



Odocoileus hemionus ssp. cerrosensis - Merriam, 1898

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Common Names: Cedros Island Black-tailed Deer (English), Cedros Island Mule Deer (English)

Synonyms: No Synonyms

Red List Status

EN - Endangered, D (IUCN version 2.3)

Red List Assessment

Assessment Information

Date of Assessment: 1996-08-01

Assessor(s): Deer Specialist Group

Regions: Global

Distribution

Geographic Range

Cedros Islands - Mexico.

Endemic to Cedros Island of Baja California. Believed by some observers to be extinct until 1980 survey.

Occurrence

Countries of Occurrence

Country	Presence	Origin	Formerly Bred	Seasonality
Mexico	Extant	Native	-	-

Population

Population in 1985 estimated to be around 275 animals and stable.

Habitats and Ecology

Utilizes open desert scrub, chaparral and closed cone pine forest. Breeding is between late October and mid-November. Most fawns born in June following a gestation of 183-208 days.

Systems

System: Terrestrial

Use and Trade

General Use and Trade Information

Occasionally hunted by local people for sport.

Threats

Hunting pressure was reported to have increased between 1980 and 1985.

Conservation

Legally Protected under Mexican law; all islands in area declared wildlife reserves in 1978. Ecological research program carried out in 1980 under aegis of WWF Project 1646. 1. Status survey and monitoring to determine present population and trend. Activities should include field reconnaissance, standardized and repeated population censuses, demographic surveys, ecological studies and investigations into human use of the animals. 2. If subsistence hunting proves a serious threat, seek alternative subsistence schemes. Develop conservation education programs and increase law enforcement if necessary.

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