

# EUROPEAN RED LIST OF AMPHIBIANS

## Supramonte Cave Salamander (*Speleomantes supramontis*)

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**The Supramonte Cave Salamander is limited to a small area in central-eastern Sardinia (Italy) where it is threatened by habitat loss and illegal collection. The species was formerly common to abundant, but recently appears to have undergone a significant population decline. Further research into the threats causing the recent declines are needed. This species is listed as Endangered in Europe, according to the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria.**



The Supramonte Cave Salamander (*Speleomantes supramontis*) is endemic to central-eastern Sardinia around the Gulf of Orosei, Italy.

Populations are found in humid rocky outcrops, limestone caves, crevices, and forested areas with a good growth of moss in the vicinity of streams. It reproduces through the direct development (no tadpole stage) of a few terrestrial eggs.

Although the species has often been considered to be common, and even abundant within suitable habitat, it recently appears to have undergone a decline and has become more difficult to observe in its limited range.

The species is protected by international laws. It is listed on Appendix II of the Bern Convention, and on Annexes II

and IV of the EU Habitats Directive. Further research into the threats leading to the recent apparent declines in this species is needed.

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