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Morphologische Beobachtungen an *Testudo graeca iberica* auf der Insel Kos, Griechenland bezüglich des Schwanzschildes (Supracaudale)

Observations on morphology of (Testudo graeca iberica) on the island of Kos (Greece) – considering the supracaudal shield

Abstract

During a herpetological survey at the island of Kos, the authors observed *Testudo graeca iberica*. The portion of tortoises that show a divided supracaudal shield was analysed. This question is of interest because in the literature this is one of the so-called typical characters used to separate it from other European species *Testudo hermanni* (s.l.). From 115 specimens examined, 8 showed a divided supracaudal, thus 7 % in total. Furthermore significant differences exist between sites. In one place only 2 of 60 had this characteristic, but 5 of 24 at another site. Additionally the authors remark on unexpected differences in morphology (Marginalia) in one population.

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