

New findings of the Aesculapian skidder *Zamenis longissimus* (Laurenti, 1768) (Colubridae, Reptilia) in the Republic of Adygea

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Abstract. Data on new findings of the Aesculapian skidder *Zamenis longissimus* (Laurenti, 1768) in the Republic of Adygea, specifying the northern border of the species' habitat, are given. *Z. longissimus* should be considered a naturally rare species throughout the entire part of its distribution in the Republic of Adygea. Apparently, the direct destruction of these snakes by humans is the main threat to the species in the region.

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