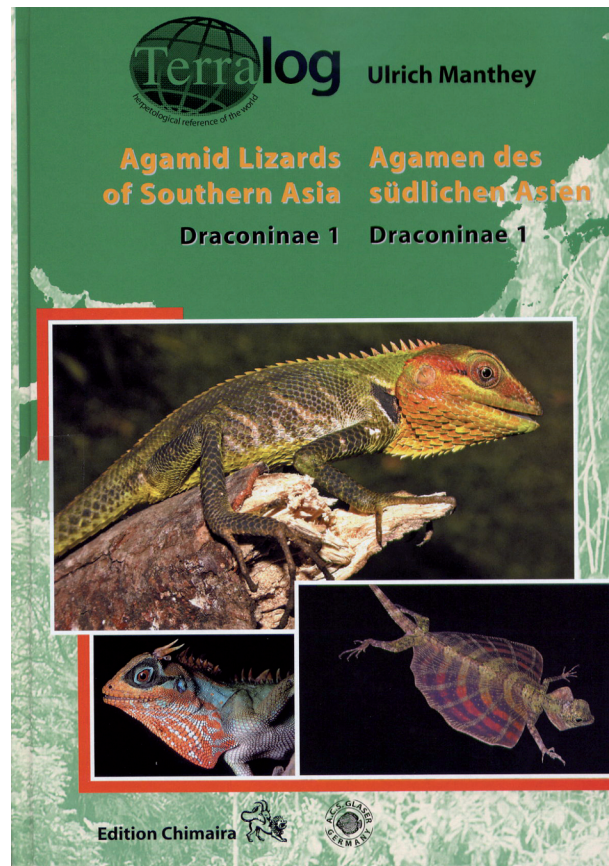


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This first part of the volume 7 of TERRALOG portrays 95 agamid species of the subfamily Draconinae from Asia. All species are roughly described with pictograms only (without text) and with a distribution map including the type locality. This book contains the most beautiful photo collection of agamid lizards of southern Asia that I have ever seen. Usually adult males, females and juveniles are figured for all species (often from more than one locality), totalling in more than 530 colour figures. The book not only pays deference to the tremendous colour variation of individuals in some of the treated species, but also to the great species diversity of this subfamily (species lacking in this book will be published in the second part of the volume). Additionally, for some species also the holotype or the habitats are illustrated. Most of the images are from the author himself but several other well-known agamid reserchers contributed images, e.g. J. McGuire, L. L. Grismer, W. Böhme, T. Ziegler or N. Orlov.

In the introduction the genera and some of the species are characterized (though not very exhaustive) and in some cases detailed information about the current taxonomic status (e.g. *Draco abbreviatus*) is considered as valid, or the distribution are given. These data include new findings, e.g. a first record of *Japalura tricarinata* for Tibet. The introduction includes also a part 'How to use the book', some information on husbandry of species and a list of bibliographical references. The text comes bilingual in English and German.

Summarizing, the book is not a taxonomic, ecological or naturalists' guide, but a perfect photographic account for professional and amateur herpetologists who are interested in the family Agamidae in general, or more specifically in the subfamily Draconinae.



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