

ameles fasciipennis

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Translation on following page.

confirm the validity of this species
evaluate its presence in the wild
very cryptic and not easily collected
never collected or reported again
never found again

the date is illegible
probably ---
has not been seen since despite extensive entomological surveys;
recorded only once
(the label is ambiguous)

only a single specimen collected
a single specimen of a male
well-separated from the others
the main differences relate to the structure of the genitals --
 the ear is located on the ventral midline of the metathorax, between the legs
-- found in a museum collection

no suspects of its presence in other localities
Now: located in an intensively cultivated area unsuitable for large populations of other species
Then: less intensively cultivated and a more suitable vegetation for this genus was present
the main threat to this species which led it to extinction --
 the only species with this status in the IUCN Red List
-- may have been habitat reduction
a result of human economic activity

has not been found in the last 150 years
should be considered as Critically Endangered
 possibly Extinct
so the possibility still exists that this species still survives somewhere and should not be considered
extinct

Action recovery plan: No