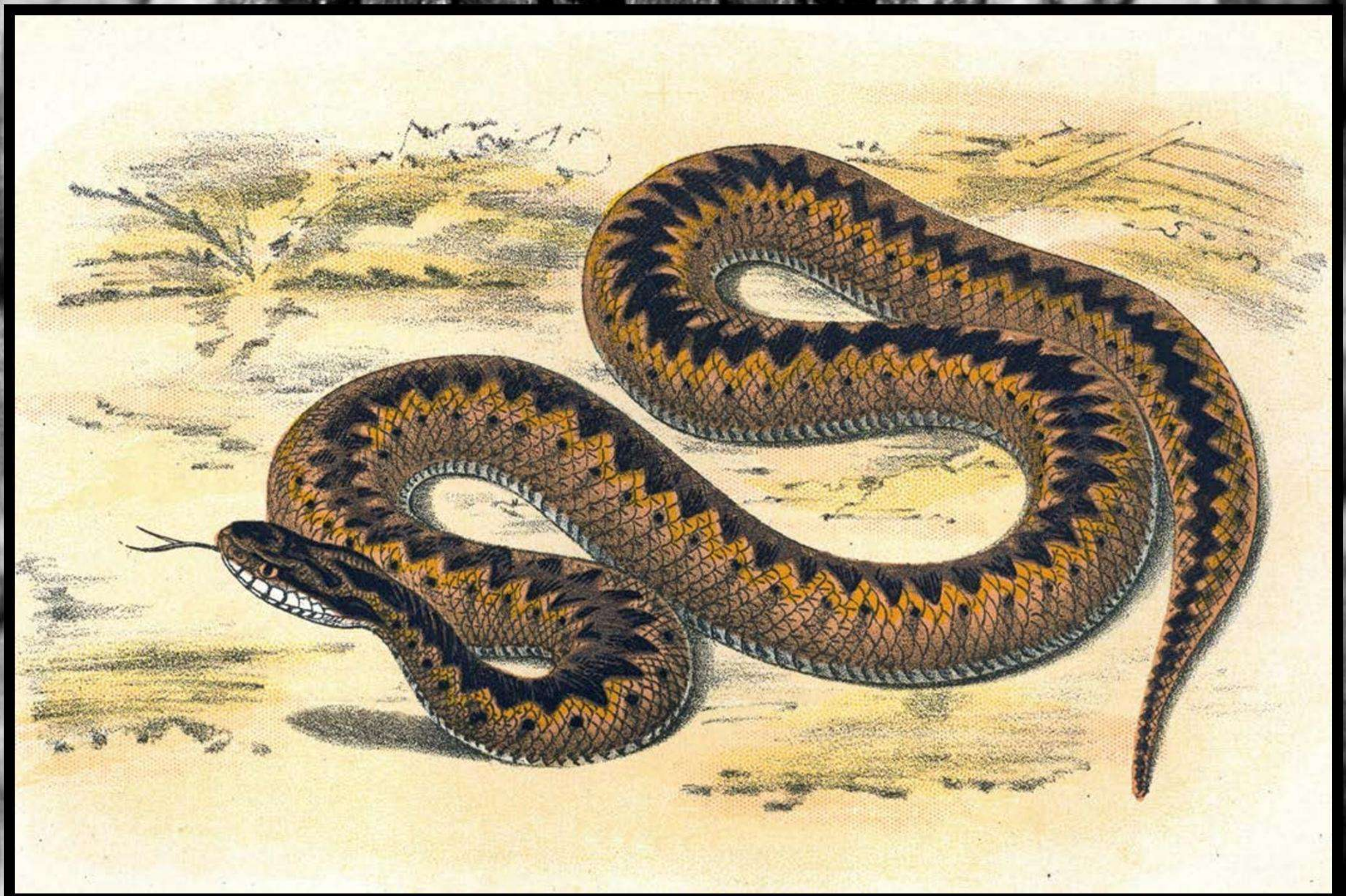
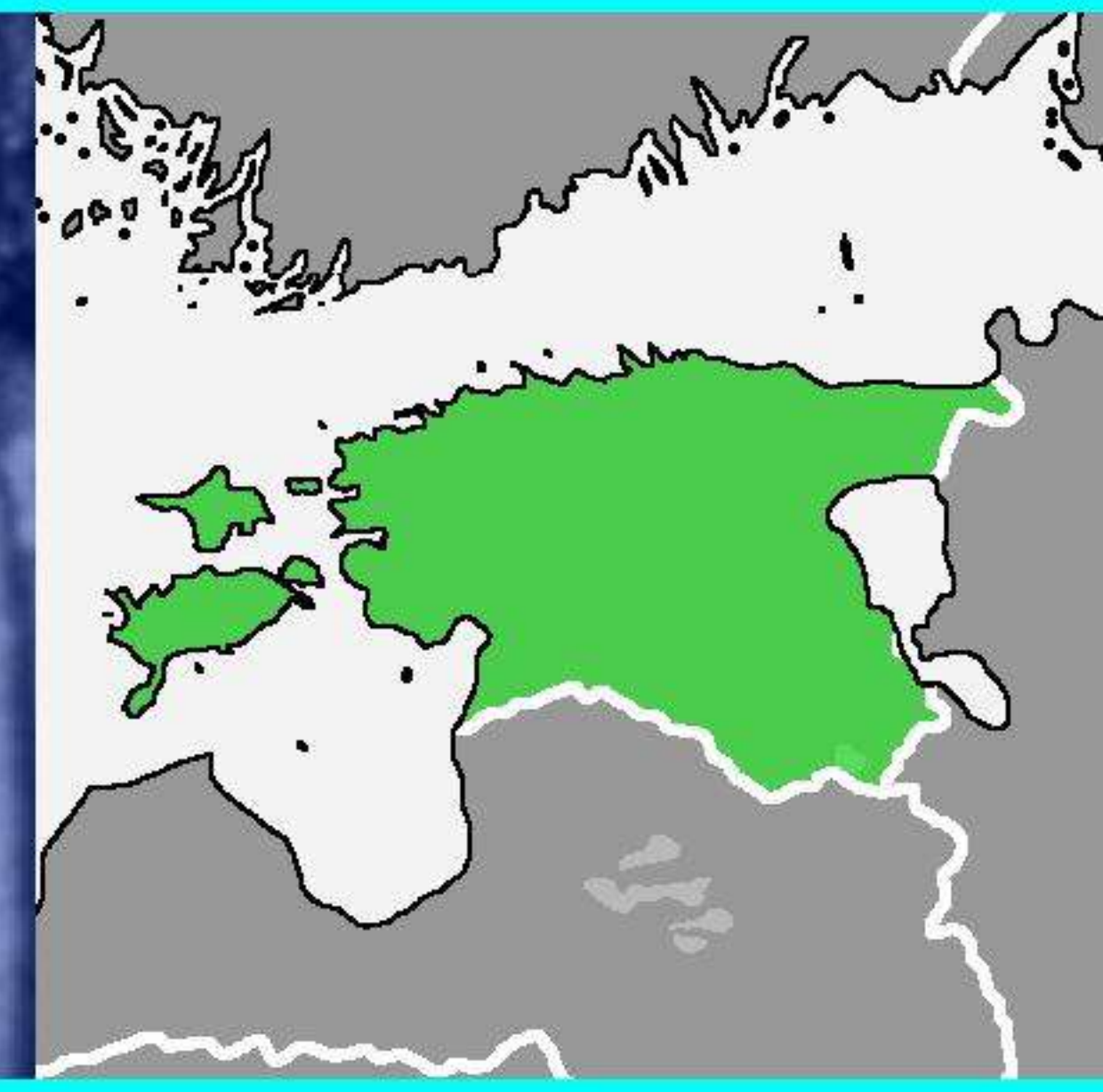


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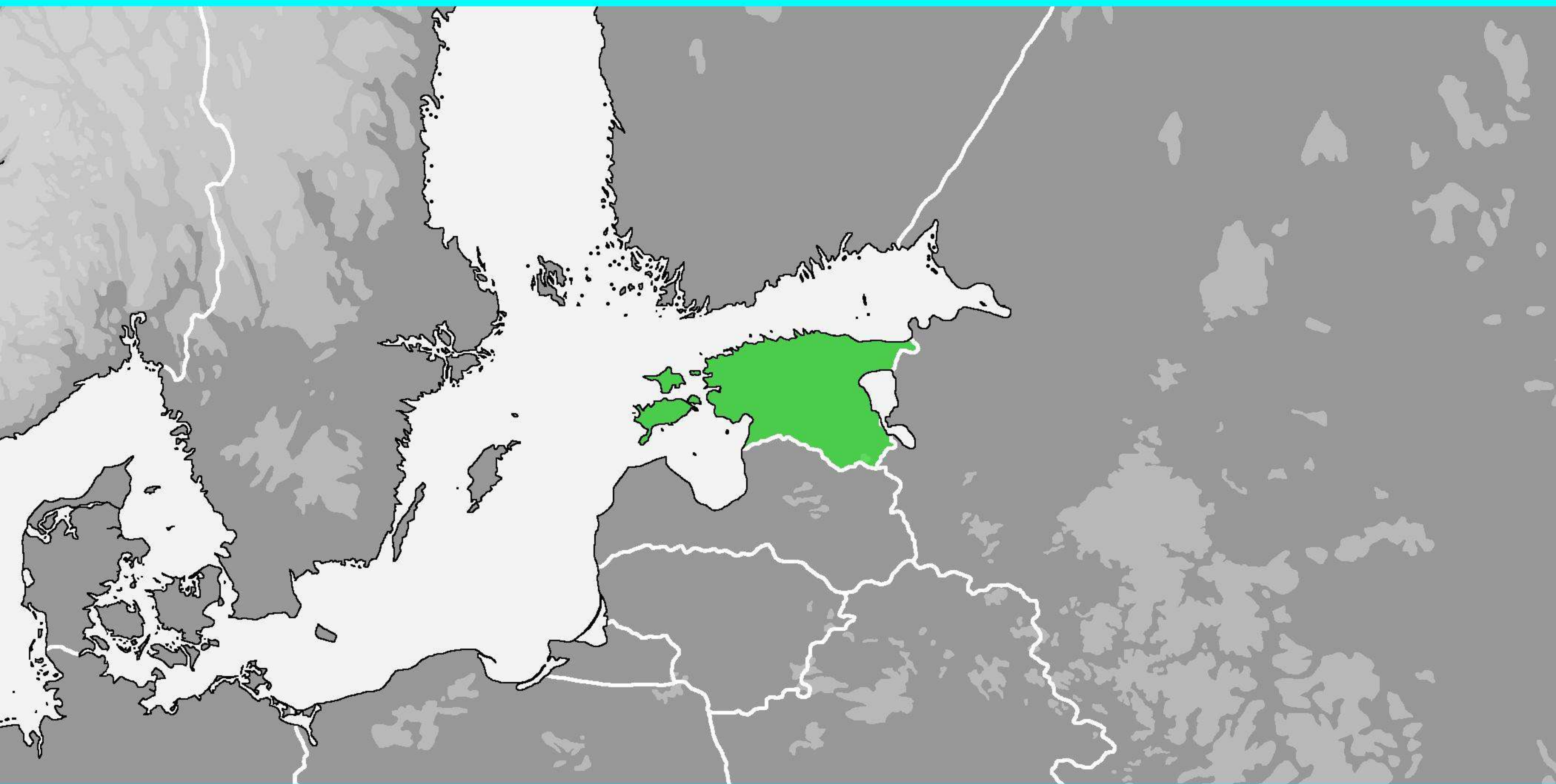
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## IUCN Red List categories



Extinct



Extinct in the Wild



Critically Endangered



Endangered



Vulnerable



Near Threatened



Least Concern



Data Deficient



Not Assessed

# Lizards (Sauria)

## Family **Anguidae**

Slowworms, etc.

1 species

**NA** ***Anguis colchica*** (Nordmann, 1840)

Eastern Slowworm

**Distribution:** E. Europe, Middle East.

## Family **Lacertidae**

Typical Lizards

2 species

**LC** ***Lacerta agilis*** Linnaeus, 1758

Northern Eurasian Sand Lizard

**Distribution:** Scandinavia, England, C. and E. Europe, C. Asia, south to Turkey.

**LC** ***Zootoca vivipara*** (Lichtenstein, 1823)

Northern Eurasian Forest Lizard

**Distribution:** N. and C. Europe, N. and C. Asia.

# Snakes (Serpentes)

## Family **Colubridae**

2 species

Typical Snakes

**LC** ***Coronella austriaca*** Laurenti, 1768

Northern Smooth Snake

**Distribution:** Europe, N. Middle East.

**LC** ***Natrix natrix*** (Linnaeus, 1758)

Common European Grass Snake

**Distribution:** N., C. and E. Europe, Middle East, C. Asia.

## Family **Viperidae**

1 species

Vipers

**LC** ***Vipera berus*** (Linnaeus, 1758)

Northern Eurasian Viper

**Distribution:** N., C. and E. Europe, Turkey, C. and E. Asia.

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At the time of writing, a more detailed description of the distribution of each species along with references can be seen at the RepFocus webpage:

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The website is updated continuously and includes distribution maps of most (eventually all) of the world's reptile species. To the best of the author's knowledge and ability, the information presented in this publication reflects the state of knowledge current to January 1st, 2026. Comments are welcomed and can be sent to the author:

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Other recommended websites include:

The Reptile Database:

**[www.reptile-database.org](http://www.reptile-database.org)**

The IUCN Redlist of Threatened Species:

**[www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org)**

NHBS - Wildlife, Ecology & Conservation (internet book store):

**[www.nhbs.com/en/](http://www.nhbs.com/en/)**

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