

## Kurzmitteilungen

### Zur Wiederfundhäufigkeit des Feuersalamanders (*Salamandra salamandra*) im Freiland

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#### Recovery frequency of the fire salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*) in nature

Since 1973 in the northern Sauerland (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany) adult fire salamanders are occasionally observed at a specific area 3–13 times per year. During this time 415 distinct specimens were photographed. 303 (73,0 %) animals were recorded in only one year, 112 animals (27,0 %) at least in another year. Six animals were recorded over 7–12 years, corresponding a maximum age of 15–16 years.

**Key words:** Amphibia, Urodela, Salamandridae, *Salamandra salamandra*, recovery frequency, Germany.

### Neue Fundorte des Springfrosches (*Rana dalmatina*) im Gramschatzer Wald (Landkreis Würzburg)

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#### New records of the agile frog (*Rana dalmatina*) in the »Gramschatzer Wald« (Würzburg district/Bavaria)

Within the forest area »Gramschatzer Wald« north of Würzburg 5 spawning sites of the agile frog were found during March/April 2010. It's the first record of *Rana dalmatina* for this region.

**Key words:** Amphibia, Ranidae, *Rana dalmatina*, distribution, forest area north of Würzburg.

## ***In alpe Etscher: auf der Jagd nach Ichthyosaura\****

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### ***In alpe Etscher: on the hunt for Ichthyosaura***

*Proteus tritonius* Laurenti, 1768, a branchiate urodele described from mount Ötscher in Lower Austria, is the type species of the genus *Ichthyosaura* Sonnini & Latreille, 1801. It has been tentatively identified as a larva of the Alpine newt. Hence, *Ichthyosaura* has recently been proposed as genus name for Alpine newts. The absence of specimens from the type locality, however, creates a potentially unstable nomenclatural situation that might be upset by designation of a neotype of *Proteus tritonius* belonging to another species. We visited the type locality of *Proteus tritonius*, where we observed larvae of *Bufo bufo* and adults and larvae of Alpine newts, but no other urodeles. These observations add further support to the identification of *Proteus tritonius* as larva of *Ichthyosaura alpestris* [formerly in *Triturus*].

**Key words:** Nomenclature, taxonomy, Alpine newt, Salamandridae.

## **Funde des Alpensalamanders (*Salamandra atra*) auf über 2000 m Höhe im Nationalpark Berchtesgaden**

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### **Records of the Alpine salamander (*Salamandra atra*) above 2000 m altitude in the national park Berchtesgaden (Germany)**

We report on several new records of the Alpine salamander between 2000 and 2100 m altitude in the surrounding of the Hundstod.

**Key words:** Amphibia, Urodela, Salamandridae, *Salamandra atra*, new altitude records, Germany.

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