METADATA: Digital Distribution Maps on *The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species*™

Version 5.2

Identification Information

1. Introduction: This dataset contains distribution information on species assessed for *The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species*™. The maps are developed as part of a comprehensive assessment of global biodiversity in order to highlight taxa threatened with extinction, and thereby promote their conservation.

The *IUCN Red List of Threatened Species* assessment data are made freely available for non-commercial use to help inform conservation planning and other decision making processes (see Point 2 below). For more information about the assessment process and the underlying data, please see the IUCN Red List website (www.iucnredlist.org/).

The data are held in shapefiles, the Esri native format, and contain the known range of each species. Ranges are depicted as polygons. DBF files accompanying each polygon contain taxonomic information, and contain information on distribution status, sources and other details about the maps (see Data Attributes section below).

2. Use Constraints: These data and any derivatives may not be used for commercial or any revenue generating activities without prior written permission from IUCN. All forms of reposting, sub-licensing, reselling or other forms of redistribution of these data in their original format are also prohibited without prior written permission from IUCN. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of Use at: http://www.iucnredlist.org/info/terms-of-use.

3. Credits: Users MUST provide the appropriate credit(s) for this spatial data if it is used in any product produced in any media.
For individual species maps, credit information is provided in the Citation field of the attribute data which accompanies each shapefile. This information should be used in conjunction with the credit information for the spatial data set as a whole using the following format:

<citation field information><year>. *The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version <Red List version>*. http://www.iucnredlist.org. Downloaded on <insert appropriate date>.

where <year> refers to the latest year in the YEAR attribute data field for the species. See Data Attributes table below, and *<Red List version>* should be the latest version on the IUCN Red List website.

For example, if the spatial data for the Reticulate Collared Lizard (*Crotaphytus reticulatus*) was used in a field guide, the credit for the map would be as follows:

NatureServe and IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) 2007. *Crotaphytus reticulatus*. *The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species . Version 2014.*1 http://www.iucnredlist.org. Downloaded on 05 June 2014.

To provide credit to the dataset as a whole (or in general) or to substantial portions of the dataset the following citation should be used:

IUCN 2016. The *IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2016-1*. http://www.iucnredlist.org. Downloaded on <insert appropriate date>.

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Spatial Reference Information

6. Projection: Unprojected (Geographic Coordinate system)

7. Projection Parameters: Units: decimal degrees

8. Datum: WGS_1984

9. Base Maps: Please see the IUCN Red List website resources page for more information

Data Attributes:

Please see the Standards Documentation section on the IUCN Spatial Data Resources page on the IUCN Red List website for more information about the polygons and points standards.

Note: the data attributes used to be in this document, but they have been removed to keep this document short, and also is now linking to the most up to date version on the website.

Metadata Reference Information

13. Metadata Date:
Nov 2009 (Version 1)

14. Most recent Update:
March 2017 (version 5.2)