

Mabuya mabouya* (Lesser Antillean Skink).*Conservation.**

Date of observation: 9 May 2010. Location: Guadeloupe: îles de la Petite Terre; île de Terre de Bas. Coordinates: 16.17, -61.121. Elevation: 3 m. Voucher: image. This native species has become very rare on Guadeloupe where it was recorded only twice in recent years, on Terre de Bas of Petite Terre in 1998 (Lorvelec O, Pascal M., Pavis C & Feldmann P, 2007, Amphibians and reptiles of the French West Indies: Inventory, threats and conservation, *Applied Herpetology*, 4, 131-161) and on La Désirade in 2000 (Breuil M, 2002, *Histoire naturelle des amphibiens et reptiles terrestres de l'archipel Guadeloupéen*, Paris: Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, 339 p.). We observed one individual on 9 May 2010 (10:40) and four individuals on 10 May 2010 (08:00-08:30), all isolated and exposed on the side of a dry-stone wall. This observation is encouraging because it indicates that the population persists on this island, which is part of a national nature reserve, despite the presence of black rats (*Rattus rattus*), a potential threat. Accompanied by Joël Berchel, Claudie Pavis, and Mathieu Brosaud.

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