



A Road-killed Fire Salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*) Scavenged by a Round-backed Slug (*Arion* sp.) in Galicia (Northwestern Spain)

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Amphibian carcasses are scavenged by a variety of invertebrates (Hinshaw and Sullivan 1990; Toledo 2005; Dehling 2007; Baena 2011; Tan et al. 2015; Yadav et al. 2021a, 2021b). Most terrestrial slugs feed primarily on plant matter (South 1992); however, slugs in the genus *Arion* are known to consume nestlings (Biasioli 2009), vertebrate carcasses, dead invertebrates, and conspecifics (Boycott 1934; South 1992).

On 30 October 2020, I encountered a Round-backed Slug (*Arion* sp.) feeding on a road-killed Fire Salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*) (Fig.1) in Baiona, Pontevedra 29TNG15, Spain (42.0640°N, 8.8317°W). Although terres-

trial snails are known to scavenge amphibian carcasses (Tan et al. 2015; Pustilnik 2020; Yadav et al. 2021b), few reports document terrestrial slugs engaging in what appears to be opportunistic behavior.

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Fig. 1. A Round-backed Slug (*Arion* sp.) feeding on a road-killed Fire Salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*) carcass Photograph by César Ayres.