

# **RESTORING HOPE: CONSERVATION EFFORTS FOR THE ENDANGERED DRAGONFLY (*Urothemis edwardsii* Selys) IN NORTHEAST ALGERIA**

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The restoration of endangered relict populations is challenging in conservation biology because they require specific environmental conditions within an inhospitable regional climate. *Urothemis edwardsii*Selys is the most endangered dragonfly in the Mediterranean with, until very recently, only one known relict small population (Lac Bleu) left in Northeast Algeria. With the absence of successful (re-)colonization over the last two decades, the restoration of the species, which became a top priority, was recently launched. To improve the status of the species in Northeast Algeria, we study the ecology and aspects of the biology of the species based on regular exuvia sampling and adult capture-mark-recapture. Here we present some preliminary results of our investigation.