

THE MUSEU BOCAGE NEW LACERTID LIZARDS COLLECTION –  
ESTABLISHED AFTER THE 1978 FIRE

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In 1978 a huge fire consumed almost entirely Museu Bocage and all the herpetological collection was lost. According to CRESPO (1972; 1975), the valuable lacertid collection included 554 portuguese specimens (assigned to 7 species) mostly from Estremadura and Alentejo regions and also (although at a minor level) from the North of Portugal.

After the fire, a contribution of various donors has rendered possible to build up a new herpetological collection, especially in what concerns lacertids. Nowadays, the total lacertid lizard fauna assigned to Portugal is represented by 914 specimens (9 species) that came mostly from Gerês, Montesinho and Estrela Mountains, North Alentejo, Berlenga Island, Lisbon area and to a less extent from Alentejo Coast and part of Algarve.

In this communication we present the “state of the art” of the new portuguese lacertid collection, making an analysis of the capture effort and drawing up an inventory both of the geographic regions and the species relatively to which it urges to increase that effort.

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