primary research, yet such are the tools upon which we all rely and use most frequently. This volume will never be out of my reach as I continue my research on taxa of this part of the world”.

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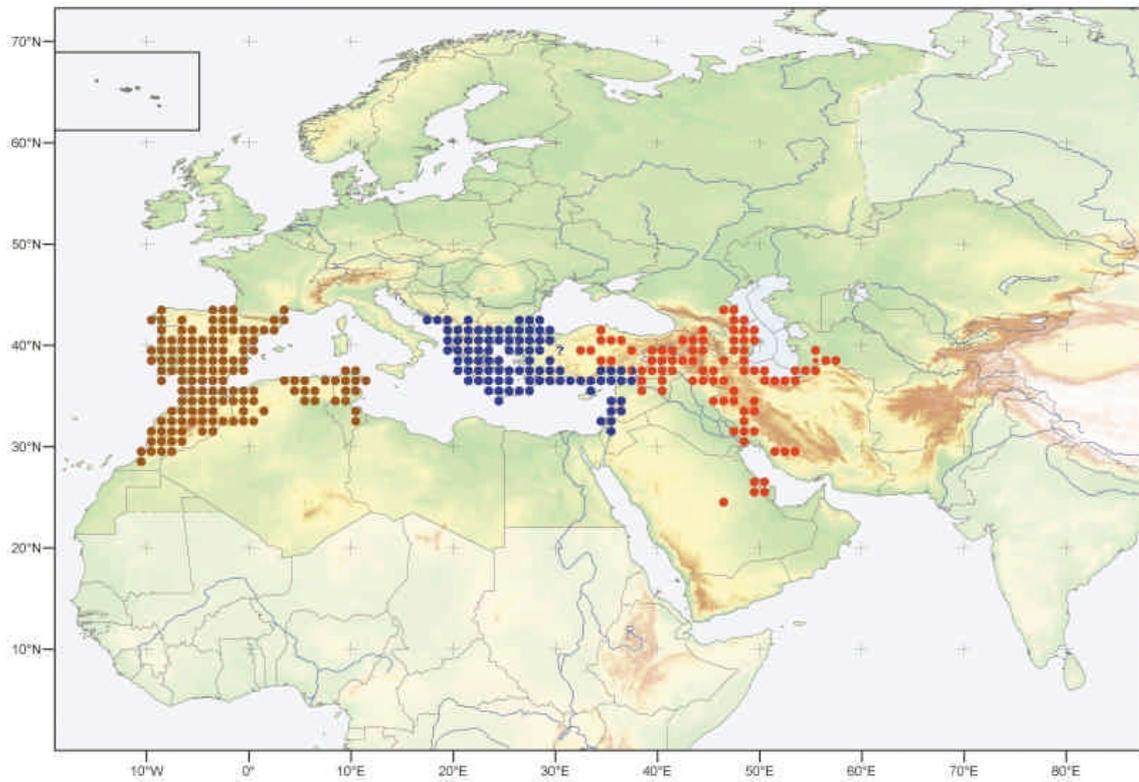
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EXAMPLE OF DISTRIBUTIONAL MAPS OF SPECIES



Map 9 – Global distribution of *Mauremys leprosa* (brown), *M. rivulata* (blue), *M. caspica* (red).

EXAMPLE OF W/B DISTRIBUTIONAL MAPS OF GENERA AND SPECIES GROUPS

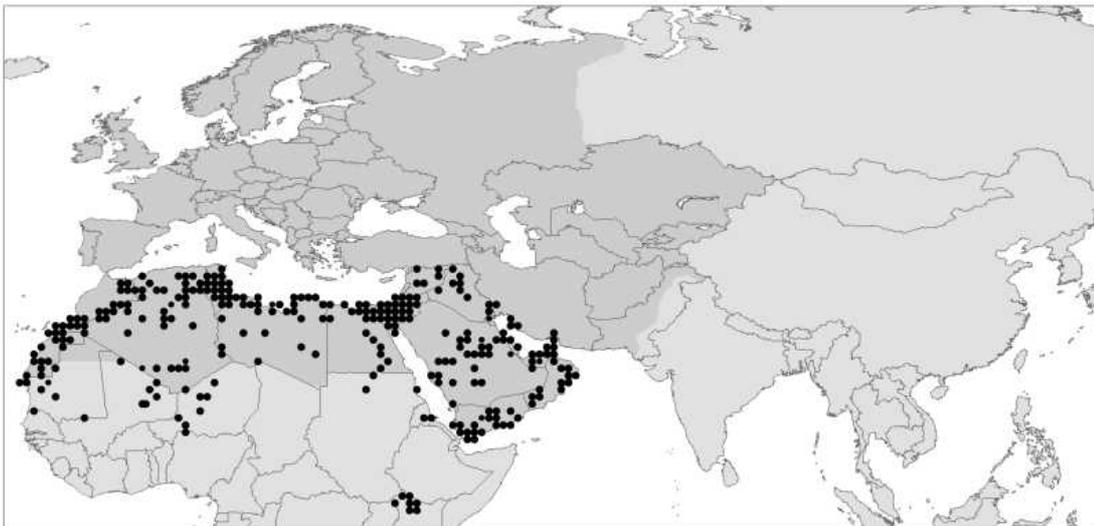


Fig. 18 - Global distribution of the genus *Stenodactylus*.

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