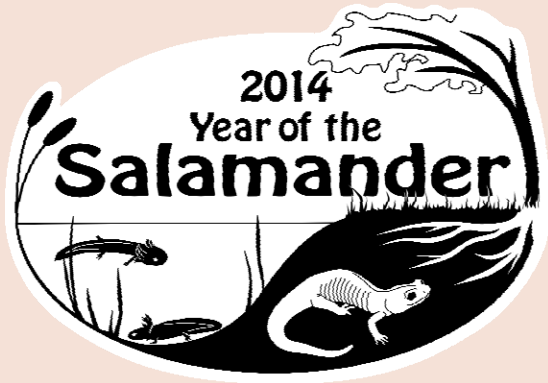




Winner: Photographer **Thomas Bille** found this **Tendi & Marea Valley Fire Salamander (*Salamandra salamandra alfredschmidti*)** under a rock at the subspecies type locality in northern Spain. This taxon is threatened, and this subspecies has the smallest distribution of all subspecies of Fire Salamander, making it vulnerable to habitat destruction, particularly as its populations are already very fragmented.



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Runner-up: Hellbender populations are suffering range wide declines due to a variety of conservation issues, including habitat degradation and destruction. Their stream habitats are being degraded by sediment from eroded banks, poor agricultural and forestry practices, urbanization, and road construction near streams. **Matt Hamilton** took this photo of an **Ozark Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*)** at the Museum of Living Art Herpetarium at the Fort Worth Zoo, Texas.

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			SEPARC Annual Meeting, Lake Cumberland SRP, Jamestown, KY			
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