

S00100 – Rick Worthy

* Can you suggest any changes to the draft revised NSW animals keepers species list to ensure specific species are subject to the appropriate level of regulation.

Opposed to scanning 10 documents as per Draft species risk assessment tool I have tried to simplify my suggestion.

*species of geckos that should be changed from R2 to R1 or to the code due to there husbandry being very easy.

* Dotted Velvet Gecko species code 2132

Oedura gemmata

* Diplodactylus Galeatus species code 2057

Helmeted Geckos

* Diplodactylus granariensis species code 2058

Wheatbelt stone Gecko

* Cryptodactylus louisianensis species code 2049

Ring-tailed Gecko

* Strophurus Spinigerus species code 2069

South-west Spiny tailed Gecko

Proposed by Rick Worthy

Human health and safety risk

Low , Low

Risk of escaped animals to the environment

Low , Low

These animals would not survive a NSW winter so therefore no threat to environment .

Risk of take from the wild

Due to the remote range of these animals they are at very low risk of poaching.

All are very easy to breed in captivity therefore numbers would increase once taken off R2

Conservation status on all animals is common to very common.

Impact on wild populations

Low

Welfare and Husbandry

All the above species are very easy to maintain and breed , I have been working with these species for quite a few years and have found that there is no real specialised requirements needed.

Dietary requirements, fed woodies , crickets every second feed dusted with a calcium powder. Sprayed with water once a week in winter 2 a week in summer .

Housing requirements, standard enclosure with heating from the bottom of enclosure with heat cord / mat or nocturnal light for heating .

Strophurus species UVB 0.5 light is also required.

Ease of breeding, easy to very easy

Other issues , none

Keepers competency none

I have kept and bred the above species and never really understood why they where R2 animals .

They are as easy to keep as are there subspecies on R1 so it makes no sense having them on R2 .

New Geckos species to be added to the current list under the Code or R1

* Kristins Gecko

Strophurus krisalys

This species has been confused with Strophurus ciliaris as it can look like ciliaris and is kept in collections under ciliaris.

To prevent hybridisation I feel this species should be added to the list .

* *Diplodactylus furcosus*

Rangers Stone Gecko

This species has also been confused with *Diplodactylus granariensis* in collections therefore it should be added to the list to prevent confusion and hybridisation.

* *Strophurus Strophurus*

Western Spiny tailed Gecko

Very common in its range , *Strophurus* are a easy to keep species , I believe they are kept in Queensland therefore should be added to the list .

These species fall under the same husbandry requirements as the above proposed species to be moved from R2 to R1 or the code .

Thank you for the offer to comment on these changes if you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email