ELAPHE SITULA (Leopard Snake). CROATIA: Sipan Island, ca. 20 airline km NW Dubrovnic. 14 September 1954. M. Radovanovic. Hungarian Natural History Museum (HNHM 65.137.1). Verified by B. Buzas. First island record; previously documented for nearby islands of Mljet and Korcula (Obst et al. 1993, pp. 431–453 In W. Bohme [ed.] Handbuch der Reptilien und Amphibien Europas, Vol. 3/I, Schlangen [Serpentes], I. Aula, Wiesbaden; K. Schulz 1996, A Monograph of the Colubrid Snakes of the Genus Elaphe Fitzinger. Koeltz, Havlickuv Brod. 439 pp.). Corbett (1989, Conservation of European Reptiles and Amphibians. Helm, London. 274 pp.) stated that this species is in rapid decline throughout its range. It is thus probable that this snake has since become extinct on Sipan.

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