

## How to make an artificial shelter for lizards

You can download instructions for making an artificial stone-shaped shelter for lizards at this link.



## Keep a count of your lizards

It is recommended that you count the lizard density before establishing the protective measures for the refuge, and then count again later to see how the population numbers have evolved. This can be done with your children or with school groups.

You can contribute to the conservation of the species by providing your data through the following Google Form managed by the COFIB which also includes the counting methodology.



It is recommended that you install informative signs about the need for lizard reserves in public areas or areas frequented by crowds, such as schools, hotels, etc.,

Download a comprehensive guide on best practices for effectively managing your lizard reserve and additional details at the website of the PRTE-EU project Control of Invasive Species on the Balearic Islands (2022–2026).



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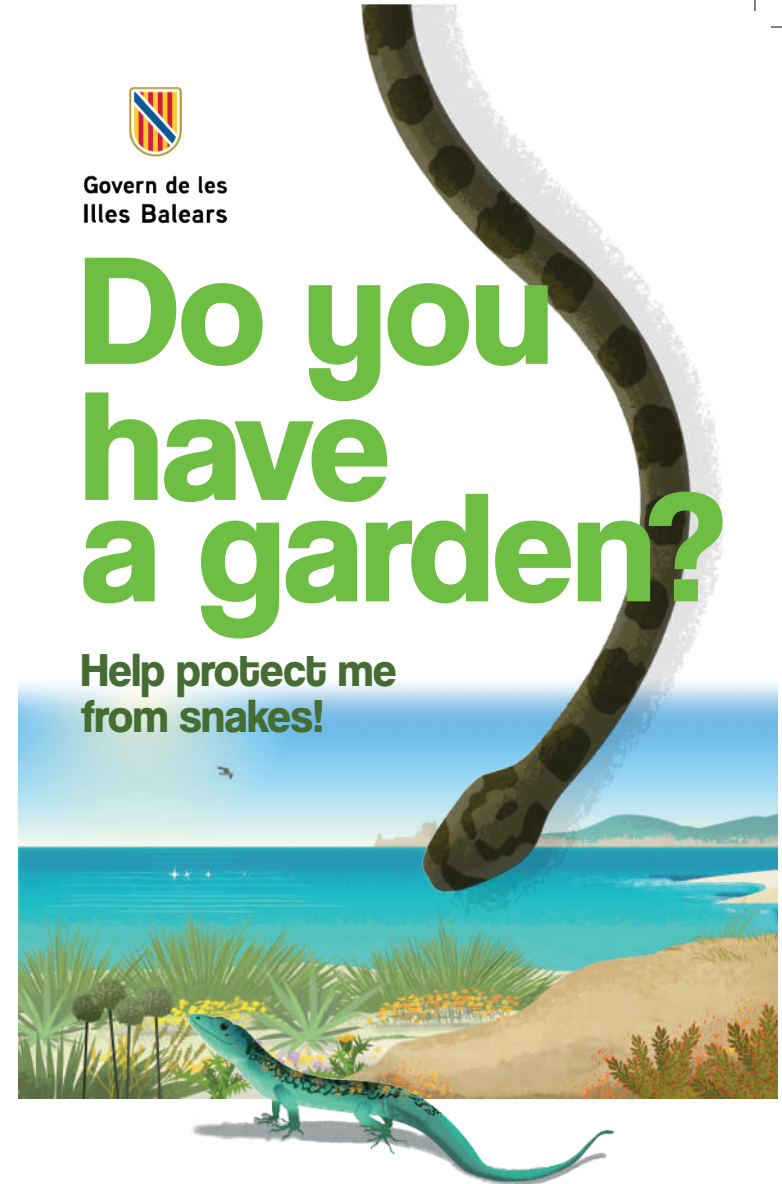


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# Do you have a garden?

Help protect me from snakes!



Creation of reserves for the Ibiza wall lizard in parks and gardens, under the framework of the Urban Greening Plans promoted through the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

## Endangered lizards

The Ibiza wall lizard (*Podarcis pityusensis*) is the only surviving species of non-flying terrestrial vertebrate fauna which inhabited Ibiza and Formentera before the arrival of humans.

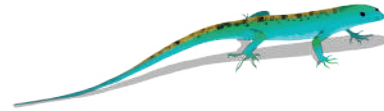
These lizards are present across the Pitiusic Islands (i.e., the islands of Ibiza and Formentera), including the smallest islets, and have become a symbol of nature's coexistence with humans.

In the first decade of the 21st century, its tranquillity was disturbed by the arrival and proliferation of snakes as a result of the importation of ornamental trees, because the snakes feed on the lizards.



## What is being done?

- To prevent the arrival of snakes through regulations.
- Capture of snakes to control their density.
- Creation of safe reserves for lizards in urban or peri-urban areas, which are difficult for snakes to reach.



## Will you help us create a paradise for lizards in your garden?

- There is no minimum size.
- It can be a private garden, public urban park, a municipal facility, school, tourist establishment, etc.
- It is important to ensure in advance that there are no predators present, in particular snakes, cat colonies, loose cats, or dogs without a lead.



## How to ensure a long, healthy life for lizards

- A variety of flowering and fruiting native plants, which cost less to maintain and require less water.
- Avoid using pesticides.
- Ensure a good balance of sun and shade.
- Avoid over-watering. Ideally, use drip irrigation rather than sprinkler irrigation.
- Provide shelters for night-time and winter, such as stone walls, rockeries, wooden planters or artificial shelters.
- Provide varied substrates, prioritise natural herbaceous vegetation (except grass) that is not weeded.
- Ensure that there are no potential predators in the area, in particular snakes and cats.
- Install a ramp or cord at the edge of pools of water, sewer grates or other places where lizards might fall, such as sinks or buckets (or turn them upside down), so they can get out and avoid drowning.

