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# Eremias andersoni, Anderson's Racerunner

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### Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Squamata	Lacertidae

Taxon Name: Eremias andersoni Darevsky & Szczerbak, 1978

#### Common Name(s):

• English: Anderson's Racerunner

### **Assessment Information**

Red List Category & Criteria:	Least Concern ver 3.1			
Year Published:	2009			
Date Assessed:	December 14, 2008			

#### Justification:

Listed as Least Concern in view of its abundance within its restricted distribution, its is found within a well-protected area, and because its habitat is unlikely to be declining fast enough to qualify for listing in a more threatened category.

### **Geographic Range**

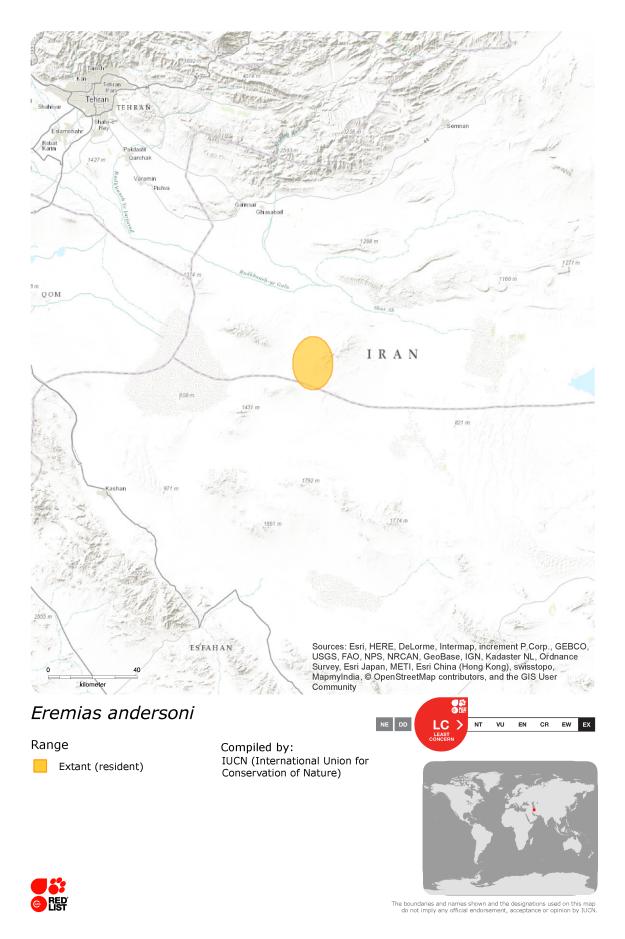
#### **Range Description:**

This species is endemic to Iran, where it is known only from the type locality of '40-45km E Daryachehye Namak, Dasht-e Kavir' (Nilson and Andrén, 1981; Anderson, 1999).

#### **Country Occurrence:**

Native: Iran, Islamic Republic of

## **Distribution Map**



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## Population

It is known from very few specimens. Animals are reported to be numerous within suitable habitat (Anderson, 1999).

Current Population Trend: Stable

### Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

It is found in isolated areas of semi-stable sands in stony desert (Anderson, 1999). It is largely found in the low areas between dunes among grasses and low shrubs (Anderson, 1999).

Systems: Terrestrial

## Threats

There appear to be no major threats to this species within its restricted, but well-protected range. Few people are found within the range of this species.

#### **Conservation Actions** (see Appendix for additional information)

This species is present within the well-protected Kavir National Park. The species remains poorly known, and further general studies are needed into the distribution, abundance, breeding biology and ecology of this species.

## Credits

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## Appendix

## Habitats

(http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes)

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
8. Desert -> 8.1. Desert - Hot	-	Suitable	-

## **Conservation Actions in Place**

(http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes)

Conservation Actions in Place	
In-Place Land/Water Protection and Management	
Conservation sites identified: Yes, over entire range	

# **Research Needed**

(http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes)

#### **Research Needed**

- 1. Research -> 1.2. Population size, distribution & trends
- 1. Research -> 1.3. Life history & ecology

# Additional Data Fields

#### Population

Population severely fragmented: No

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