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Geographical range

Amazing Species: Chapa

The **Chapa**, *Iberus gualtieranus*, is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened species™. Endemic to the Iberian Peninsula, Spain, it occurs in only four isolated populations in the southeast, in Jaén, Granada and Almería. It is also known from several other narrower, isolated and restricted sites in eastern Andalucía.

Since this species occurs at very low densities, and no natural migration is possible between populations, it faces an increased risk of extinction by threats such as wildfires, urbanization and agricultural development, and overexploitation. The low rates of reproduction of this landsnail mean that the indiscriminate and uncontrolled collection for consumption has severely impacted the viability of future populations.

Conservation of Chapa has focused on reinforcing numbers with individuals reared in captivity. Since 2005, a Conservation Plan has been developed with the Programme for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Land Snails of Andalusia, and future protection of this species will depend on managing (or preventing) food harvesting which continues due to its high market value.

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Experts ^{EQ}
Action ^{EQ}
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