

Have you found a shed reptile skin? Add it to the Reptile Slough Genebank!

How to help:

Do not disturb, handle or physically remove the slough from any reptile. If you find a reptile slough anywhere in the UK, please follow these guidelines:

- Keep each individual slough separate, even if it is from the same site or refuge. Any contamination will compromise or invalidate the value of the slough.
- Collect as much of the skin as possible, but it does not need to be complete to be useful.
- Record the grid reference (minimum four figure, i.e. XX 12 34) and/or postcode.
- If the slough is wet/damp please dry it out as best as you can, but avoid prolonged exposure to sunlight as this can destroy the DNA.
- Before placing each slough in a separate, dry paper envelope and sealing it, write on the envelope:
 - which species you think it is
 - the location you found the slough
 - the date you found it
 - your name and contact details (especially email)
- Place this envelope (or envelopes) in another envelope and post to:

Reptile Slough Genebank, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, 744 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH7 6BZ

Please send sloughs throughout the season as it is easier to process donations into the genebank.

Sloughs are a valuable resource for collecting DNA noninvasively, and are shared for research purposes.

Find out more at
<https://www.arc-trust.org/genebank>

amphibian and reptile
conservation

