

Current Distribution and Some Features of the Biology of the Common Lizard – *Zootoca vivipara* (Lichtenstein, 1823) (Lacertidae, Reptilia) in the Saratov Region

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On the territory of the Saratov region, the populations of viviparous lizards mainly inhabit the river valleys of the Don basin. Most populations were found along the sides of lake basins. In the conditions of the drying up of floodplain lakes, some populations have degraded while the others have moved to river-bed biotopes. The reduction in the number of local populations has led to their increased disconnection. The disconnection of populations in the marginal areas of the habitat determines the need to preserve the protected status of the species in the Red Data book of the Saratov region.

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