### **International Trade in Amphibians:**

A summary of the status, management, and trade in amphibians ( $Amphibi\alpha$  spp.) to support implementation of CITES Decision 19.197



Northern Glass Frog (*Hyalinobatrachium fleischmanni*), Cusuco National Park, Honduras. Photo: Jonathan E. Kolby

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#### **Executive Summary**

Amphibians are the most threatened class of vertebrates globally (Luedtke et al. 2023). A recent Global Amphibian Assessment of over 8,000 amphibian species showed that 41% of assessed species are now categorised as Critically Endangered, Endangered, or Vulnerable in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, in comparison to those among birds (13%), mammals (27%), and reptiles (21%) (Re:wild, Synchronicity Earth, IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. 2023). Every year, millions of amphibians are traded internationally for a variety of uses ranging from pets to food to specimens for biological research. Sources range from industrial-scale farming to small hobbyist breeding operations as well as collection from the wild. Globally, there is little standardized data recording and reporting among the international trade in non-CITES listed amphibians. For this reason, evaluating the impacts of trade on most amphibian species is fraught with a lack of reliable information.

Three Decisions relating to the conservation of amphibians were adopted by the CITES Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting (CoP19, Panama City, 2022), (Decisions 19.197-19.199) based on document CoP19 Doc. 60 on *Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.)*. Of these decisions, 19.197 a. called for "interdisciplinary workshops for CITES Authorities and other relevant authorities and stakeholders about amphibian species in international trade...". In working towards the fulfilment of Decision 19.197 a. and to create informational documents to support workshops on amphibian conservation, the CITES Secretariat requested technical expertise from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), through the IUCN Species Survival Commission Amphibian Specialist Group, to perform background research and data collection to be presented as a workshop document that a) describes the trade in non-CITES listed amphibians, b) explores the emerging threat of diseases to traded amphibians, and c) reviews legislation relevant to the trade in amphibians as well as enforcement efforts to detect and deter illegal trade in amphibians.

#### **Methods Summary**

This report is divided into three sections, each responding to a different central theme called for through Decision 19.197 a). Data were collected through a survey circulated via a Notification to the Parties on 18 August 2023 (No. 2023/101), through amphibian trade data received from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service through a Freedom of Information Act Request submitted by the authors, review of published literature, and information drawn from available databases such as the IUCN Red List version 2022-2, AmphibiaWeb, CITES Trade Database and TRAFFIC's Wildlife Trade Portal. A strong focus on international amphibian trade recorded by the United States of America was required for this study because these records represent the only species-specific global database of official trade events in amphibian species that are not presently CITES-listed. Although these data were therefore confined to interactions between the United States of America and its trading partners, the study period involved imports and exports that involved over 100 countries and/or regions, providing the most comprehensive global summary from available records. The three main sections of this report are summarized as follows:

**Section 1.** A review of CITES and non-CITES listed amphibian species in international trade drawing largely from data recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020, input received through a survey circulated via a Notification to the Parties (No. 2023/101), and a literature review. This section examines species and quantity-specific attributes of trade activity, and also provides a compilation of all species recorded in trade based on available records during this study period.

**Section 2.** A summary of national legislation relevant to the trade in amphibians, largely guided by input received through a survey circulated via a Notification to the Parties (No. 2023/101). This section also includes information about potential amphibian trade violations inferred by comparing trade data against regulatory controls described by respondents to the Notification.

**Section 3.** A literature review-based summary of the emerging threat of pathogens to amphibians, the role of international trade in spreading these pathogens and increasing extinction risks, and biosecurity opportunities to help reduce harm.

#### Terminology used in this report

To prevent confusion and misinterpretation, the following definitions describe how certain terms are used in this report:

**Parties**: In this report, the term "Parties" refers to the Parties to CITES.

Specimen: The trade in amphibians involves a variety of commodities, one of which is often described among trade data by the trade term "specimens." This refers to material primarily traded for scientific research or museum applications and may include whole bodies, tissue or blood samples, skin swabs, and more. For the purpose of this report, the term "specimens" will be preceded by the word "scientific" when referring to the scientific context, unless otherwise stated. This denotes a more specific use of the term than how "specimen" is defined in the CITES glossary as: "Any animal or plant, whether alive or dead" and including "...for species included in Appendices I and II, any readily recognizable part or derivative thereof; and for species included in Appendix III, any readily recognizable part or derivative thereof specified in Appendix III in relation to the species."

**Taxonomical unit:** The unique taxonomic descriptors used to record wildlife trade data among government records, ranging in specificity from "amphibians" to descriptions that provided a valid genus and species. This definition of taxonomical unit was applied to quantify the diversity of ways in which international amphibian trade was recorded among the USFWS LEMIS data.

**Trade:** Unless specifically described otherwise, use of the term "trade" throughout this report refers to international trade. If referring to domestic trade, then this will be specifically stated as "domestic trade". This distinction is important because it refers to the sources of data that underpin relevant statements and analyses in the text; those about international trade are based on information sourced from the CITES Trade Database, customs trade records, or the United States LEMIS data whereas those about domestic trade are based on unique country and context specific data that would not normally appear among the three aforementioned data sources.

#### **Highlights**

Section 1. Amphibian Trade Assessment: A review of CITES and non-CITES listed amphibian species in international trade drawing largely from data recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020, input received through a survey circulated via a Notification to the Parties (No. 2023/101), and a literature review.

- During the study period (2015-2020), at least 1,195 amphibian species were internationally traded according to information evaluated from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Law Enforcement Management Information System (LEMIS), representing approximately double the total quantity of species previously identified by researchers from LEMIS records. Of these species traded, 117 are listed in the CITES Appendices and 1,078 are not.
- Including further literature review and data sources, 126 additional amphibian species
  were identified in contemporary trade, for a cumulative presence of at least 1,321 species
  of internationally traded amphibians. This represents 15.3% of the 8,615 described
  amphibian species as of 2023.
- Based on our evaluation of LEMIS data, the top 10 species traded as individual live animals comprised 95.6% of all recorded amphibian trade, illustrating how the most frequent type of trade recorded (trade in live amphibians recorded in units of number) is predominated by relatively few species despite the high diversity of species affected by trade overall.
- Millions of amphibians are internationally traded annually, and 32 different categories have been used to describe this trade by the United States of America alone. Of these, the top five categories traded were live animals, bodies, scientific specimens, legs, and meat.
- During the study period, the top traded amphibian reported to species among LEMIS data (both by number and mass) was the American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*) and this primarily involved animals imported to the United States of America from Taiwan, Province of China.
- Seventeen of 55 amphibian species evaluated as likely threatened by international trade
  that are not presently CITES-listed (Challender et al. 2023) were identified in this study.
  Of these 17 species, 80% of shipments consisted of just one species: Ceratophrys ornata.
  This species was listed as Near threatened by the IUCN Red List in 2004 and had a
  declining population trend. Of 33,460 traded individuals, 95% were reported as bred in
  captivity.
- A notable transition in reported sources of the salamander *Bolitoglossa dofleini* was observed, wherein nearly all animals traded during the study period were reported as bred in captivity but in years prior, most reported trade involved animals described as collected

from the wild in Honduras and Guatemala and re-exported. These trade events involved animals, both wild and captive bred, exported from Nicaragua, which is not a range State for this species.

- The species of top legally traded live amphibians coincided with those most frequently traded illegally. This primarily involved species assessed as Least Concern in the IUCN Red List. Based on USFWS LEMIS trade data, it appears that high amounts of illegal trade in live amphibians have not targeted threatened species that are otherwise prohibited from being traded lawfully.
- The trade in live amphibians represented the largest cumulative quantity of amphibians traded by volume of animals, but the trade in amphibians reported as scientific specimens affected the highest diversity of species among all reported categories of trade. The trade in amphibian scientific specimens affected 2.4 times more unique taxonomic units than the recorded trade in live amphibians, despite the frequent focus on live amphibians in previous trade reviews.
- The international trade in frogs for human consumption occurs at much greater volumes than that for all other purposes combined, although it involves relatively few species.
   Species traded as frog legs are often traded under incorrect scientific names as demonstrated through DNA testing of imported frog meat.
- The trade in frogs as frog legs conveys both direct and indirect threats to amphibian conservation. Firstly, accurate identification of species subjected to industrial volumes of trade is prevented by frequent mislabelling of species traded. Secondly, high densities of shipped animals from operations lacking biosecurity measures can facilitate the spread of deadly amphibian pathogens which negatively impacts species beyond only those traded.
- Evaluations of the international trade in non-CITES listed amphibians are constrained by the absence of data. Nearly all countries do not record international trade in non-CITES listed amphibians. Data that are captured are not recorded in a standardized fashion, posing additional challenges for measuring and quantifying trade.

# Section 2. National Legislation Governing International Trade in Amphibians: Legislative Summary and Exploration of Potential and Confirmed Illegal Amphibian Trade Events

- According to survey respondents, very few countries have national legislation that governs
  the trade in amphibians specifically, but many do have regulations that govern the trade
  in wildlife more broadly which encompasses amphibians.
- The low level of detail associated with illegal amphibian trade events among data available for this study allowed some insight into species and types of amphibian commodities illegally traded but were insufficient to allow confirmation of whether the action that

triggered a violation occurred within the country of origin, export, or import, and whether the type of violation conveyed a negative conservation impact on the species or was instead administrative in nature.

- The majority of illegally traded amphibians did not involve live animals, but was instead primarily composed of bodies, medicinal products, legs, and scientific specimens.
- Among illegal wildlife trade data captured by TRAFFIC's Wildlife Trade Portal for events
  that occurred from 2015-2020, there were 29 different taxonomic units of amphibians
  illegally traded. These data combined both domestic and international trade records and
  involved interceptions made in 27 countries.

## Section 3. Emerging Threat of Amphibian Diseases: Spread of Amphibian Pathogens Through the International Trade in Amphibians

- At least three emerging infectious pathogens of amphibians are presently circulating through the international trade in amphibians: amphibian chytrid fungus (*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*), salamander chytrid fungus (*Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*), and ranavirus.
- At least 42% (503) of species observed in international trade have tested positive for one or more of these three pathogens.
- These pathogens all cause fatal diseases among susceptible amphibians. Their
  introduction to new regions has contributed towards population declines ranging from
  cyclical mass mortality events to extirpation of localized populations. The complete
  extinction of nearly 100 amphibian species is attributed to Batrachochytrium
  dendrobatidis.
- All three of these pathogens are very challenging if not impossible to treat and cure once amphibians develop infections. It is virtually impossible to safely eradicate these pathogens from amphibian habitats if spillover and establishment following importation occurs.
- Few countries have responded to this threat by enacting import trade restrictions to prevent the introduction of species likely to carry amphibian pathogens.
- Biosecurity measures that can help reduce the spread of amphibian pathogens through trade include activities such as diagnostic testing of commodities on import/export, maintaining amphibian breeding operations with entirely closed systems of production and husbandry, packing animals in lower densities to reduce pathogen transmission while they are in-transit, and disinfection of shipping materials post-import to prevent spreading viable infectious material domestically through fomites such as water, cartons, containers, and substrates.

#### Introduction

The class Amphibia contains over 8,000 species comprised mostly of frogs and toads, then salamanders and newts, followed by caecilians. These animals are extremely diverse in habitat occupancy and geographical distribution. They are found in terrestrial, arboreal, and freshwater landscapes, and span the globe from the rainforests of Brazil to the deserts of Australia. The skin of amphibians is highly permeable, allowing the exchange of liquids and gases to aid respiration. For this reason, they are also highly susceptible to the consequences of habitat degradation and emerging infectious diseases. Accordingly, amphibians are often described as "canaries in the coalmine" and declines in their populations can be representative of the concurrent decline of healthy functioning ecosystems. Global amphibian declines appear to have increased substantially during the 21st century due to the negative impacts of global climate change, habitat loss, pollution, emerging infectious diseases, the spread of invasive species, and overexploitation for national and international trade (Luedtke et al. 2023). Amphibians are often exposed to more than one of these stressors simultaneously, and ongoing research strives to disentangle these factors in order to better guide conservation management efforts to mitigate observed or anticipated population declines.

The present study examines several of these stressors to help identify species and regions where additional research, monitoring, or interventions might be necessary to ensure the trade in amphibians is legal, sustainable, and does not threaten the survival of species in the wild: 1) levels of international trade in amphibian species where trade is largely unregulated, 2) the presence of illegal and potentially illegal trade in amphibians that may indicate gaps or weaknesses in the legislative instruments or enforcement controls governing these activities to ensure trade is legal and sustainable and 3) the growing threat of emerging infectious diseases of amphibians as it pertains

to international trade activities.

Millions of amphibians are traded annually for a variety of uses ranging from human and animal consumption to pets to subjects of scientific research. Trade varies in magnitude from local subsistence collection and consumption to the harvest of hundreds of thousands of frogs per shipment for exportation. Only a small proportion of the 8,000+ species of amphibians are presently CITES-listed; with 24, 351, and 5 species listed in CITES Appendix I, II, and III, respectively (CITES 2023). According to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, the class amphibia contains the highest proportion of species among evaluated vertebrates known to be threatened with extinction at 41% compared to that of birds (13%), mammals (27%) and sharks and rays (37%) (IUCN 2023). Many factors contribute towards processes that threaten wildlife

with extinction, but the international trade in amphibians has not yet been closely monitored nor comprehensively assessed.

#### CITES Decisions 19.197 to 19.199 on Conservation of amphibians (*Amphibiα* spp.)

Concerns about the need for greater study and evaluation of the impacts of trade on amphibians were presented in CoP18 Document 62 by the CITES Management Authority of Panama at the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties (CoP18; Geneva, 2019)2. Following revisions, a set of decisions was adopted in the form of CITES Decisions 18.194 -18.196 on *Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.)*. These decisions were not fulfilled between CoP18 and CoP19, but were revised and updated through Document CoP19 Doc. 60 at CoP19 in Panama City in November 2022, and adopted as the present CITES Decisions 19.197- 19.199 on *Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.)*.

Decision 19.197 directed the Secretariat, in close consultation with the Animals Committee, to:

- a) conduct one or more interdisciplinary workshops for CITES Authorities and other relevant authorities and stakeholders about amphibian species in international trade, including but not limited to the following objectives:
  - i) identify amphibian species that are in international trade and evaluate whether certain species or groups should be recommended for possible listing in the Appendices;
  - ii) share existing national legislation relevant to the trade in amphibians;
  - iii) evaluate whether current levels of trade are compatible with the conservation of these species in the wild;
  - iv) compile further data on harvesting levels of amphibians subject to high volumes of international trade;
  - v) explore the emerging threat of diseases to traded amphibians, including amphibian chytrid fungus and ranaviruses; and
  - vi) examine current enforcement efforts to deter and detect illegal and unreported

#### trade and identify additional actions needed; and

- b) explore modalities to implement this Decision in a cost-effective manner, including through the organization of online events; and
- c) report on the progress in the implementation of paragraph a) and b) above to the Animals Committee, including any relevant recommendations.

In working towards the fulfilment of Decision 19.197 a. and to create information documents to support a workshop on amphibian conservation, the CITES Secretariat requested technical expertise from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and specifically the IUCN Species Survival Commission Amphibian Specialist Group, to perform the required studies and data collection exercises which are presented in this report. The three sections of this report respond to the following elements of Decision 19.197: Section 1 responds to Decision 19.197 a)(i), a)(iii), and a)(iv), Section 2 responds to Decision 19.197 a)(ii) and a)(vi), and Section 3 responds to Decision 19.197 a)(v).

#### Summary of methodological approach and trade data sources

Studies to evaluate the international trade in amphibians are largely handicapped by the lack of species-specific data on the trade in non-CITES listed species. No standardized form of amphibian-specific data recording occurs internationally. Formerly, record of international trade in frog legs by customs was captured by the customs Harmonized System (HS) code 0208.20 specifically defined as, "Other meat and edible offal, fresh, chilled or frozen- frogs' legs". As of 2007, this code was no longer used and these frog leg data are now recorded with HS code 0208.90, "Other meat and edible offal, fresh, chilled or frozen- Other". This change in amphibian-specific coding was reportedly made because the volume of trade in frog legs was not high enough to justify its continued use according to the World Customs Organization (Dittrich et al. 2017). Therefore, at present, no customs codes issued by the World Customs Organization exclusively describe the trade in amphibians. All live amphibians and their parts and products fall into the generalized "other" coding categories, such as the HS code 0106.39 which simply represents trade in "other live animals." Individual countries may record commodities in greater detail in accordance with national-level customs controls.

A world-wide exception to the lack of species-specific information about amphibian trade is represented by the wildlife trade records compiled by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service

(USFWS) in their Law Enforcement Information Management System (LEMIS). Records of all trade in wildlife by the United States of America, including trade in non-CITES listed species, are often (but not always) collected with species-level identifications among the LEMIS database. Accordingly, because the aim of the present study was to help identify species in need of greater conservation attention, the United States' species-specific LEMIS data provided the level of detail necessary to characterize international amphibian trade activity by a major country of import and export. While the scope of these data are limited to the United States' trade interactions, the data provide a valuable snapshot of global trade phenomena as the United States of America plays an outsized role in international trade. US imports account for 13% of the value of global international imports (World Bank Group 2023). Other data obtained from the CITES trade database and TRAFFIC's Wildlife Trade Portal were used to complement LEMIS trade records, however their inherent constraints limited the value they provided. The Wildlife Trade Portal reflects "TRAFFIC's open-source wildlife seizure and incident data" and is reliant on volunteer data input for new entries (TRAFFIC 2023). The dataset had limited information relating to species-level seizure data for amphibians. The CITES database, on the other hand, provides a record of reported trade in a subset of species, those listed in the Appendices, but in doing so is prevented from recording trade in biodiversity beyond listed species (https://cites.org/eng/disc/how.php). In the limited time available, it was not possible to obtain the necessary authorisation to access the data from several other aggregate data sources, such as EU-TRACES and EU-TWIX. WorldWISE was excluded from inclusion in this review as over 70% of its contents are derived from preexisting CITES and LEMIS data (UNODC 2016). Because patterns of trade between the United States of America and other countries might differ substantially compared to the trade between other countries for which no species-specific international data are recorded or available, the results and conclusions stemming from this study should be precautionarily interpreted.

Trade statistics based on customs data were also explored for this report because substantial levels of trade in frog legs also occurs between countries outside of the United States of America, but since these data do not record the species traded, their conservation application was extremely limited. Levels of domestic harvest and trade for certain highly traded species were also considered when available, because although this report focuses on international trade, high levels of domestic trade in wild-collected amphibians are relevant to consider when evaluating the threat posed by additive levels of national and international trade. Information pertaining to illegal trade in amphibians were also examined and incorporated from records provided in TRAFFIC's Wildlife Trade Portal. In addition to these data, a questionnaire was circulated to CITES Parties and the public through CITES Notification No. 2023/101.

#### **CITES Notification and questionnaire**

Information on the status, management and trade in amphibians was requested through a questionnaire circulated via a Notification to the Parties on 18 August 2023 (No.

2023/101; see Annex 1). The survey was open for a total of three and a half weeks (27 days) and 52 responses were received.



# Section 1. Amphibian Trade Assessment: A Global Snapshot of International Trade in CITES and Non-CITES Listed Amphibians with the United States of America Between 2015 And 2020

#### 1.1 Introduction

Amphibian trade data collection by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service

This case study focused on the international trade in amphibians as recorded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Office of Law Enforcement in their Law Enforcement Management Information System (LEMIS). Unlike most other countries where only international trade in CITES-listed species is recorded, the United States of America records nearly all trade in all wildlife species crossing its borders. This task is performed primarily by USFWS Wildlife Inspectors and to a lesser extent, by Special Agents. The main role of the Wildlife Inspector is to facilitate the movement of legal international wildlife trade while also identifying and intercepting any trade deemed to be illegal. In many countries, this task is instead performed by customs officers who police the trade for unlawful activity but who rarely record full scientific names of the traded wildlife. For this reason, the USFWS LEMIS data represent the most comprehensive global snapshot of international wildlife trade in non-CITES listed species at the granularity necessary to examine trade by individual species.

The source of species-level data that are entered into LEMIS originates from the United States requirement under the Endangered Species Act that all wildlife imported to or exported from the United States of America must be declared on a standard form. This declaration form requires the genus and species of wildlife traded as well as additional scientific and administrative data elements including but not limited to the species' country of origin, source of the wildlife (e.g. collected from the wild, bred in captivity, ranched, etc.), purpose of trade (e.g. commercial, personal, scientific, etc.), a categorical description of the wildlife (e.g. live animals, meat, leather products, etc.), the dates of import or export, and mode of transport. The full requirements and exemptions governing this data reporting procedure are detailed in 50 CFR 14, together with additional international wildlife trade requirements.

When shipments of amphibians are imported or exported from the United States of America, the declaration forms must be provided to Wildlife Inspectors. These officers examine the Form 3-177, together with additional required supporting documentation including invoices, packing lists, shipping airwaybills or bills of lading, and any special permits. Wildlife Inspectors then determine whether or not physical inspections of the amphibian shipments are necessary to verify

compliance with all applicable trade laws. Upon completion of the document and/or physical inspections, data provided on the 3-177 declaration forms is transferred to the USFWS LEMIS Declaration System.

It was beyond the scope of the present study to specifically identify, correct, and evaluate the potential range of errors embedded among the LEMIS data provided by USFWS, but edits were necessary on a case-by-case basis to clean and/or standardize certain data prior to analyses. This was performed sparingly, and only where little or no assumptions were made about the correct nature of these data. In all cases, the original data were retained, and new fields were assigned to store corrections.

Beyond those data captured in LEMIS, additional information about internationally traded species of non-CITES listed amphibians was captured through literature review and responses received from respondents to the amphibian trade questionnaires disseminated through the CITES Notification, and a summary of these data is provided in Annex 1 of this report.

#### 1.2 Methods

LEMIS dataset used in this study & taxonomical standardization of trade records

LEMIS data are not automatically publicly released but can be provided for use in response to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), a federal law that affords the public the right to make requests for federal government records. Data used in this study were obtained from FOIA request number FWS-2022-000708, which was submitted by the authors on November 16th, 2021, and fulfilled on May 9th, 2022. The fulfilled request consisted of all LEMIS trade records for wildlife trade occurring from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2020. Taxonomic data in LEMIS trade records are standardized using alphanumeric values between one and four digits (e.g. BRYC or HAO\*). These values, called LEMIS species codes, encode characteristics including family and class. Trade records for amphibian species were isolated using a multi-step process. Trade records denoting amphibian species and less detailed amphibian taxonomic groups, such as genus and family, were identified by the "AMP" value assigned in the "Wildlife Cat" column and isolated. Records of amphibians were also identified where "Wildlife Cat" values denoted "OTH" and blank- or "null"- values. All records denoted by these two values were isolated and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Species-lookup tool was used to detect amphibian taxonomic groups (https://www.gbif.org/tools/species-lookup).

The GBIF tool assigned values to identified amphibian nomenclature that could be used to filter and isolate taxonomic groups. All species records that could not be identified as amphibians nor explicitly determined to be irrelevant to this study were again isolated and manually verified against the GBIF species database. At this step, species records frequently included misspellings and other typos that prevented the GBIF Species-lookup tool from fully matching the nomenclature. All isolated amphibian taxonomic groups were combined into a single list, which was then used to match against and extract the corresponding LEMIS trade records. This resulted in the identification of 32,931 LEMIS trade records involving amphibians identified to the species level or higher. These records were used as the core of the present amphibian trade analyses.

Visualization of data in this report utilized LEMIS coding systems. This document describes the full list of codes and instructions provided by USFWS to the import/export community including wildlife description, purpose of trade, countries of origin and export, source of wildlife, and units of measure.

#### 1.3 Cumulative summary of amphibian trade between 2015 and 2020

#### 1.3.a. Number of amphibian shipments

This study included all identified shipments of internationally traded amphibians recorded by the United States of America from 1 January 2015 through 31 December 2020, and involved 32,931 rows of LEMIS data.

From 2015 through 2020, there were a total of 14,663 recorded shipments of amphibians traded internationally by the United States of America (Figure 1). The majority of these transactions involved importation (9,342; 63.7%) followed by exportation (5,314; 36.2%) and then transhipments (7; <0.1%). It should be noted that USFWS does not systematically require declaration and recordkeeping when non-CITES listed species are transhipped through the country, and therefore these seven recorded transhipments represent only a small fraction of those which occurred.

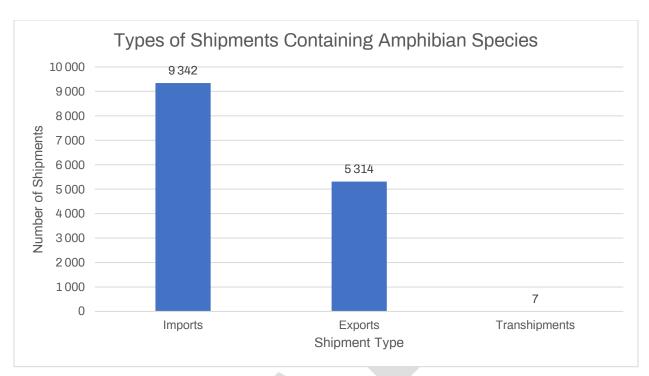


Figure 1: Number of amphibian shipments traded to and from the United States of America between 2015-2020 reported as imports, exports, and transshipments.

The number of shipments traded by the United States of America remained fairly constant across the study period, with an average of 2,443.83 shipments annually (Figure 2). It should be noted that impact of the COVID19 pandemic on global wildlife trade likely contributed towards reduction in trade observed between 2019 and 2020 and for this reason, some characteristics of amphibian trade in 2020 might represent outliers. Since more recent data were not available for use in this study, it is unknown whether post-COVID19 trade will demonstrate new characteristics.

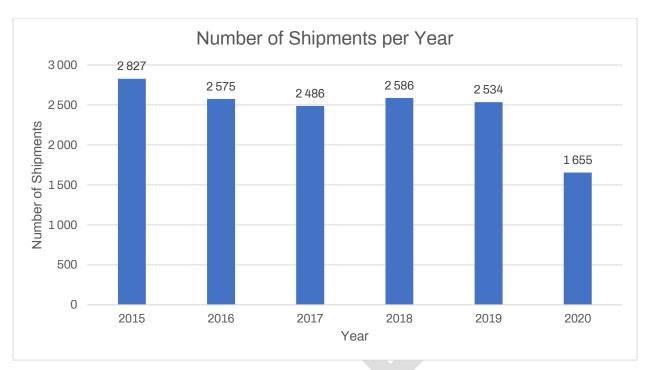


Figure 2: Number of amphibian shipments traded with the United States of America annually from 2015-2020.

As future trade patterns can vary from historical trade in unpredictable ways, observations based on the most recent five years of LEMIS data are informative, but a multiple year time lag often exists between when these data are recorded by USFWS and when the U.S. Department of the Interior's FOIA office is able to complete their data review process and insert required censorship of information protected under the Privacy Act. Therefore, this study incorporated the most recent data available, but also highlights the chronic limitation faced by all similar wildlife trade studies that show results based on data that are already several years old upon completion when the goal is to illustrate patterns of current trade that may threaten affected species.

For this reason, any patterns interpreted from LEMIS data that become the source of calls for amphibian trade policy changes should first be interrogated to answer the following questions: 1) Is this trade pattern likely not to have changed in the years following 2020? and 2): If this trade pattern no longer exists, would the policy in question still provide the intended positive outcome for the species? The answers to these questions will then help guide the collection and analyses of additional data, if necessary.

#### 1.3.b. Number of amphibian species traded

Amphibians were recorded in LEMIS with varying levels of taxonomic specificity. Each record had an assigned LEMIS species code, ranging from a precise genus and species to only the genus, family, or class. In some cases, a LEMIS species code was not available for the species traded, and instead a placeholder called "scratchpad", signified by species code value of "\*\*\*\*" was entered, allowing USFWS to manually enter a genus and species rather than using a pre-existing standardized code. Each unique taxonomical combination of genus and species information was treated as one distinct taxonomical unit for the purposes of quantifying diversity of species traded (Figure 3). This approach resulted in the identification of 1,490 distinct taxonomical units of amphibians traded during the study period. Among these units, 1,279 were recorded with complete scientific names, although 33 of these were synonyms of other taxonomic units. Another 51 complete scientific names were unable to be verified when compared to the AmphibiaWeb or GBIF taxonomic databases. The remaining 218 taxonomical units which were recorded without full scientific names included naming systems that could have potentially represented any of the 8,000+ described species of amphibians, such as "all amphibians" and "non-CITES amphibians." Accordingly, these 218 taxonomical units may have consisted of many additional species not identifiable among these data.

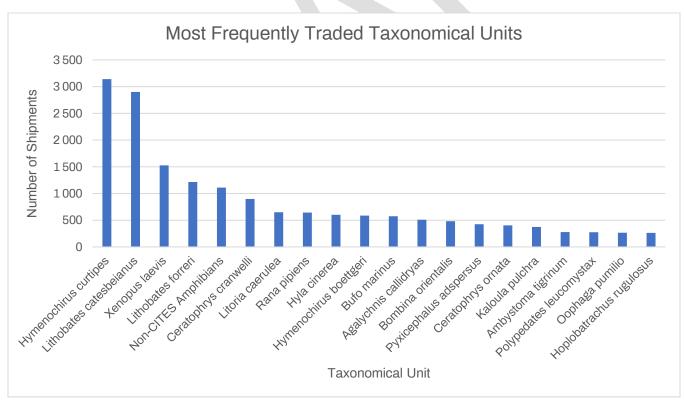


Figure 3: Number of shipments recorded by the United States of America with each unique taxonomical unit from 2015-2020: Top 20 taxonomical units displayed.

#### 1.3.c. Types of amphibian commodities traded

Amphibians were recorded in LEMIS using 32 different description codes during the study period (Figure 4). Each description code denotes a different type of commodity, ranging from live amphibians to frog legs to amphibian bones and extracts. The top five most frequently recorded categories included: live amphibians, amphibian specimens, amphibian bodies, frog legs, and amphibian meat, and these together constituted 97% (14,218 of 14,663) of shipments traded. Most of the species-specific examinations in this study will explore trade in amphibians recorded with these top five most frequently recorded categories.

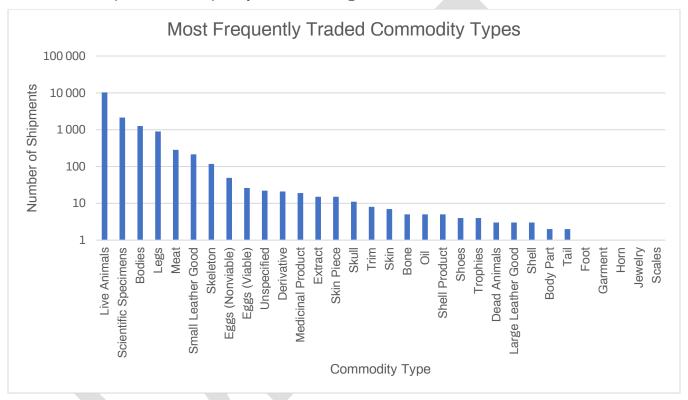


Figure 4: Number of amphibian shipments recorded by the United States of America as different amphibian commodity types from 2015-2020, based on USFWS LEMIS description codes.

Among all 32 LEMIS wildlife description codes recorded, eight allow for approximate quantification of individual amphibians (BOD, DEA, EGG, EGL, LIV, SKE, SKU, TRO) but the rest primarily code for parts and products where numbers of traded amphibians represented by these data are unclear. Examples where the number of amphibians impacted cannot be identified includes the trade in material described as amphibian leather products, scientific specimens, and medicinal products, among others.

#### 1.3.d. Number of amphibians traded by commodity category

Among amphibian trade where the commodity was recorded in units of number rather than units of mass, live amphibians were the highest traded commodity among the 31 different description categories recorded (Figure 5). When parts, products, and live animals are all treated as equal, where one live animal represents one unit the same as one amphibian "meat" represents one unit, then live individual amphibians represented 90.1% of amphibians traded by the United States of America. The second most abundantly traded commodity was amphibian "bodies", comprising 5.7% of traded amphibians, and the remaining 29 categories of amphibian parts and products comprised the remaining 4% of trade. Thus, just two of 31 commodities represented 95.8% of all traded amphibians recorded in units of number: live animals and amphibian bodies. Comparison between the number of shipments and the number of amphibians recorded with certain description codes revealed that three of the top five description codes in each group (Figures 4 and 5) overlapped: live amphibians, amphibian specimens, and amphibian bodies.

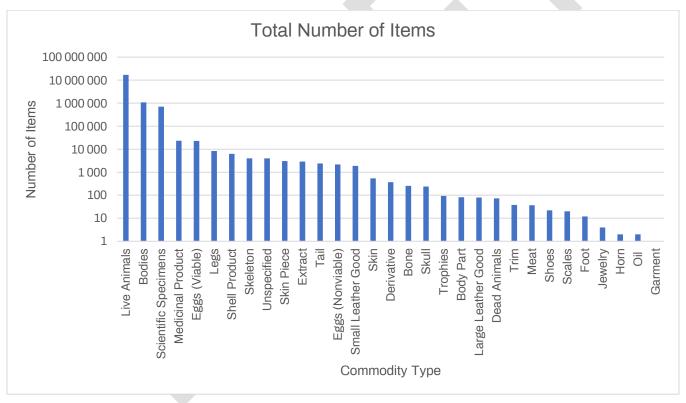


Figure 5: Relative categories of all traded live amphibians, and their parts and products, collectively recorded by the United States of America in units of number from 2015-2020.

#### 1.3.e. Units of Measure Among Traded amphibians

Similar to how amphibians were recorded in LEMIS with 32 different 'wildlife description codes' as described above, they were also quantified using nine different units of measure (Figure 6). This manner of recordkeeping and categorization caused difficulty in assembling a single

cumulative quantification of animals traded. For instance, a shipment containing 1,000 American bullfrogs (*Lithobates catesbeiana*) is sometimes recorded by USFWS as 1,000 individual live animals (recorded in units of number) but other times is recorded as 1,000 kilograms of meat, without any indications of the actual number of amphibians traded. This method of recording animals by weight rather than by number of animals is commonplace among customs records of international amphibian trade in frog legs, and this makes it particularly challenging to estimate the number of amphibians traded when masses of individual amphibians vary widely between individuals.

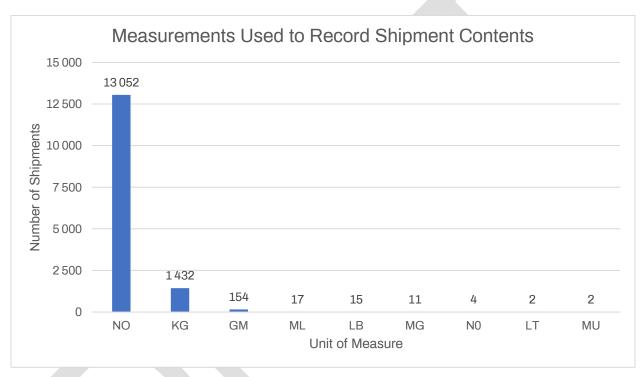


Figure 6: Number of amphibian shipments recorded by the United States of America using different units of measure from 2015-2020.

Over 90% of amphibian shipments traded by the United States of America (14,484 of 14,663) were recorded using just two of nine units of measure: 'No' (number of specimens) and 'Kg' (kilograms of specimens). As such, species-specific data analyses will focus on trade in amphibians recorded with either of these two units of measure (number of amphibians and kilograms of amphibians), as well as the five most common LEMIS wildlife description codes recorded (live amphibians, amphibian specimens, amphibian bodies, frog legs, and amphibian meat).

#### 1.4 Cumulative summary of illegal amphibian trade between 2015 and 2020

#### 1.4.a. All amphibian trade refused clearance by the United States of America

The majority of shipments (97.2%) that contained amphibians were cleared to enter commerce by the United States of America (Figure 7). The remaining 417 shipments were refused, or partially refused, clearance by the USFWS Office of Law Enforcement. These notations of refused clearance identified the presence of illegal trade because all wildlife lawfully traded must be provided clearance as per US wildlife trade regulations. However, it is important to note that additional illegal trade may have occurred that was either not identified by law enforcement officers or that was identified but not recorded with notations of refused clearance.

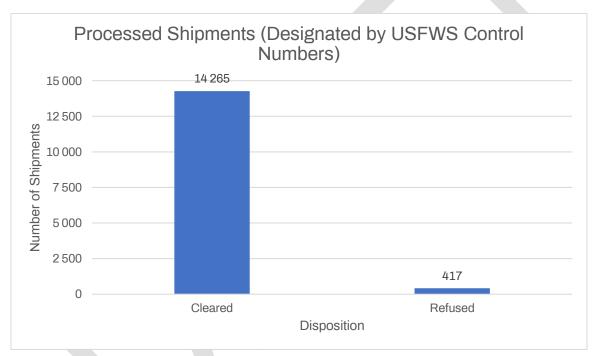


Figure 7: Number of shipments which contained amphibians refused clearance by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.4.b. Mixed shipments of legally and illegally traded amphibians

Individual shipments can sometimes contain multiple wildlife species and/or commodities. Legality and import or export clearance for each commodity within a shipment is reviewed alongside the accompanying document package. Among amphibian shipments traded by the United States of America, the majority were recorded as either entirely cleared or entirely refused, but 4.6% of shipments where refusal occurred also contained other amphibians that were deemed lawful and cleared to enter commerce (Figure 8). These combined shipments may have involved

circumstances where certain portions of a shipment might not have been declared, quantities permitted to be traded may have been exceeded, or required permits were invalid or absent altogether. These data suggest that when law enforcement officers perform inspections of amphibian shipments, partial inspections versus full inspections may fail to identify amphibians that were illegally present in the shipment.

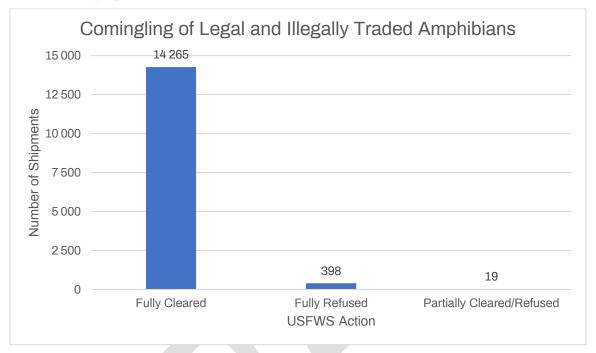


Figure 8: Number of amphibian shipments that were entirely provided clearance by the United States of America, entirely refused clearance, or that contained both cleared and refused clearance amphibians together, from 2015-2020.

For example, a shipment (Control Number 2016965114) imported from Panama contained 168 amphibian specimens for scientific research, which involved at least 17 species of frogs and salamanders, all collected from the wild. All specimens were provided clearance to enter the United States of America, except for one specimen of *Dendrobates auratus* and two specimens of *Andinobates minutus*, which were both refused clearance and re-exported, presumably to Panama.

#### 1.4.c. Purpose of trade among illegally traded amphibian shipments

Shipments where animals were refused clearance by the United States of America mostly involved trade for personal use (57.3%), followed by commercial (39.6%) and scientific uses (2.2%) (Figure 9). A minimal number of refused shipments involved trade for biomedical and education purposes.

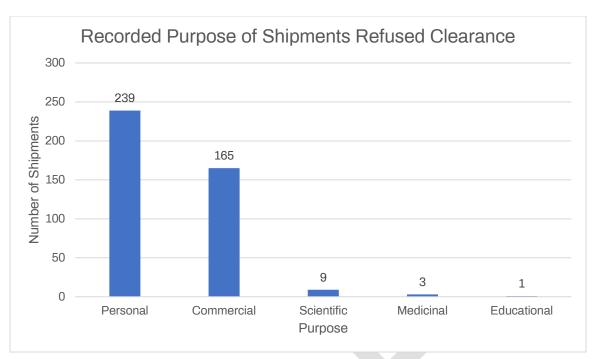


Figure 9: Purposes of trade of illegally traded amphibian shipments recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.4.d. Sources of illegally traded amphibians

Of the 531 rows of LEMIS data which described the contents of amphibian shipments refused for clearance, the majority (48.2%) were recorded as originating from unknown sources (Figure 10). This "unknown" LEMIS source code means that no available information was presented for USFWS to be able to record the source of traded amphibians with confidence. It should be noted that USFWS also sometimes responds to these types of events by precautionarily recording the source as "wild." Thus, the next most frequently recorded source code of "wild" (42.7%) should be interpreted with caution, as some portion of these may have been more accurately described as "unknown." Regardless, more illegally traded amphibians are recorded to have involved animals collected from the wild than produced in captivity.

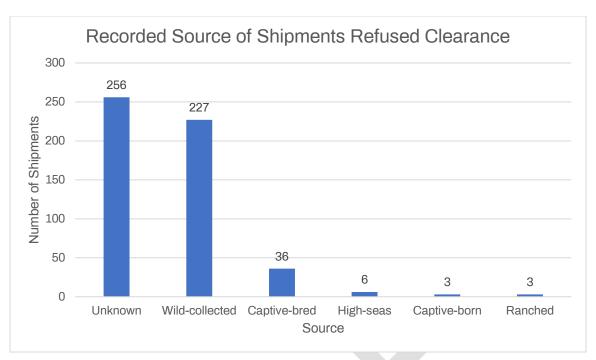


Figure 10: Frequency of reported sources of illegally traded amphibians recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

During the study period, six illegal amphibian trade events were recorded by USFWS with LEMIS source code "X", defined by USFWS as "Introduction from the sea." Amphibians cannot be found living in the high seas, so this may have instead been intended to reflect "unknown", for which source code "X" was recorded in error. Alternatively, these six instances might have genuinely involved marine wildlife erroneously recorded as amphibians.

#### 1.4.e. Amphibian commodities most frequently illegally traded

Of the 531 rows of LEMIS data that describe the contents of refused clearance amphibian shipments 48.2% involved amphibian bodies recorded as "BOD" (Figure 11). This term is defined by USFWS as "Dead animal (whole animal)." It should be noted that these are not animals that were shipped alive and died in transit, which are coded differently (i.e. with LEMIS wildlife description code DEA). Instead, these are amphibians that were intentionally harvested and traded in a non-living state. This activity is associated with the use of amphibians as subjects for dissection exercises, as meat for human consumption, or as scientific specimens, among other possibilities. To a lesser extent, the illegal trade in bodies was followed by that in live amphibians at 21.8% of refused rows of LEMIS data, and then amphibian meat at 17.3%.

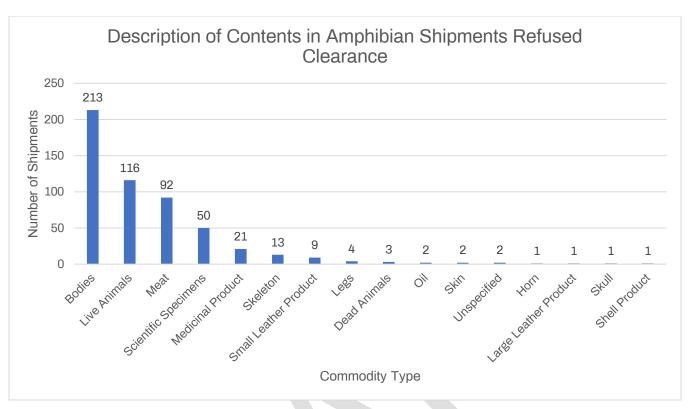


Figure 11: Frequency of illegal trade in different amphibian commodity types, based on USFWS LEMIS description codes, recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

Because the number of rows of data represent trade events but do not always positively correspond to overall higher levels of traded animals, the most frequent category of illegal trade (amphibian bodies) was explored to consider whether it also involved the greatest quantity of individually reported animals (Figure 12).

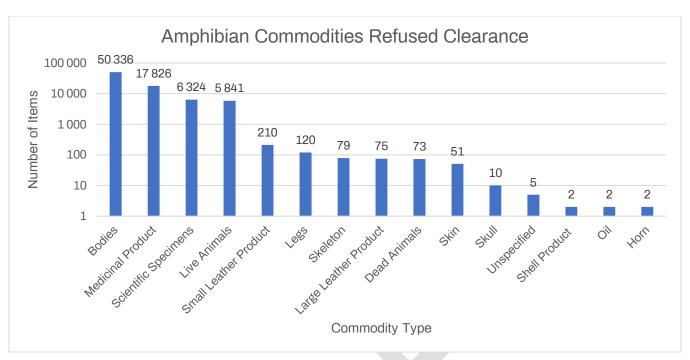


Figure 12: Total quantities of each illegally traded amphibian commodity based on USFWS LEMIS description codes and measured in units of number recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

Most amphibians recorded in units of number that were refused clearance and deemed to have been illegally traded also involved material recorded as bodies (62.2%). Amphibian bodies were then followed by amphibians described as medicinals (22.0%). Illegally traded live amphibians represented only 7.2% of total animals individually recorded and refused clearance, although they represented the second most commonly refused clearance events, indicating that this trade sector is typified by relatively frequent but small shipments of illegally traded live amphibians. Most previous studies that have evaluated amphibian trade primarily focused on live animals (Mohanty and Measey 2019, Hughes et al. 2021, Connelly et al. 2023), and these data suggest that by doing so, a significant proportion of the illegal amphibian trade has been excluded from consideration.

#### 1.4.f. Species most frequently illegally traded

Of 246,012.79 amphibians illegally traded, 135 taxonomical units were recorded. Despite the diversity, this trade was predominated by amphibians recorded with low taxonomic detail, with 51.0% described only as "Non-CITES Amphibians", followed by 20.6% comprised of *Hoplobatrachus rugulosus* (Figure 13).

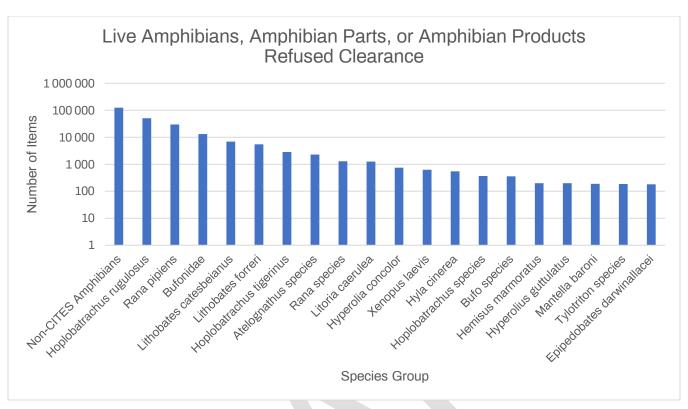


Figure 13: Cumulative quantities of all illegally traded live amphibians, their parts, and products for each taxonomical unit measured in units of number and recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020: Top 20 taxonomical units displayed.

The top 20 taxonomical units comprised 98.7% of illegally traded amphibians recorded by the United States of America during the study period, whereas the remaining 1.3% was comprised of 115 taxonomical units. Of these top 20, only 13 were assigned with a full genus and species identification among the LEMIS records.

Twelve of 13 identified species among the top illegally traded amphibians are currently listed as Least Concern in the IUCN Red List and *Epipedobates darwinwallacei* has been recently assessed as Endangered (Table 1). Of the 12 listed as Least Concern, two are described as having decreasing populations, including the East Asian Bullfrog (*Hoplobatrachus rugulosus*) found native to six countries (Cambodia, China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam) and introduced to two (Malaysia and Philippines) and the Northern Leopard Frog (*Rana pipiens*) native to the United States of America and Canada. Among these 12 species, two are CITES-listed, both in Appendix II: the Indian Bullfrog (*Hoplobatrachus tigerinus*) endemic to Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and introduced to Madagascar and the Maldives and Baron's Mantella (*Mantella baroni*) endemic to Madagascar. The poison dart frog *Epipedobates darwinwallacei* endemic to Ecuador is also listed in CITES Appendix II.

Table 1: Top 20 illegally traded amphibian taxonomical units recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020 and their IUCN Red List conservation status.

LEMIS Taxonomy	IUCN Red List	IUCN Red List	Population Trend	CITES Appendix
(updated where	Taxonomy	Category and		
possible)		Assessment Year		
Non-CITES	N/A (species not	N/A	N/A	N/A
Amphibians	identified)			
Hoplobatrachus	Hoplobatrachus	Least Concern (2020)	Decreasing	N/A
rugulosus	rugulosus			
Rana pipiens	Lithobates pipiens	Least Concern (2021)	Decreasing	N/A
Bufonidαe	N/A (species not	N/A	N/A	N/A
	identified)			
Lithobates	Lithobates	Least Concern (2020)	Increasing	N/A
catesbeianus	catesbeianus			
Lithobates forreri	Lithobates forreri	Least Concern (2019)	Stable	N/A
Hoplobatrachus	Hoplobatrachus	Least Concern (2008)	Stable	II
tigerinus	tigerinus			
Atelognathus species	N/A (species not	N/A	N/A	N/A
	identified)			
Rana species	N/A (species not	N/A	N/A	N/A
	identified)			
Litoria caerulea	Litoria caerulea	Least Concern (2021)	Stable	N/A
Hyperolius concolor	Hyperolius concolor	Least Concern (2013)	Increasing	N/A
Xenopus laevis	Xenopus laevis	Least Concern (2016)	Increasing	N/A

Hyla cinerea	Dryophytes cinereus	Least Concern (2020)	Stable	N/A
Hoplobatrachus	N/A (species not	N/A	N/A	H. tigerinus is listed
species	identified)			under Appendix II
Bufo species	N/A (species not	N/A	N/A	Some Bufo species are
	identified)			listed under Appendix I
Hemisus marmoratus	Hemisus marmoratus	Least Concern (2013)	Unknown	N/A
Hyperolius guttulatus	Hyperolius guttulatus	Least Concern (2013)	Unknown	N/A
Mantella baroni	Mantella baroni	Least Concern (2016)	Unknown	II
Tylototriton species	N/A (species not	N/A	N/A	N/A
	identified)			
Epipedobates	Epipedobates	Endangered (2023*)	N/A	II
darwinwallacei	darwinwallacei			

<sup>\*</sup> The IUCN Red List assessment for *Epipedobates darwinwallacei* will be published in December 2023.

# 1.5 Detailed analysis of total species composition of international amphibian trade with the United States of America between 2015 and 2020

During the study period, 1195 amphibian species were recorded in international trade by the United States of America (Annex 2). Of these, 1,078 were not CITES-listed species. The top 10 traded species comprised 95.6% of all amphibians traded as individually counted live animals, illustrating that the trade was predominated by relatively few species despite the overall high diversity of species affected by trade.

Not all amphibians traded by the United States of America and recorded in LEMIS were described to species, and for this reason, the actual number of species traded may have been greater than what these available data indicate. Some trade events were recorded only with the genus, family, or class name while some others lacked all identifying information other than the description "Non-CITES Amphibian." LEMIS frequently records taxonomical identification at levels higher than a full scientific name, such as "Rana species", which could either represent a trade event that involved one species in the genus Rana (described as *Rana* sp.) or alternatively represent a trade event that involved multiple species within the genus *Rana* (more accurately described as *Rana* spp.). Given the condition of these data, it is not possible to make this differentiation. This lack of species-level identification affected 5,064 of the 32,931 rows of LEMIS data available for this study (Annex 2, digital version), It therefore should be noted that the species list presented in this report is a conservative representation of the trade in amphibians that took place from 2015-2020 and that an unknown number of additional amphibian species might be present among these data that cannot presently be described to species.

In the following sections, the composition of the top five most traded amphibian commodities are more closely examined: live amphibians, scientific specimens, amphibian bodies, frog legs, and amphibian meat, specifically doing so for shipments recorded using either of two units of measure: number of individuals and kilograms.

#### 1.5.a. Species and quantities of live amphibians traded in units of number of animals

Methods note: Two units of measure were treated as equal in all analyses described as "number of amphibians." These two units included "No" and "No." The zero in "No" was interpreted to represent errors in the LEMIS data entry process because this is not a currently valid LEMIS unit of measure. It is reasonable to assume that zeros were accidentally entered instead of the letter "o", and so all records that used either of these two codes were included in these analyses.

Of 17,077,150 total live amphibians traded, 72.5% were comprised of a single species: the American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*). Of these, the majority were imported, with 0.016% of this 72.5% recorded as exported. The remaining 27.5% of live amphibians was comprised of 4,691,596 animals described by 538 different taxonomical units. Of these, 452 identified the amphibians to species and the remaining 86 described traded amphibians only to genus, or higher.

Among the top 20 traded live amphibian taxonomical units, 18 were recorded with a full scientific name, and all of these were listed as Least Concern in the IUCN Red List except for *Ceratophrys ornata*, which is listed as Near Threatened (Figure 14). Six of these 18 species were described as having decreasing populations, six were described as stable, three were described as increasing, and three were described as unknown (Table 2).

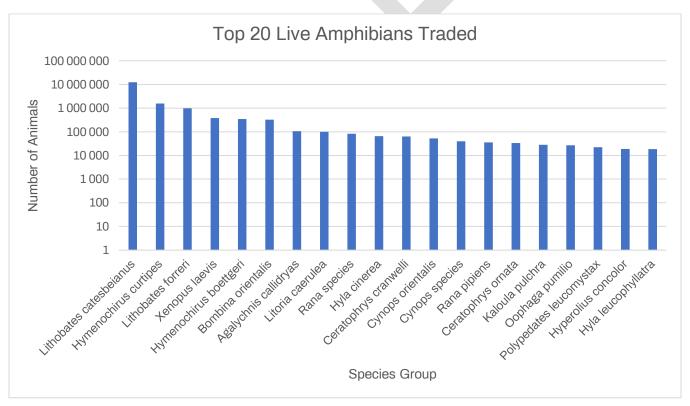


Figure 14: Quantities of highly traded live amphibians recorded by taxonomical unit and measured in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020: Top 20 taxonomical units displayed.

Taxonomic overlap was observed between species traded at high levels, both legally and illegally. Among the 20 top legally traded live amphibians recorded to species, seven were also present among the top illegally traded species. These seven included: *Xenopus laevis*, *Lithobates pipiens*,

Hyperolius concolor, Lithobates forreri, Litoria caerulea, Hyla cinerea, and Lithobates catesbeianus. It is likely that in some of these cases, highly traded species have been illegally traded due to negligence, rather than intent to circumvent the law, because these are not rare species prohibited from trade. The top traded live frog was the American bullfrog (Lithobates catesbeianus) and yet it was also the third most illegally traded amphibian that was recorded to species.



Table 2: Top 20 amphibian taxonomical units traded as live animals recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020 and their IUCN Red List conservation status.

LEMIS Taxonomy	IUCN Red List	IUCN Red List	Population Trend	CITES Appendix
(updated where	Taxonomy	Category and		
possible)	Little a la suta a	Assessment Year	Annual series of	N1/0
Lithobates	Lithobates	Least Concern (2020)	Increasing	N/A
catesbeianus Hymenochirus curtipes	catesbeianus Hymenochirus curtipes	Least Concern (2013)	Unknown	N/A
Hymenochirus curupes	Hymenochirus curupes	Least Concern (2013)	UTIKITOWIT	IN/A
Lithobates forreri	Lithobates forreri	Least Concern (2019)	Stable	N/A
Xenopus lαevis	Xenopus lαevis	Least Concern (2016)	Increasing	N/A
Hymenochirus boettgeri	Hymenochirus boettgeri	Least Concern (2013)	Unknown	N/A
Bombina orientalis	Bombina orientalis	Least Concern (2019)	Decreasing	N/A
Agalychnis callidryas	Agalychnis callidryas	Least Concern (2016)	Decreasing	II
Litoria caerulea	Litoria caerulea	Least Concern (2021)	Stable	N/A
Rana species	N/A (species not identified)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hyla cinerea	Dryophytes cinereus	Least Concern (2020)	Stable	N/A
Ceratophrys cranwelli	Ceratophrys cranwelli	Least Concern (2004)	Decreasing	N/A
Cynops orientalis	Cynops orientalis	Least Concern (2019)	Decreasing	N/A
Cynops species	N/A (species not identified)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rana pipiens	Lithobates pipiens	Least Concern (2021)	Decreasing	N/A
Ceratophrys ornata	Ceratophrys ornata	Near Threatened (2004)	Decreasing	N/A
Kaloula pulchra	Kaloula pulchra	Least Concern (2020)	Stable	N/A
Oophaga pumilio	Oophaga pumilio	Least Concern (2014)	Unknown	II
Polypedates leucomystax	Polypedates leucomystax	Least Concern (2004)	Stable	N/A

Hyperolius concolor	Hyperolius concolor	Least Concern (2013)	Increasing	N/A
Hyla leucophyllata	Dendropsophus leucophyllatus	Least Concern (2004)	Stable	N/A

If American bullfrogs are removed from the visualization in Figure 14, a clearer picture of trade volumes can be seen among the next most highly traded live amphibians (Figure 15).

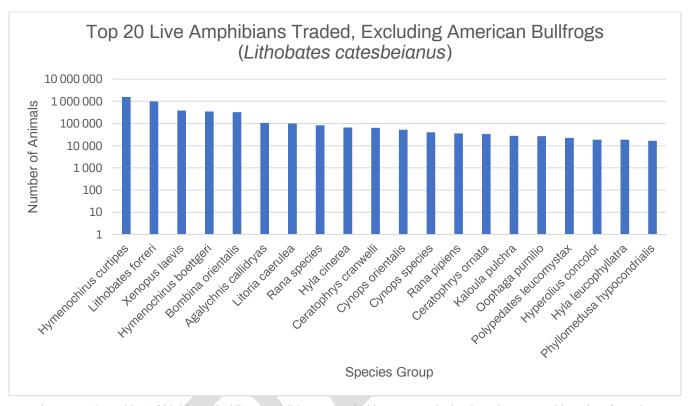


Figure 15: Quantities of highly traded live amphibians recorded by taxonomical unit and measured in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020, excluding American bullfrogs: Top 20 taxonomical units displayed.

Again, the quantity of the next most highly traded live amphibian, the western dwarf clawed frog (*Hymenochirus curtipes*), predominated that of all other traded species. Interestingly, examination of imported *H. curtipes*, both at the point of arrival and subsequently among United States pet stores, suggested that misidentification on commercial invoices and USFWS declarations may in some part be causing this species to be recorded when instead the similar Zaire dwarf clawed frog (*H. boettgeri*) is instead being traded (J. Kolby pers. Obs.).

Among the top traded live amphibians, 122,784 were not identified to species in the LEMIS trade data and were instead recorded as either "Rana species" or "Cynops species." Whether this means that the amphibians were not able to be positively identified by USFWS upon inspection, or whether instead they were identified but recorded with less specificity cannot be ascertained from these data. This involved 57 shipments of live amphibians, and all these amphibians were cleared to enter commerce with the exception of 14 newts recorded as "Cynops species", cumulatively refused from two of these 57 shipments.

Shipments recorded as "Rana species" involved extremely high quantity consignments imported to the United States of America, such as the two shipments that each contained 28,000 animals and a third containing 26,400 animals, all imported from Taiwan, Province of China and recorded as "ranched" frogs. It is not possible to confirm whether these were American bullfrogs (*Lithobates catesbeianus*) lawfully imported, or instead CITES Appendix II-listed Indian bullfrogs (*Hoplobatrachus tigerinus*), which may have been traded without required CITES documents. The Indian bullfrog is sometimes traded under its older taxonomical synonym *Rana tigerinus*, similar to how *Lithobates catesbeianus* is still recorded by USFWS under its older taxonomical synonym *Rana catesbeianus*.

Among the 20 most highly traded live amphibians by the United States of America, only two were CITES-listed species: the red-eyed tree frog (*Agalychnis callidryas*) and the strawberry poison dart frog (*Oophaga pumilio*), both of which are presently listed in CITES Appendix II.

Most countries do not record their international trade in non-CITES listed amphibians, and for this reason, it is difficult to characterize global international amphibian trade beyond involvement with the United States of America. If patterns of US amphibian trade are similar to those in other countries where comparable data are not recorded, it is plausible that the majority of internationally traded amphibians are likewise non-CITES listed species. This is important to consider when estimating the overall scale of live amphibians that might be in trade, in the absence of available records. For example, if the United States of America had only recorded their trade in CITES-listed species, as most countries do, then of the 17,078,150 traded live amphibians, records would only exist for the trade in 132,340 amphibians, leaving 99.2% of actual international trade virtually invisible. This poses an important frame of reference with respect to the international trade in live amphibians that may be occurring between other countries, but that is not being systematically recorded. Unfortunately, none of the presently existing customs Harmonized System (HS) codes record trade specific to amphibians, although some national customs authorities' systems may still use deprecated WCO codes denoting trade in frog legs. When live amphibians are traded, they are assigned an HS code for "other live animals", where even class level information is lost.

### 1.5.b. Species and quantities of live amphibians traded in units of kilograms

Of the 121 shipments of live amphibians recorded in units of kilograms, all except one were American bullfrogs (*L. catesbeianus*), cumulatively amounting to 1,012,000 kilograms (Figure 16).

Four additional kilograms of live amphibians were imported in a shipment described as "Non-CITES Amphibians."

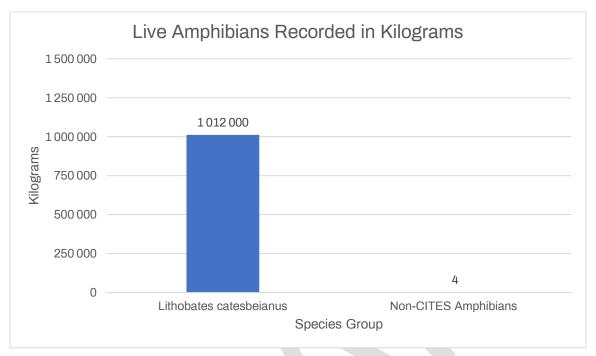


Figure 16: Quantity of traded live amphibians recorded in units of kilograms by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.5.c. Species and quantities of amphibian scientific specimens traded in units of number

Of 675,287 amphibian scientific specimens traded, 1,269 different taxonomical classifications were recorded. Despite this high taxonomical diversity, 84.2% of these traded specimens involved just two species: Forrer's grass frog (*Lithobates forreri*) with 518,824 specimens and the American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*) with 37,469 specimens (Figure 17). It is likely that *L. forreri* and *L. catesbeianus* are being traded whole, for use in educational dissection exercises, whereas the majority of amphibian diversity traded as "scientific specimens" is likely traded as scientific material, ranging from whole amphibians for museum specimens to tissue samples for DNA analyses to skin swabs for disease surveillance.

The non-invasive skin swab methodology performed to collect samples for detection of emerging infectious pathogens like amphibian chytrid fungi involves trade in swabs that may have removed a small amount of skin cells and mucus from the amphibian. This surveillance method has been widely used across the past decade, and often involved sample collection in one country followed by diagnostic genetic analyses in another country. With respect to interpretation of LEMIS data and the impact of trade on affected species, it is not possible to differentiate, for example, between

scientific specimens traded as whole amphibians removed from the wild and scientific specimens traded as skin swabs with only portions of amphibian DNA present.

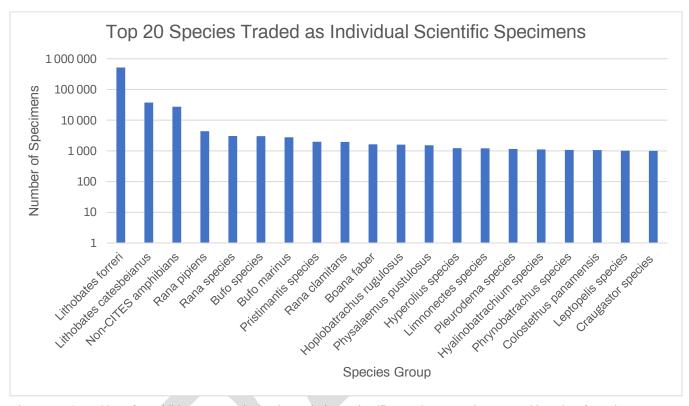


Figure 17: Quantities of amphibian taxonomical units traded as scientific specimens and measured in units of number, as recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020: Top 20 taxonomical units displayed.

Among all categories of amphibian trade examined during the present study, the LEMIS description code "scientific specimen" was the description code assigned to the greatest percentage (84.8%) of taxonomical classifications (Figure 18). Therefore, although the trade in live amphibians represented the largest cumulative quantity of amphibians traded, the trade in amphibians reported as scientific specimens affected the most species. It may be more likely that species categorized as threatened on the IUCN Red List will be allowed to enter trade for scientific purposes, even when those same species might not be allowed to enter international trade for non-scientific or commercial purposes. This is notable because there appears to be a generalized perception that trade for scientific purposes does not threaten populations of species in the wild relative to the trade in animals for commercial purposes. The possible negative impact of scientific collection on threatened species should not be dismissed, particularly when species with small, isolated populations are traded and the consequence of collection is unknown.

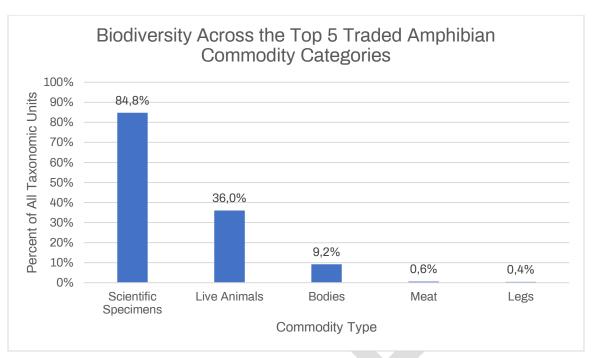


Figure 18: Proportions of total unique taxonomic units recorded in association with each of the top five traded amphibian commodity categories recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

The trade in amphibian specimens affected 2.4 times more unique taxonomic units than the recorded trade in live amphibians, despite the frequent focus on live amphibians in previous trade reviews due to the larger total quantity of animals traded (Figure 19).

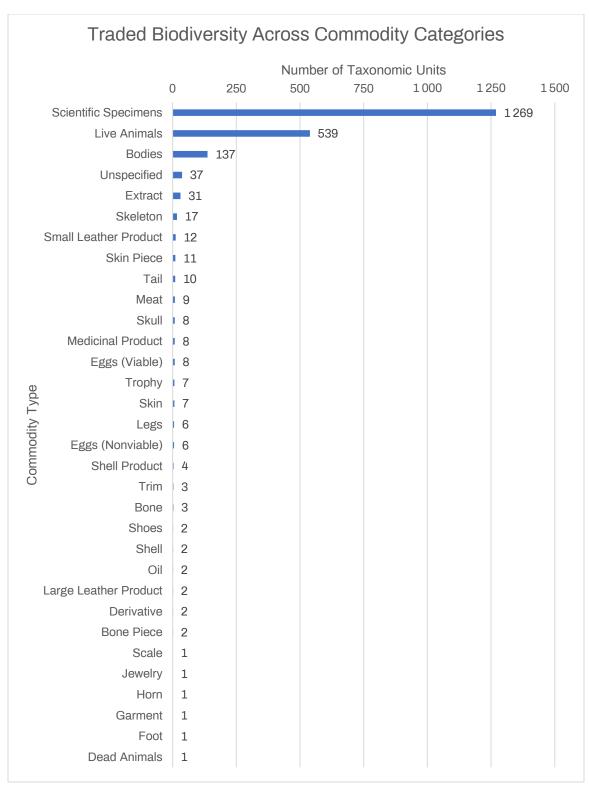


Figure 19: The number of unique taxonomical units recorded in association with each of the 32 different amphibian commodity categories recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

Due to the high proportions of American bullfrogs (*L. catesbeianus*) and Forrer's grass frogs (*L. forreri*) among these data, removal of these two species from these visualizations provides a

clearer picture of trade volumes per unique taxonomic units among the next most highly traded amphibian specimens (Figure 20).

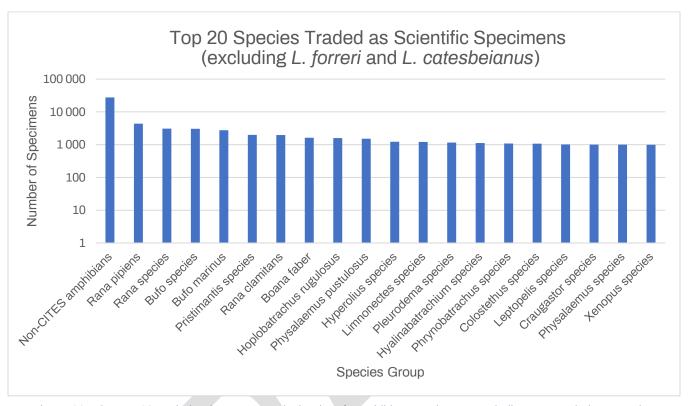


Figure 20: The top 20 traded unique taxonomical units of amphibian specimens, excluding L. catesbeianus and L. forreri, recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

A minority of amphibian diversity traded as specimens was identified to species. Most taxonomic units were identified to genus or were described with even less specificity (i.e. "Non-CITES Amphibians"). USFWS Wildlife Inspectors are instructed to record all traded wildlife to species-level when CITES-listed species may be present among that taxonomical unit. For instance, Atelopus zeteki is listed in CITES Appendix I, but there are additional species within the genus Atelopus that are not CITES-listed, such as the traded Atelopus spumarius. Thus, for Atelopus shipments that are provided clearance to enter commerce, LEMIS data should not normally record these animals as "Atelopus sp." or "Non-CITES Amphibians". These taxonomic units would obscure trade in CITES-listed species where some shipments may contain A. zeteki and other A. spumarius. In this example, to ensure protected species are appropriately recorded and described in CITES Annual Reports, and to allow records of CITES and non-CITES species to be differentiated with confidence, all trade in any species of Atelopus should be recorded to the species-level in LEMIS. This is also necessary to prove that trade not accompanied by species permits, such as CITES export permits or injurious species import permits, did not in fact require permits. Although a relatively small proportion of amphibian species are CITES-listed or listed as

Endangered or Threatened under the United States Endangered Species Act, the prominence of non-specific amphibian recordkeeping among material traded as "specimens" makes it impossible to retrospectively ascertain whether imported shipments were traded in compliance with species-specific national and international laws.

Similar to how the trade in amphibians described as scientific specimens involved over double the number of unique taxonomic units than that for live amphibians, it is interesting to also note that the recorded purpose of trade as scientific was likewise reported for over double the species recorded for the next most frequent purpose, which was commercial trade (Figure 21).

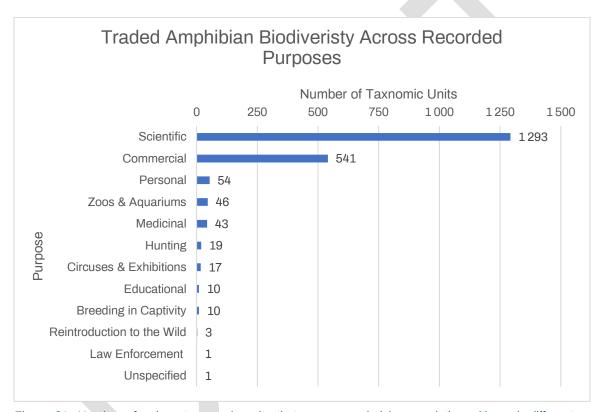


Figure 21: Number of unique taxonomic units that were recorded in association with each different purpose of amphibian trade recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.5.d. Species and quantities of amphibian specimens traded in units of kilograms

In total, 161,529.7 kilograms of amphibian specimens were traded, and 99.6% was composed of two species: Forrer's grass frog (*Lithobates forreri*) and the American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*) (Figure 22). Large volume shipments recorded in units of mass rather than providing a specific number of specimens are more likely to be commercial shipments destined for biological supply companies rather than by researchers for scientific purposes.

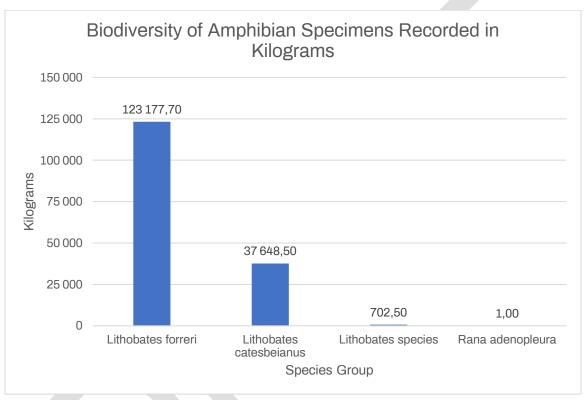


Figure 22: Total composition of scientific specimens by unique taxonomical units recorded in units of kilograms by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.5.e. Species and quantities of amphibian bodies traded in units of number

A total number of 1,079,030 individual amphibian "bodies" were traded during the study period. Although 136 taxonomical units were recorded, the majority (95.8%) of this trade involved the top three species traded: Forrer's grass frog (*Lithobates forreri*), Northern leopard frog (*Lithobates pipiens*), and the American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*) (Figure 23).

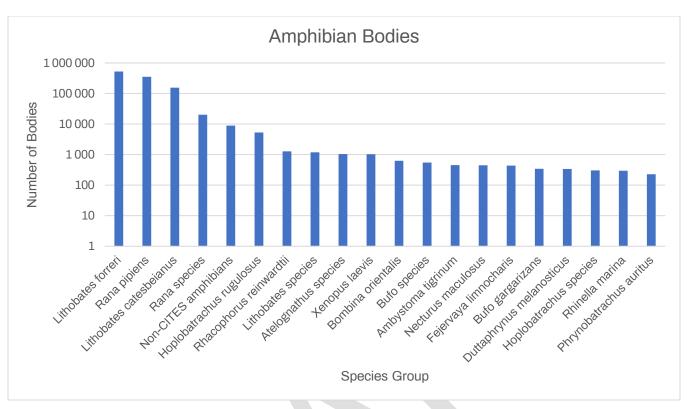


Figure 23: Taxonomical units and quantities of amphibian bodies traded in units of number recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020: Top 20 taxonomical units displayed.

There is a lack of clarity associated with descriptions of wildlife traded as specimens versus dead bodies as well as the distinction between scientific and commercial purposes of trade. These details are important to acknowledge in the characterization of these segments of amphibian trade. For instance, all records of trade in dead bodies of Reinwardt's flying frog (*Rhacophorus reinwardtii*) recorded in LEMIS show commercial purposes, but if, for example, they were being sold for use in educational displays, this trade may have alternatively been described as educational or scientific purposes. Even live amphibians can be recorded as specimens for scientific purposes, as this is not explicitly prohibited by definition, blurring lines between the pet trade and the scientific trade. According to the IUCN Red List, "Small numbers [of *R. reinwardtii*] appear in the pet trade, but probably not at a level to constitute a major threat to the species." (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. 2022b) This trade in *R. reinwardtii* bodies might pose a new type of use of the species beyond what has been acknowledged among the amphibian experts consulted for this assessment.

#### 1.5.f. Species and quantities of amphibian bodies traded in units of kilograms

In total, 1,945.73 kilograms of amphibians were traded as bodies (Figure 24). Three taxonomical groups predominated this segment of trade: "Non-CITES Amphibians" at 63.5%, the European common frog (*Rana temporaria*) at 18.2% and Chinese brown frog (*Rana chensinensis*) at 16.3%.

Estimates of frogs harvested should take into consideration the possibility that only a portion of dried frog oviducts and their surrounding fatty tissue was traded in shipments recorded as "bodies". The volume of frogs harvested may be much greater if portions of each frog are reflected in these cumulative masses and not whole frog bodies as could otherwise be inferred.

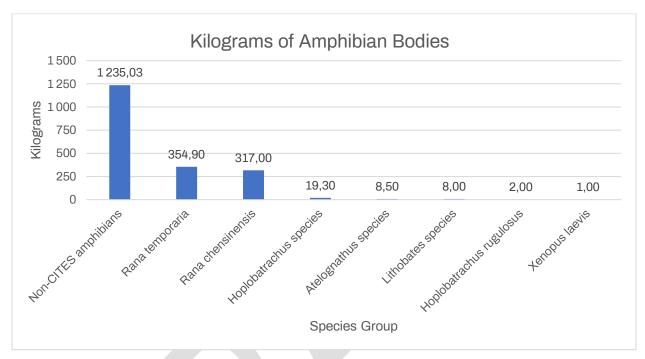


Figure 24: Taxonomical units and quantities of amphibian bodies traded in units of kilograms recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

Furthermore, the much larger quantity of amphibian material described only as "Non-CITES Amphibians" could largely consist of the two species. In China, dried frog oviducts and their surrounding fatty tissue is regarded as a medicinal material called "hasma" and is sometimes also referred to as "snow frog fat" and "Chinese snow jelly." This product is available in restaurants, supermarkets, and specialty stores that sell boxes of dried or frozen hasma and the species which often appears on the label is *R. chensinensis*. The main source of hasma production occurs in the provinces of Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang at the north-easternmost region of China (Uy 2023).

The skin of frogs harvested for hasma production has historically been treated as a waste product, but recent studies have shown that (Zhao et al. 2018) *R. chensinensis* skin collagen can be utilized as an alternative source of collagen with applications ranging from food to medical industries. Traditionally, domesticated bovine and porcine animals have served as the main sources of commercially extracted collagen, but concerns have emerged due to the risk of spreading diseases like bovine spongiform encephalopathy (Zhao et al. 2018). It is unknown

whether these industries have turned their focus towards *R. chensinensis* skin collagen, but this potentially added value might contribute towards increased harvest and consumption of frogs and as such warrants additional attention. Examples of hasma being advertised for sale and consumption in October 2023 can be found at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4vuy3x2s">https://tinyurl.com/4vuy3x2s</a> and <a href="https://tinyurl.com/itm/275606890858">https://tinyurl.com/itm/275606890858</a>

#### 1.5.g. Species and quantities of amphibian frog legs traded in units of number

The majority of frog legs were traded in units of kilograms, with only 8,202 recorded as number of legs (Figure 25). Among these, at least 96% were comprised of the American bullfrog (*L. catesbeianus*). Interestingly, 200 frog legs were recorded as traded from Red-eye tree frogs (*Agalychnis callidryas*). All 200 were traded in a single shipment imported to the United States of America from Costa Rica for scientific purposes. These frog legs, if genuinely traded for scientific purposes, would have been more appropriately coded as "specimens" than "frog legs", since frog legs are usually associated with the connotation that they are being traded for human or animal consumption. It is unlikely that Red-eyed tree frogs are being treated as a food source.

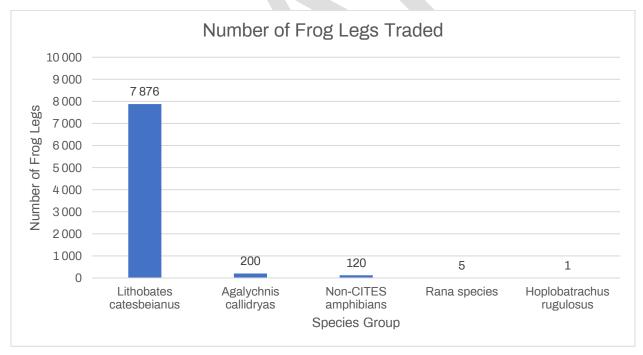


Figure 25: Taxonomical units and quantities of amphibian frog legs traded in units of number recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.5.h. Species and quantities of amphibian frog legs traded in units of kilograms

Interpretation Note: Trade in frogs recorded in LEMIS as "legs" or "meat" might either include butchered frog legs or whole live frogs that become sold fresh. For this reason, units of measure

that describe the trade in frogs used for human consumption offer little clarity and may even hamper efforts to quantify the true number of frogs that have been traded. For example, based on the estimated mass of 0.31 kg for one adult *Lithobates catesbeiana* (Trochet et al. 2014), a shipment recorded as 2,000 kilograms of frog legs or frog meat may have contained approximately 6,452 live adult bullfrogs, but if this instead represented the mass of only butchered hind legs, then thousands more were actually traded. Challenges also apply to trade where the "number" of items traded was used as the unit of measure. For example, the same shipment of 2,000 live adult bullfrogs could alternatively become recorded as 2,000 bullfrog "meats" or "legs", which again erases the ability to derive meaningful quantifications of animals actually traded as true numbers may range from those recorded to multiplications thereof.

During the study period, 15,946,590.01 kilograms of frog legs were traded, and only three species were recorded (Figure 26). The majority of this trade was comprised of American bullfrogs (*L. catesbeianaus*), followed by the East Asian bullfrog (*Hoplobatrachus rugulosus*) and then the Indian bullfrog (*H. tigerinus*). The presence of *H. tigerinus* is of note, because although it is listed in CITES Appendix II and may be traded if accompanied by valid CITES documents, the entire quantity of 2,857 kilograms imported to the United States of America in October 2019 in a single shipment exported from Viet Nam was refused clearance by USFWS, denoting a violation of wildlife trade regulations. A query of the CITES Trade Database (on 24 September 2023) for all reported commercial trade in *H. tigerinus* during 2019 showed that this was the only reported international trade event for this species in that entire year. This event was reported by the United States of America in their CITES Annual Report, but not by Viet Nam in theirs. This shipment was recorded as "re-exported" from the United States of America back to Viet Nam. It is uncertain whether these frog legs (or live animals) were confiscated by Vietnamese authorities upon receipt.

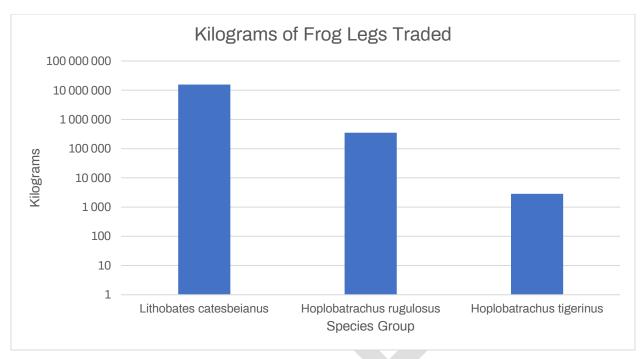


Figure 26: Taxonomical units and quantities of amphibian frog legs traded in units of kilograms recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

### 1.5.i. Species and quantities of amphibian meat traded in units of number

Only 37 amphibian "meat products" were present among the LEMIS data, recorded across five imported shipments (Figure 27). Some of these records likely represent data recording errors because frogs in the genus *Albericus* are extremely small frogs, generally less than one inch in total size as adults, that are endemic to Papua New Guinea and Indonesia (Papua). It is therefore highly unlikely that this single shipment of *Albericus* species was imported as food. Furthermore, these frogs were exported from Thailand to the United States of America and recorded as having been collected from the wild in Thailand, which is not plausible for this species. It is therefore unknown what the true species, commodity type, country of origin, or source were for this shipment cleared for importation into the United States of America.



Figure 27: Taxonomical units and quantities of amphibian meat traded in units of number recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

## 1.5.j. Species and quantities of amphibian meat traded in units of kilograms

A total of 2,448,320.52 kilograms of amphibian "meat products" were traded in addition to the 15 million kilograms of legs illustrated above (Figure 28). Similarly, as observed among "legs", the same two species comprised the overwhelming majority of amphibian meat trade: American bullfrogs (*L. catesbeianaus*), followed by the East Asian bullfrog (*Hoplobatrachus rugulosus*).



Figure 28: Taxonomical units and quantities of amphibian meat traded in units of kilograms recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

Again, "Albericus species" appeared among these trade data with 11 kilograms imported, and as previously mentioned this is likely a data error but might warrant follow-up with Papua New Guinea and/or Indonesia to ensure the exports are legal. This assumes these are accurate records of trade in species endemic to the region. It is important to note that although the genus Albericus was recorded in LEMIS trade records, this is presently an invalid synonym for the genus Choerophryne.

Although the trade in American bullfrog meat dwarfs that of all other species, the trade in Pig frog (*Rana grylio*) meat is notable because this North American species was the first amphibian species to test positive for infection with ranavirus in Asia. The type of ranavirus identified in Pig frog farms in China is closely related to the ranavirus found in Chinese giant salamanders in Sichuan Province, and it is possible that the farming of these North American frogs in China has also infected Chinese giant salamander farms and become a threat to this species either through discharge of frog farm wastewater or though the feeding of infected frogs to these salamanders (Cunningham et al. 2015).

All trade in *R. grylio* involved meat that was imported from China, bred in captivity, and recorded in kilograms, except for a much smaller amount recorded as 28 individual frog bodies within one shipment imported from the wild in Thailand, and 68 individual live frogs collected from the wild in

the United States of America and exported through six shipments to European destinations. All trade in *R. grylio* was recorded as intended for commercial purpose and cleared by USFWS, excluding then one shipment that contained 28 bodies imported from Thailand. This shipment was recorded as intended for personal use, was refused clearance and then re-exported back to Thailand.

Due to the similarity in appearance between *L. catesbeianus* and *R. grylio*, it is possible that some degree of misidentification is present among these records of trade. Judging from studies that molecularly tested samples of meat collected from frog leg shipments exported from Asia, misidentification of species appears to be common (Dittrich et al. 2017; Ohler and Nicolas (2017) and this phenomenon warrants consideration in the interpretation of international amphibian trade data.

# 1.6 Top countries /regions of origin of international amphibian trade recorded by the United States of America (2015-2020)

1.6.a. Top 20 countries/regions of origin of traded amphibians recorded in units of number

Among all amphibians traded in units of number, 149 countries or regions of origin were recorded. The top five origins represented 89.0% of the total traded quantity, in descending order starting with the greatest: Taiwan, Province of China, Mexico, Ecuador, Indonesia, and Singapore. Among these, the top origin, Taiwan, Province of China alone represented 53.6% of the total volume of this trade (Figure 29).

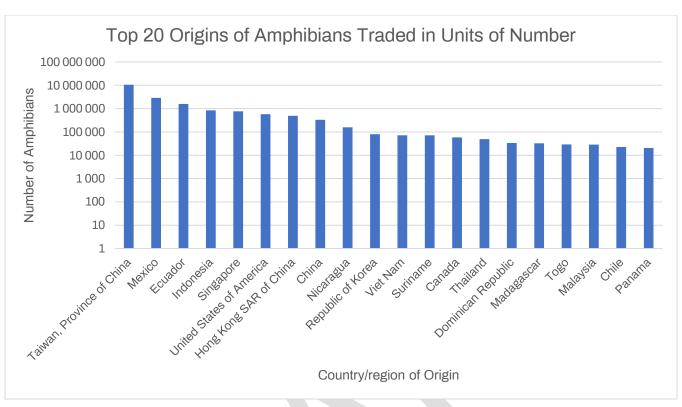


Figure 29: Countries/regions of reported origin of traded amphibians recorded in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020: Top 20 countries/regions displayed.

#### 1.6.b. All countries / regions of origin of traded amphibians recorded in units of kilograms

Among all amphibians traded in units of kilograms, 16 countries / regions of origin were recorded (Figure 30). The top five origins represented 98.8% of the total traded quantity, in descending order starting with the greatest: mainland China, Viet Nam, Taiwan, Province of China, United States of America, and Mexico. Mainland China alone represented 81.2% of this trade activity.

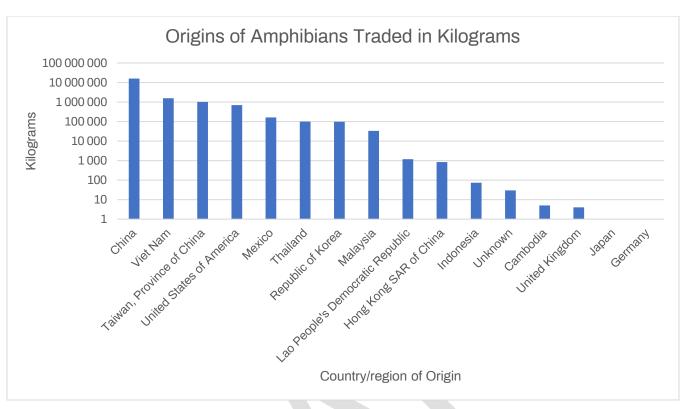


Figure 30: Countries / regions of reported origin of traded amphibians recorded in units of kilograms by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

## 1.6.c. Top 20 countries / regions of origin of traded amphibians recorded as live animals in units of number

As the top two traded amphibian commodities recorded in units of number were live animals and amphibian bodies, the main reported countries / regions of origin were further explored for these subdivisions to consider whether they mirrored or diverged from the collective attributes described above.

Among all amphibians traded as live animals in units of number, 72 countries /regions of origin were recorded, and the top five countries / regions of origin represented 88.6% of the total traded quantity (Figure 31). These five countries/ regions included each of the following origins identified from the earlier exercise where all amphibian commodities were combined: Taiwan, Province of China, Mexico, Ecuador, Indonesia, and Singapore. This time, Taiwan, Province of China predominated the origin of this trade sector.

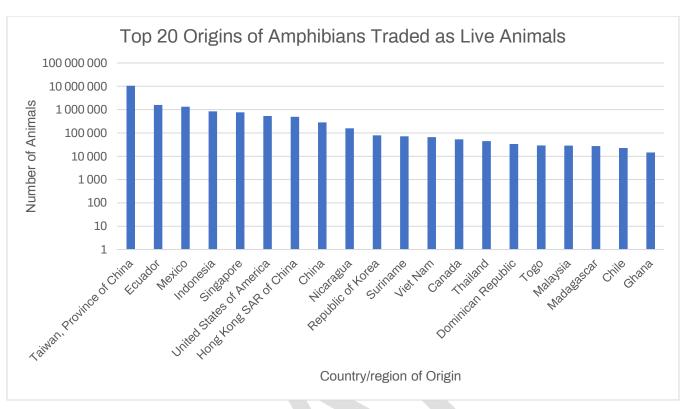


Figure 31: Countries /regions of reported origin of traded amphibians recorded as live animals in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020: Top 20 countries/regions displayed.

#### 1.6.d. Top 20 countries of origin of traded amphibians recorded as bodies in units of number

Among all amphibians traded as bodies in units of number, the top five origins represented 99.3% of the total traded quantity, in descending order starting with the highest: Mexico, United States of America, China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Thailand (Figure 32). Of note is the predominance of Mexico over all other countries or origin for traded amphibian bodies, alone representing the source of 95.2% of the total traded quantity.

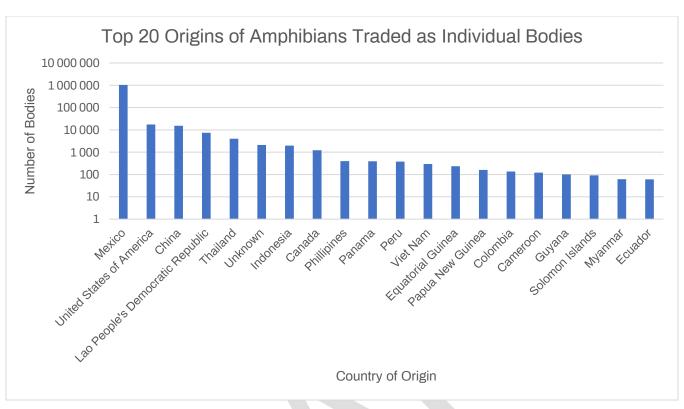


Figure 32: Countries /regions of reported origin of traded amphibians recorded as bodies in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020: Top 20 countries/regions displayed.

#### 1.6.e. All countries of origin of traded amphibians recorded as frog legs in units of kilograms

The top two traded amphibian commodities recorded in units of kilograms were frog legs and amphibian meat. The main reported countries of origin were explored to consider whether the distribution of these shipments mirrored or diverged from the collective attributes described above for amphibians recorded in kilograms.

The trade in frog legs recorded in units of kilograms involved quantities many times greater than that of all other trade in amphibian commodities combined but was supplied by relatively few countries of origin (Figure 33). Of these seven countries, China was the reported origin for 91.3% of kilograms of frog legs.

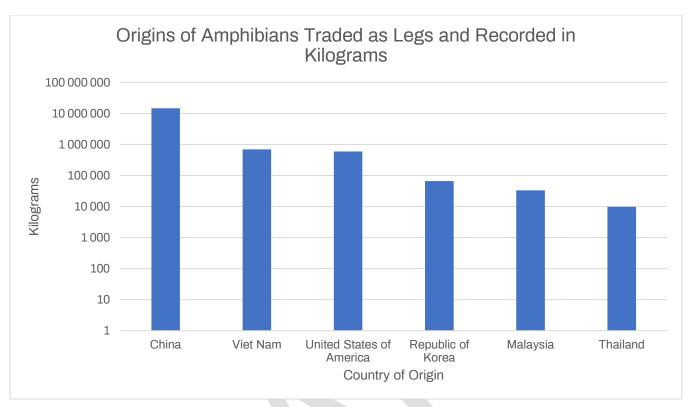


Figure 33: All reported countries /regions of origin of traded amphibians described as frog legs and recorded in units of kilograms by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

## 1.6.f. All countries/regions of origin of traded amphibians recorded as meat in units of kilograms

Among all amphibians traded as kilograms of meat, the top two origins represented 90.9% of the total traded quantity, involving China and Viet Nam, followed by the United States of America, Thailand, and Republic of Korea in much lesser quantities (Figure 34).

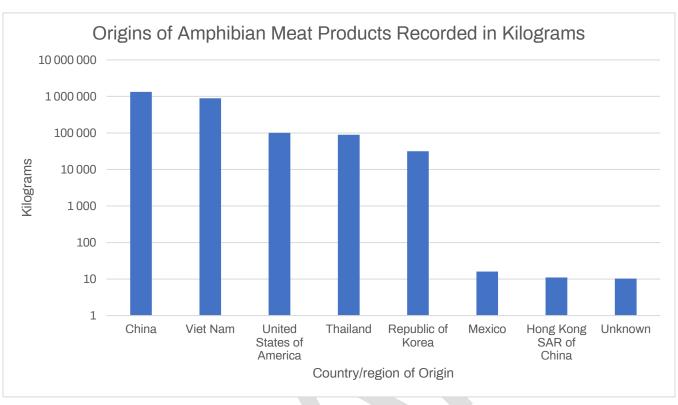


Figure 34: All reported countries / regions of origin of traded amphibians recorded as meat in units of kilograms by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

## 1.7 Sources and countries/regions of origin of highly traded species between 2015 and 2020

The recorded sources for the top five most highly traded amphibian species was explored among those recorded in LEMIS as numbers of live animals. Each of these was recorded to species level and included:

- 1. Lithobates catesbeianus
- 2. Hymenochirus curtipes
- 3. Lithobates forreri
- 4. Xenopus laevis
- 5. Hymenochirus boettgeri

Trade in these five species cumulatively included 15,652,866 live amphibians, 91.7% of all live amphibians internationally traded by the United States of America between 2015 and 2020 that were recorded as individual animals.

#### 1.7.a. Numbers of live amphibians traded: Lithobates catesbeianus

Of the 12,385,554 traded live *L. catesbeianus*, the majority (66.1%) were bred in captivity (Figure 35). The remaining 31.2% were recorded as "ranched" followed by 2.7% recorded as wild sourced. Bullfrog farming is a common practice among some Asian countries (Auliya et al. 2023) and these data appear consistent with that practice (Figure 36), although it does not capture robust domestic markets, such as in Brazil (Schloegel et al. 2010). As this species has also escaped from captivity and established feral populations in countries where they are farmed, it is plausible that eggs and/or tadpoles are being collected from the wild and then raised in captivity in a ranching-type production system. However, for a species that is very easily bred in captivity and/or harvested from the wild as a non-native species, true-to-definition ranching of American bullfrogs seems unlikely.

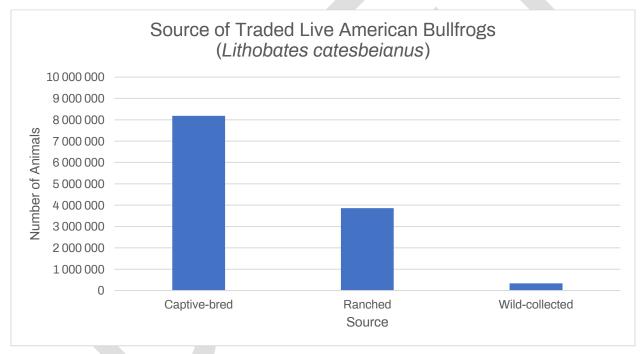


Figure 35: Reported sources of live traded Lithobates catesbeianus recorded in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

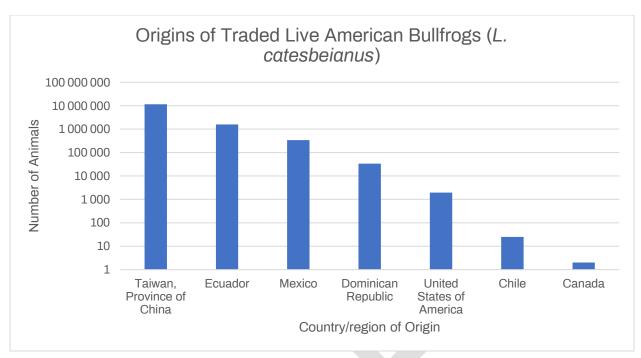


Figure 36: Reported country/region of origin of live traded Lithobates catesbeianus recorded in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.7.b. Numbers of live amphibians traded: Hymenochirus curtipes

Of the 1,561,476 traded *H. curtipes*, the majority (73.6%) were recorded as bred in captivity with the remainder collected from the wild (Figure 37). Upon closer examination of these data, all 411,655 animals recorded as collected from the wild were said to have been sourced from countries of origin where this species does not exist in the wild, most notably Singapore, from which 391,511 of these frogs were said to have been collected (Figure 38). This species is known to exist in the wild only in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Congo and possibly in the Central African Republic (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group 2013). There are no recorded established feral populations in non-range countries/regions. It is therefore unknown why Singapore is being reported as a prominent country of origin for wild collected specimens of this African amphibian.

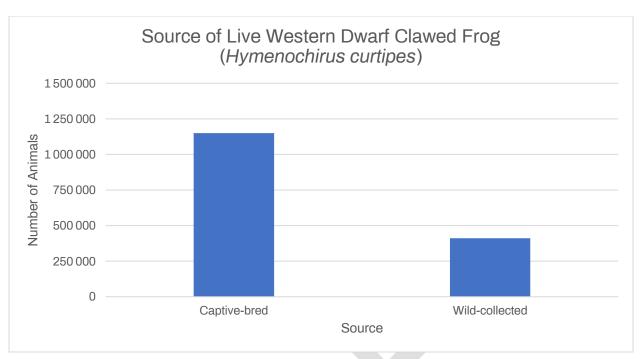


Figure 37: Reported sources of live traded Hymenochirus curtipes recorded in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

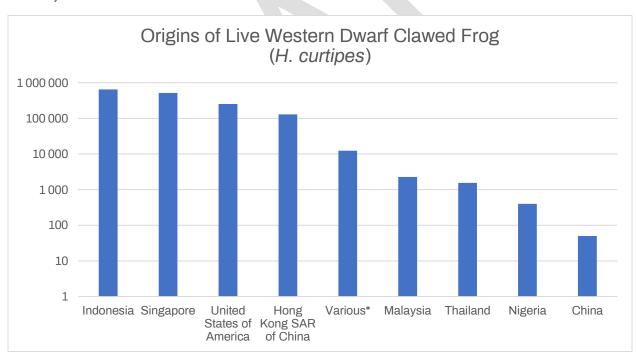


Figure 38: Reported country/region of origin of live traded Hymenochirus curtipes recorded in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020. Various reflects the use of a proxy ISO code, VS, used by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to denote shipments that contained animals from multiple origins which were not recorded individually.

It is also notable that wild-collected *H. curtipes* were recorded in LEMIS with the following countries/regions of origin: China, Hong Kong SAR of China, Indonesia, Nigeria, Thailand, and

the United States of America. None of these countries of origin appear to be plausible judging from the range of distribution of the species.

#### 1.7.c. Numbers of live amphibians traded: Lithobates forreri

The entire amount of the 979,275 *L. forreri* traded by the United States of America was collected from the wild and the country of origin was recorded as Mexico. The national legislation of Mexico that governs wild collection of native wildlife for commercial exportation is prescribed through Article 53 of the Ley General de Vida Silvestre, where it states that the export of specimens, parts and derivatives of wild species requires authorization issued by Mexico's Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources. Verification that necessary permissions are being granted by the appropriate authorities in Mexico for this high-volume trade in wild-collected *L. forreri* would be helpful to ensure this trade is being legally sourced and reported accordingly.

#### 1.7.d. Numbers of live amphibians traded: Xenopus laevis

Of the 379,865 *X. laevis* traded, the majority (96.7%) were recorded as bred in captivity (Figure 39). Of the 3.3% that were recorded as collected from the wild and/or ranched, only 1,427 of 12,450 (11.5%) were sourced from countries where this species can be found in the wild (Figure 40). The non-range countries/regions recorded for 88.5% of the non-captive bred *X. laevis* included: Benin, China, Hong Kong SAR of China, and Singapore. As discussed with respect to *H. curtipes*, it is uncertain why amphibians are being recorded as wild-collected in countries where they are not known to be present in the wild.

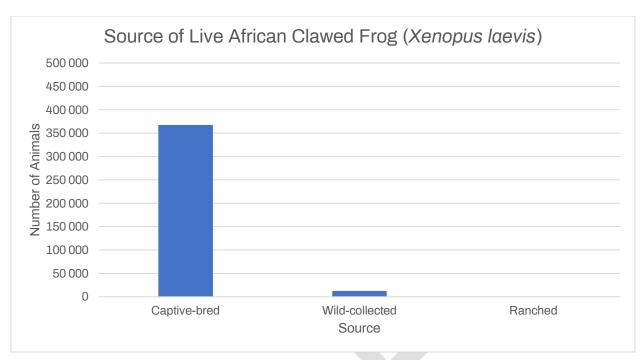


Figure 39: Reported sources of live traded Xenopus laevis recorded in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

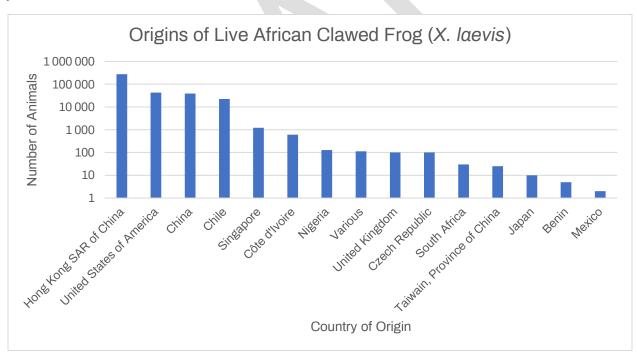


Figure 40: Reported country / region of origin of live traded Xenopus laevis recorded in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020. Various reflects the use of a proxy ISO code, VS, used by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to denote shipments that contained animals from multiple origins which were not recorded individually.

#### 1.7.e. Numbers of live amphibians traded: Hymenochirus boettgeri

In contrast to the reported trade in *H. curtipes* where the majority of trade involved animals bred in captivity, of the 346,696 *H. boettgeri* traded, the majority (68.9%) were reportedly collected from the wild (Figure 41). Interestingly, the IUCN Red List assessment for this species states that, "Use and Trade: Most of the individuals in international trade are likely to be captive bred" (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. 2014), while the LEMIS data suggest otherwise. Among those reported as collected from the wild, only 1,037 (0.4%) were from native countries of origin (Figure 42). Of these 1,037 frogs, all were recorded as having been collected from the wild in Nigeria. Meanwhile, the additional 237,730 wild-collected *H. boettgeri* were recorded from outside the documented distribution of this species in the wild, including: Singapore (97.4%), Indonesia (2.2%), and China (0.4%).

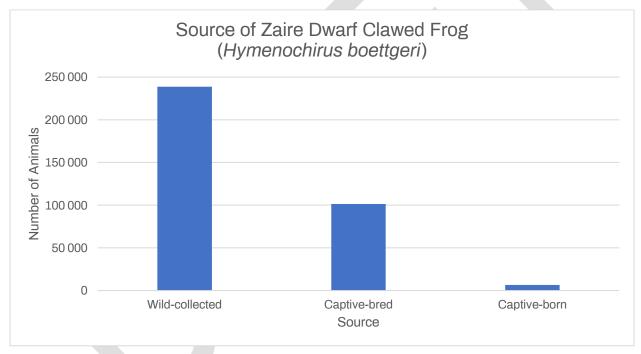


Figure 41: Reported sources of live traded Hymenochirus boettgeri recorded in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

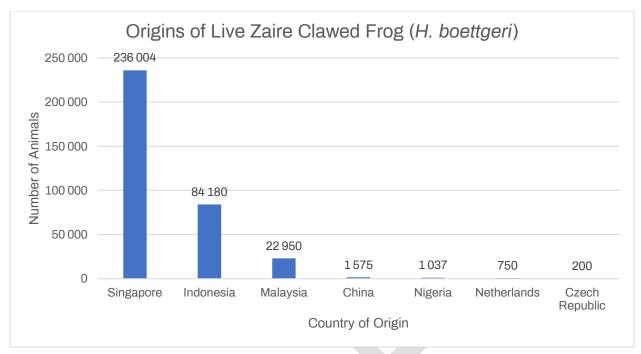


Figure 42: Reported country / region of origin of live traded Hymenochirus boettgeri recorded in units of number by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.7.f. Kilograms of live amphibians traded: Lithobates catesbeianus

Only two taxonomic categories traded by the United States of America were recorded in units of kilograms when live amphibians were traded: *Lithobates catesbeianus* and animals recorded as "Non-CITES amphibians." These two categories included 1,012,004 kilograms of live amphibians, where over 99.9% were the American bullfrog (*Lithobates catesbeianus*) and 4 kilograms were recorded as "Non-CITES amphibians". Due to the near total predominance of *L. catesbeianus* in this category, focus will be directed only at this one species.

Taiwan, Province of China was reported as the origin of 100% of live *Lithobates catesbeianus* traded in units of kilograms. Of the 1,012,000 kilograms of *L. catesbeianus* traded, the majority were recorded as ranched (89.1%), followed by those bred in captivity (10.2%) and those recorded using source code "F" (0.6%), which designates CITES-listed animals that were born in captivity in accordance with CITES Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev. CoP19) on *Specimens of animal species bred in captivity* (Figure 43). Because this is not a CITES-listed species, these 6,400 frogs may have been recorded with source code "F" in error. Among frogs declared as ranched, it is plausible that animals were taken from the wild and then raised in captivity, but 100% of this reported activity occurred outside the natural range of the species. Although bullfrogs from feral populations might indeed be the source, it is equally likely that ranching is not being performed

and that there is confusion among the proper assignment of source codes for animals produced in captivity.

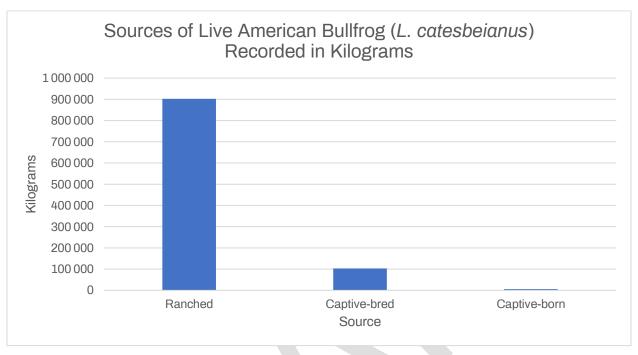


Figure 43: Reported sources of live traded Lithobates catesbeianus recorded in units of kilograms by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

It is curious that among live bullfrogs recorded in units of numbers of individuals versus units of kilograms there is a notable difference in reported source codes: those who traded bullfrogs by the *number of live animals* reported that 66.1% were bred in captivity, while among those who traded bullfrogs in *kilograms of live animals* reported that only 10.2% were bred in captivity. It is uncertain whether this indicates different circumstances under which live frogs are raised and harvested, or instead represents differences in how similar activities are being differently interpreted and reported by different traders.

#### 1.8 Anomalous reported countries of origin and/or sources of traded amphibians

It was apparent that some combinations of reported countries of origin and source codes were sometimes not biologically possible. Some species were frequently reported as wild-collected from countries without documented wild populations. Therefore, an exploratory analysis was performed to consider the extent of anomalous records or possible errors across the 14,663 shipments of amphibians present in the LEMIS dataset used in this study (Figures 44-46). This analysis is then followed by a brief summary of the 50 most frequently traded amphibian species according to a combined query of the LEMIS and CITES databases the countries that export them (Table 3). Using species distributional range information from the IUCN Red List, shipments

where amphibians were recorded outside of their recognized country-level distributions and that were also explicitly described as wild-collected with the use of source code "W" were noted.

This approach represents a conservative evaluation of mismatches because the authors chose to only consider amphibians recorded as wild-collected and did not include other amphibians technically also collected from the wild but recorded with more ambiguous source codes, including those for ranched, and for animals born in captivity. For species with feral populations outside their native distribution ranges, records of trade were treated as true and accurate if recognized in their respective associated IUCN Red List assessments. For instance, it is plausible that the African clawed frog (*Xenopus laevis*) could be collected from the wild in Chile, France, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America; and not only from its native range within continental Africa (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. 2020c).

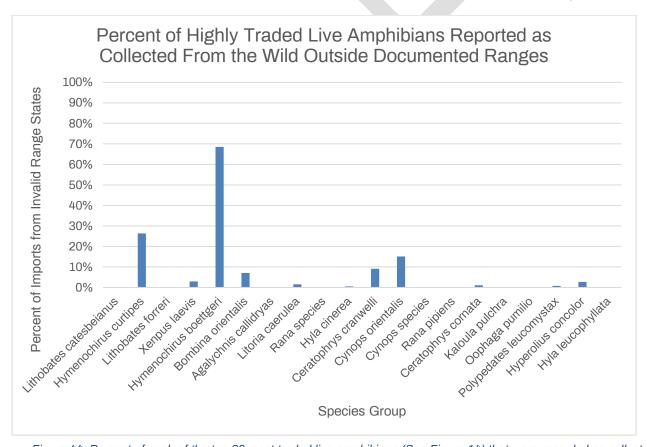


Figure 44: Percent of each of the top 20 most traded live amphibians (See Figure 14) that were recorded as collected from the wild from origins/regions outside their native and introduced ranges, according to distributional range information sourced from IUCN Red List. No shipments of this nature were identified for R. forreri, A. callidryas, or O. pumilio among trade in live animals recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

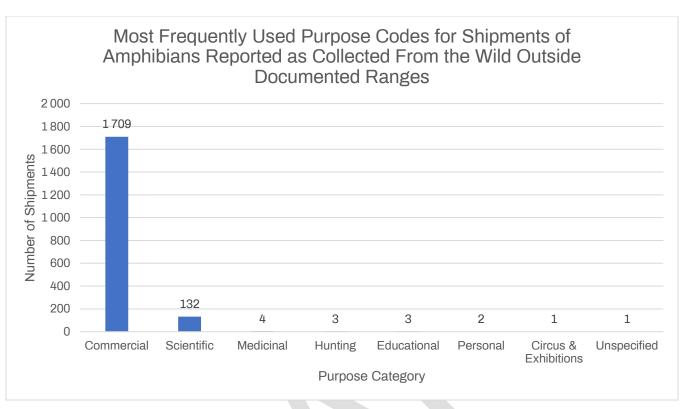


Figure 45: The overwhelming proportion of commercial shipments observed across this phenomenon indicate incorrect source descriptions could be affecting large quantities of individual taxa, an observation further supported by analyses.

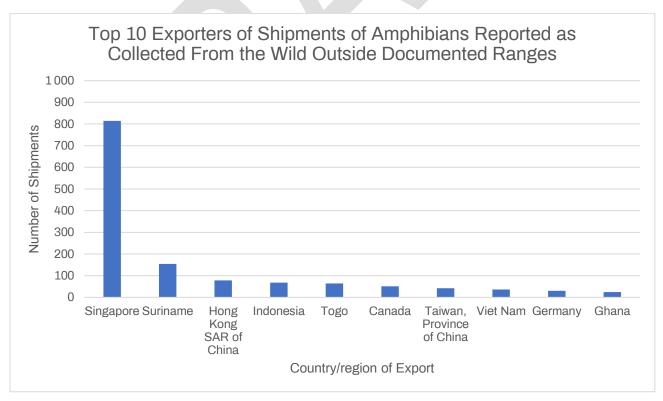


Figure 46: Amphibian shipments exported from Singapore dominated this observed phenomenon.

Explanations for these anomalous trade data are varied, but the following two considerations emerged during analysis which may help guide interpretation, conclusions, and responses thereof.

- 1.) The international trade in amphibians is not monitored with sufficient scientific scrutiny. Increased care is needed to ensure that records of trade accurately characterize true events. Throughout this report, and among other previously published wildlife trade summaries, considerable attention has been directed towards the need for improved record keeping of scientific names of traded species. However, the lack of accurate information associated with the trade in amphibians not only affects knowledge of the species traded, but also their sources and countries of origin. These additional components of trade are arguably of equal importance in the evaluation of the impact of trade on wild amphibian populations, particularly if portions of amphibians recorded as wild-collected were instead bred in captivity. Errors among recordkeeping are likely the source for most of these mismatches due to the apparent absence of scientific quality control and assurance protocols when shipments of wildlife are transcribed into data. Still, alternative scientifically plausible explanations might exist among some of these records.
- 2.) Records of trade in amphibians reported as wild-collected from countries not within their scientifically recognized range countries, if true and accurate, can denote previously undocumented populations that warrant further exploration. Some of these might involve distributional range extensions of native species previously unrecognized, while others might represent introduced species that have formed feral populations not yet documented.

Table 3: Summary of 50 most frequently traded amphibian species across both LEMIS and CITES databases combined (2015-2020). These data include only species that were traded as live animals and reported with the number of animals traded are included.

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	IUCN Status	IUCN Assessment Year	CITES Appendix	Exporting Countries ISOCC	Native Region	Source	Number Shipmen
Phyllomedusidae	Agalychnis callidryas	Red-eyed Tree Frog	Least Concern	2020	II	CA, CH, CN, CR, CZ, DE, FR, NI, NL, NO, PA, US	Central America	CITES, LEMIS	539
Dendrobatidae	Dendrobates auratus	Green and Black Poison Frog	Least Concern	2020	II	CA, CN, CO, CR, CZ, DE, ES, GB, NI, NL, NO, PA, UA, US	Central America	LEMIS	323
Dendrobatidae	Dendrobates tinctorius	Dyeing Poison Frog	Least Concern	2010	II	AT, CA, CH, CZ, DE, FR, GB, GR, NL, SG, SR, UA, US	South America	LEMIS	323
Dendrobatidae	Oophaga pumilio	Strawberry Poison Frog	Least Concern	2015	II	CA, CR, DE, JE, NI, NL, NO, PA, US	Central America	CITES, LEMIS	296
Dendrobatidae	Dendrobates leucomelas	Yellow- banded Poison Dart Frog	Least Concern	2004	II	BE, CA, CZ, DE, ES, GB, GY, LV, NL, UA, US	Central America	CITES, LEMIS	184
Dendrobatidae	Phyllobates terribilis	Golden Poison Frog	Endangered	2017	II	CA, CH, CO, CZ,	South America	LEMIS	150

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Microhylidae	Dyscophus guineti	Sambavo Tomato Frog	Least Concern	2016	II	CA, CN, CZ, DE, FR, MG, NL, US	East Africa	LEMIS	146
Centrolenidae	Hyalinobatrachium fleischmanni	Fleischmann's Glass Frog	Least Concern	2008	II	EC, NI, NO, PA, SR, US	Central America	LEMIS	140
Mantellidae	Mantella betsileo	Betsileo Golden Frog	Least Concern	2017	II	CA, GB, MG, UA	East Africa	CITES, LEMIS	135
Pelodryadidae	Mantella baroni	Baron's Mantella	Least Concern	2016	II	MG, US	East Africa	LEMIS	127
Dendrobatidae	Ranitomeya fantastica	Fanastic Poison Frog	Vulnerable	2018	II	CA, DE, NL,	South America	CITES	114
Dendrobatidae	Ranitomeya imitator	Mimic Poison Frog	Least Concern	2013	II	CA, DE, NL, US	South America	CITES	104
Pipidae	Hymenochirus curtipes	Western Dwarf Clawed Frog	Least Concern	2013	N/A	CA, CN, ID, MY, NG, SG, TH, US	Central Africa	LEMIS	2,836
Ranidae	Lithobates catesbeianus	American Bullfrog	Least Concern	2020	N/A	BR, CA, CN, DO, EC, KR, MX, MY, NA, TH, TK	North America	LEMIS	2,745
Pipidae	Xenopus laevis	African Clawed Frog	Least Concern	2020	N/A	BE, BJ, CA, CD, CG, CL, CN, CZ, DE, ES, FR, GB, IE, JP, KE, MX,	Southern Africa	LEMIS	1,484

Ranidae  Ceratophyridae	Lithobates forreri  Ceratophrys cranwelli	Forrer's Grass Frog Cranwell's Horned Frog	Least Concern Least Concern	2020	N/A N/A	NH, NL, QA, RW, SG CN, HN, MX, NI, US BE, CA, CN, DE, FR, GB, JP, KR,	Central America South America	LEMIS	1,195 849
Bufonidae	Rhinella marina	Cane Toad	Least Concern	2008	N/A	SR, TH  AU, BB, BM, BR, BZ, CA, CR, DO, EC, FJ, FR, GF, GY, IT, MS, MX, NI, PA, PE, PG, PH, PW, SB, SR, US, VC	Central America, South America	LEMIS	656
Pelodryadidae	Litoria caerulea	Green Tree Frog	Least Concern	2021	N/A	AU, CA, CN, DE, FR, ID, IT, NA, NL, PG, SG, TH	Oceania	LEMIS	634
Hylidae	Hyla cinerea	American Green Treefrog	Least Concern	2021	N/A	SR, US	North America	LEMIS	601
Ranidae	Rana pipiens	Northern Leopard Frog	Least Concern	2021	N/A	CA, CN, CO, MX, US	North America	LEMIS	587
Pipidae	Hymenochirus boettgeri	Zaire Clawed Frog	Least Concern	2014	N/A	CM, CN, CZ, ID,	Central Africa	LEMIS	585

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Bombinatoridae	Bombina orientalis	Oriental Fire- bellied Toad	Least Concern	2020	N/A	CA, CN, DE, KR, SG, US	East Asia	LEMIS	475
Pyxicephalidae	Pyxicephalus adspersus	African Bullfrog	Least Concern	2013	N/A	CA, CN, FR, GB, MZ	Southern Africa	LEMIS	415
Ceratophyridae	Ceratophrys ornata	Argentinean Horned Frog	Least Concern	2004	N/A	CA, CN, GB, JP, TH	South America	LEMIS	401
Microhylidae	Kaloula pulchra	Malaysian Narrowmouth Toad	Least Concern	2020	N/A	CN, DE, GB, ID, LA, PH, TH, US, VN	Southeast Asia	LEMIS	372
Bufonidae	Duttaphrynus melanostictus	Asian Common Toad	Least Concern	2004	N/A	CH, CN, DE, FI, ID, IT, KH, LA, MG, MM, NA, TH	South Asia, Southeast Asia	LEMIS	278
Ambystomatidae	Ambystoma tigrinum	Western Tiger Salamander	Least Concern	2022	N/A	CA, GB, MX, US	North America	LEMIS	273
Rhacophoridae	Polypedates leucomystax	Common Tree Frog	Least Concern	2004	N/A	BN, CA, CN, ID, KH, LA, PH, SG, TH	Southeast Asia	LEMIS	272
Dicroglossidae	Hoplobatrachus rugulosus	Asian Peters Frog	Least Concern	2022	N/A	CN, LA, MM, PH, SG, TH, US, VN	East Asia, Southeast Asia	LEMIS	262
Phyllomedusidae	Pithecopus hypochondrialis	Orange- legged Leaf Frog	Least Concern	2008	N/A	DE, US	South America	LEMIS	257

Phyllomedusidae	Phyllomedusa bicolor	Giant Monkey Frog	Least Concern	2008	N/A	CA, ET, GY, NL, PE, SR, US	South America	LEMIS	218
Pipidae	Ріра ріра	Surinam Toad	Least Concern	2015	N/A	GY, NG, PE, SR, US	South America	LEMIS	202
Hylidae	Dendropsophus leucophyllatus	Triangle Treefrog	Least Concern	2008	N/A	PE, US	South America	LEMIS	187
Ceratophyridae	Ceratophrys cornuta	Surinam Horned Frog	Least Concern	2004	N/A	BE, CA, CN JP, PE, SR	South America	LEMIS	176
Ambystomatidae	Ambystoma opacum	Marbled Salamander	Least Concern	2021	N/A	US	North America	LEMIS	159
Microhylidae	Phrynomantis bifasciatus	Banded Rubber Frog	Least Concern	2013	N/A	BJ, GH, GR, MZ, TG, TZ, US	Central Africa, Southern Africa	LEMIS	159
Ceratobatrachidae	Cornufer guentheri	Guenther's Triangle Frog	Least Concern	2019	N/A	CA, CN, GB, SB	Oceania	LEMIS	151
Bufonidae	Rhaebo guttatus	Smooth-sided Toad	Least Concern	2008	N/A	CA, GY, PE, SR, US	South America	LEMIS	144
Salamandridae	Notophthalmus viridescens	Eastern Newt	Least Concern	2020	N/A	CA, SE, US	North America	LEMIS	130
Salamandridae	Cynops orientalis	Oriental Fire- bellied Newt	Least Concern	2020	N/A	CN, SG, US	East Asia	LEMIS	128
Dendrobatidae	Rhacophorus reinwardtii	Reinwardt's Tree Frog	Least Concern	2022	N/A	CN, DE, FR, ID	Southeast Asia	LEMIS	124
Amphiumidae	Amphiuma tridactylum	Three-toed Amphiuma	Least Concern	2021	N/A	US	North America	LEMIS	118
Ceratophyridae	Ceratophrys aurita	Brazilian Horned Frog	Least Concern	2020	N/A	BE, DE, JP, US	South America	LEMIS	115
Phyllomedusidae	Callimedusa tomopterna	Tiger-striped Leaf Frog	Least Concern	2016	N/A	CA, DE, PE, SR, US	South America	LEMIS	115
Ambystomatidae	Ambystoma maculatum	Spotted Salamander	Least Concern	2022	N/A	CA, GB, US	North America	LEMIS	103

Hylidae	Osteopilus	Cuban	Least	2019	N/A	SX, US	Carribean	LEMIS	103
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Bufonidae	Anaxyrus debilis	Green Toad	Least Concern	2021	N/A	GB, MX, US	North America	LEMIS	102
Bufonidae	Incilius alvarius	Sonoran Dester Toad	Least Concern	2019	N/A	CA, US	North America	LEMIS	101
Bufonidae	Anaxyrus terrestris	Southern Toad	Least Concern	2021	N/A	US	North America	LEMIS	100

# 1.9 Cumulative list of internationally traded amphibians including both present and previous studies

A comprehensive literature review was performed to identify additional amphibian species demonstrated to be internationally traded. Interestingly, the majority of literature results pertaining to the trade in amphibians were found to instead focus on the threat of emerging infectious diseases and the role of trade in spreading pathogens. Very few studies provided species-specific information that described international trade in non-CITES listed amphibians, but two studies were particularly noteworthy and included both, and their findings were integrated into the cumulative species list provided in the present report by comparing their traded species lists to that produced through the present analysis of 2015-2020 LEMIS data and adding those not already included (Mohanty and Measey 2019, Hughes et al. 2023). In total, this resulted in the addition of 126 species to the list of 1,195 species for a total of 1,321 internationally traded amphibian species, including both CITES and non-CITES listed species (Annex 2). Of these 1,321 total species traded, 89.2% are not CITES-listed. Brief summaries of these two previous studies are provided as follows.

Mohanty and Measey (2019) performed a literature review to assess the diversity of amphibian species in pet trade and the characteristics that predispose them to become commodities. Knowing that online literature reviews tend to exhibit bias towards English language articles, the authors supplemented their review with LEMIS data, and focused explicitly on import records tagged as "commercial", "personal", and "breeding in captivity". The authors considered species traits such as body size, clutch size, and breeding mode, and included CITES traded status and IUCN conservation status as variables. The authors identified 443 species in the amphibian pet trade between 1971 to 2018 and identified taxonomic bias towards Caudata, and at the family level for *Dendrobatidae*, *Mantellidae*, *Hyperoliidae*, *Pipidae*, *Ambystomidae*, and *Salamandridae*. Of the predictive variables explored, only body size, range size, and breeding type had significant effects – "large body size" and "larval breeding" had the strongest positive effects on presence of a species in international pet trade (and volume of trade). Overall, the chosen species-traits considered in this analysis were poor predictors of trade volume in pet amphibians imported into the United States of America. Other variables were postulated to have greater strengths, such as socio-economic aspects of trade and various aesthetically pleasing species traits.

Hughes et al. (2023) considered how the lack of wildlife trade monitoring in unregulated amphibian species provides an underrepresentation of actual trade than what is occurring. To make up for this, the research team combined data from five sources (CITES, IUCN Red List, LEMIS, a web

crawl, and a literature review) to establish a baseline measure of all amphibian species identified in wildlife trade for use as meat, medicine, research, and pets. In total, 1,215 amphibian species were identified, with 909 being present in the international wildlife trade. The LEMIS database examined contained 587 species, the CITES database contained 137 species, and review of online advertisements identified 185 species. Uniqueness varied between the datasets: LEMIS 31% unique, CITES 4% unique, Online trade 30% unique. The vast majority of amphibians by volume were imported into the US for commercial purposes. Of those, 57% were recorded as captive sourced while 42% were recorded as sourced from the wild. These values varied by genera. Measures of uniqueness across datasets show that different data sources detected different species, and no predictors could be determined. In total, 413 species were used for meat, 805 species used as pets, and 122 species as medicine or for pharmacological research. Overall, 664 species were traded for research or breeding projects. This analysis omitted the use of amphibian leather for fashion and the use of amphibians as bait.

Because these cumulative data provide a total list of amphibian species identified in international trade, but do not provide an indication of the relatively frequency of trade in these species, the LEMIS data were further examined to reflect this. These data are provided in a table that illustrates the frequency of all traded species recorded in LEMIS by the United States of America from 2015-2020, based on the number of times a traded shipment was recorded to contain each species (Annex 3).

### 1.10 Amphibian species likely threatened by trade as per Challender et al. (2023) and not CITES-listed

A recent study proposed a methodology to apply information assembled through the IUCN's Red List of Threatened Species to identify species likely threatened by international trade that are not presently CITES-listed (Challender et al. 2023). Of the 904 species that were identified, 55 were species of amphibians. Seventeen of these 55 amphibian species were identified in trade among the LEMIS data used in this study (Table 4).

Table 4: Seventeen species of amphibians likely threatened by international trade that are not presently CITES-listed as per Challender et al. 2023.

Atelopus varius	Ommatotriton ophryticus
Bolitoglossa dofleini	Osteopilus vastus
Ceratophrys ornata	Pachytriton archospotus
Ceratophrys stolzmanni	Pachytriton wuguanfui

Cynops pyrrhogaster	Plethodon petraeus
Kassina arboricola	Proteus anguinus
Laotriton laoensis	Rhacophorus calcaneus
Leptodactylus fallax	Rhacophorus helenae
Limnonectes blythii	

Among these 17 species, 497 shipments were recorded, and 80.3% of these (399) involved just one of the 17 species (*Ceratophrys ornata*). Trade was recorded in units of number of individuals (rather than mass) for all of these species except one shipment of 50 mL of *Ommatotriton ophryticus*. Trade in the remaining 16 species involved 40,313 specimens (Figure 47) which were collectively recorded with eight different LEMIS description codes: BOD (dead whole animals), EGL (live eggs), LIV (live specimens), SKP (Skin piece (raw or tanned including scraps)), SPE (specimen (scientific or museum)), SPR (Shell product (mollusc or turtle)), TRI (Trim (shoe, garment, or decorative)), and UNS (unspecified).

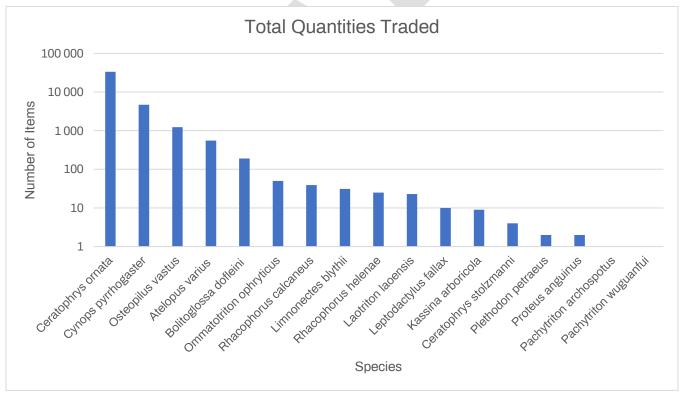


Figure 47: Cumulative quantity of trade in live amphibians, parts or products of species likely threatened by international trade presented by Challender et al. (2023) recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.10.a. Ceratophrys ornata trade summary

The Argentinean Horned Frog (*Ceratophrys ornata*) is listed as Near Threatened by the IUCN Red List and had a declining population trend (Kwet et al. 2004). The majority of all traded *C. ornata* were recorded as live frogs (33,460 individuals). Most traded live *C. ornata* (95.9%) were reported as bred in captivity followed by those recorded as animals born in captivity (source code F) in accordance with CITES Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev) (3.0%) (Figure 48). As with examined data in previous sections, this is not a CITES-listed species, so it is likely that the 1,007 frogs recorded with source code "F" represents reporting errors. Therefore, some or all of these 1,007 frogs may have been collected from the wild and then raised in captivity, in addition to the 358 *C. ornata* reported as wild-collected. When layering reported country of origin data on top of source code data, it then becomes clear that wild collection was unlikely, as 975 of 1007 (96.8%) of frogs recorded with source code F reportedly originated within the United States of America, suggesting that either these frogs were bred in captivity outside their range of distribution or that source codes and/or country of origins are being incorrectly reported.

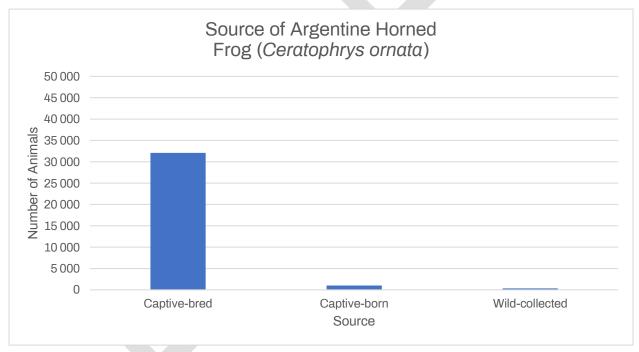


Figure 48: Reported sources of traded Ceratophrys ornata recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

For the majority of *C. ornata* recorded as wild-collected, the reported origin is not within the species' range of distribution (Figure 49). As per the IUCN Red List, *C. ornata* is only native to Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay (Kwet et al. 2004). LEMIS data include the following wild sources: United States of America, Thailand, Taiwan, Province of China and Brazil.

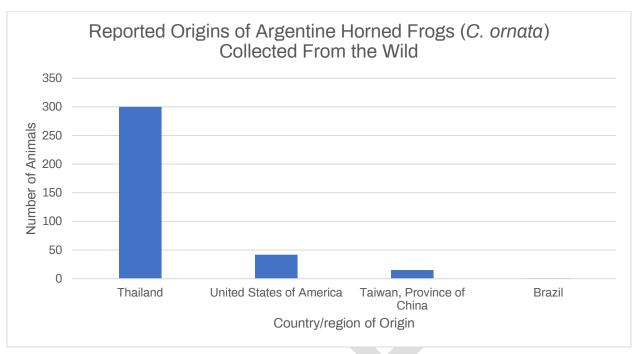


Figure 49: Reported country/region of origin of Ceratophrys ornata collected from the wild and recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

A single specimen of wild-collected *C. ornata* traded from Brazil for scientific purposes represented the only record of trade sourced from am origin where this species is native.

The IUCN Red List assessment for this species stated that *C. ornata* is, "collected for the international pet trade and its eggs are sold internationally for scientific research. No data are available either on official trade or on illegal trade; captive breeding is probably high." Among the data available for this study, international trade in eggs of *C. ornata* was not detected, as all trade was recorded either as live adult frogs or scientific specimens. Still, it is plausible that some animals recorded as live individuals were actually individual live eggs. It is similarly plausible that the trade in eggs is occurring without declaration.

Consistent with the IUCN Red List assessment stating that "captive breeding is probably high", this appears to be supported by the LEMIS trade data. Still, due to the source code and country of origin discrepancies detected among these data for unknown reasons, confidence in the accuracy of these trade data is uncertain. During the study period, there were no records of trade in live specimens sourced from Argentina, Brazil, or Uruguay, the three range states of *C. ornata*. It may be worthwhile to explore whether any of these nations have authorized commercial collection and exportation of this species, and whether those in circulation can be demonstrated to have legal origins.

#### 1.10.b. Cynops pyrrhogaster trade summary

The Japanese Fire-bellied Newt (*Cynops pyrrhogaster*) is listed as Near Threatened in the IUCN Red List and exhibits a decreasing population trend (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. 2021). This species is endemic to Japan. Of the 4,679 traded *Cynops pyrrhogaster*, most were live newts (4,379) with the exception of one shipment that contained 300 live eggs. All live adult animals were traded for commercial purposes, except for three newts traded for personal use and the shipment of 300 live eggs that were declared as intended for scientific purposes. According to the IUCN Red List assessment, "This species is collected for the national and international pet trade. Individuals from the wild are constantly being traded on the internet as a pet. Only a small number are bred in captivity for research only (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. 2021)." This information in the IUCN Red List assessment contradicts what is observed among these LEMIS data, which show the opposite: that the majority (89.6%) of traded *C. pyrrhogaster* were reported as bred in captivity for commercial purposes (Figure 50).

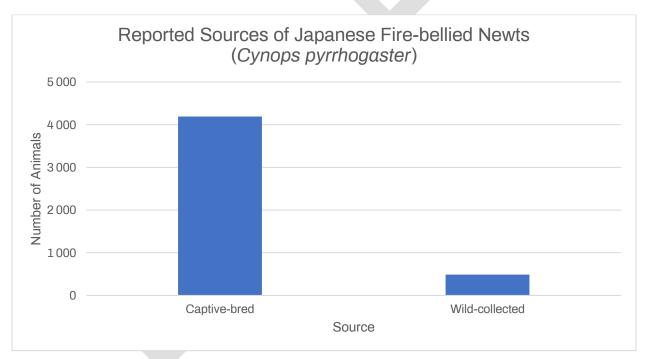


Figure 50: Reported sources of traded Cynops pyrrhogaster recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

Of the 488 wild-collected specimens, 300 were live eggs for scientific purposes and the remaining 188 were live adults. Examination of the reported countries of origin for these wild-collected newts shows that 36.1% were declared as having been collected in the wild in countries/regions where this species is not native, including Hong Kong SAR of China (89.2%) and mainland China (10.8%). It is possible that these wild-collected newts were not *C. pyrrhogaster*, if genuinely collected from the wild in Hong Kong SAR of China and mainland China. Alternatively, they may

have been *C. pyrrhogaster* that were bred in captivity and incorrectly recorded as collected from the wild.

The IUCN assessment further states that, "Numerous newts are collected for sale and export to Europe for the pet trade, and this is considered a threat to the species." It is therefore necessary to consider that the United States of America trade in primarily captive bred individuals could differ from that among other trading countries, such as those among the European Union, where trade between those countries might instead involve high proportions of wild-collected *C. pyrrhogaster*. If so, then wild populations of this species may be experiencing greater threat from trade than expressed by the United States LEMIS data.

In 2016, the United States of America implemented trade restrictions under the Lacey Act which prohibit the importation of 20 genera of salamanders due to the risk of introducing the deadly amphibian pathogen *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* (Bsal). This action included the genus *Cynops* and now prohibits all commercial importation of *C. pyrrhogaster*. All trade in this species recorded in LEMIS and described in this study occurred in 2016 and prior, except for the import of one live animal in 2017.

#### 1.10.c. Osteopilus vastus trade summary

The Hispaniolan Giant Treefrog (*Osteopilus vastus*) is listed as Vulnerable by the IUCN Red List and its population trend is described as unknown (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. 2022). This species is native to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Of the 1,232 specimens of *O. vastus* traded by the United States of America, 100% were live frogs traded for commercial purposes, and of these, 100% were recorded as wild with Haiti as their country of origin (note: Haiti is not a Party to CITES). The IUCN Red List assessment describes its use and trade as follows: "It is being exported in small numbers for the pet trade in the United States of America (M. Rodriguez pers. comm. 2011)," and this appears consistent with the LEMIS trade data.

#### 1.10.d. Atelopus varius trade summary

The Variable Harlequin Frog (*Atelopus varius*) is presently listed as Critically Endangered by the IUCN Red List and its population trend is described as unknown. (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. 2020a). This species is native to Costa Rica and Panama. A major contributing factor to its population decline is the emerging infectious disease chytridiomycosis. Its presence in trade was described as follows in the IUCN Red List assessment: "It was collected by the thousands in

the 1970s and shipped to Germany as part of the international pet trade. It is still collected as part of the pet trade today, despite it being illegal (B. Gratwicke pers. comm. February 2017)."

The international trade in this species by the United States of America was reported to have been composed entirely of non-live animals and mostly wild animals (Figure 51). This trade primarily involved scientific specimens (362), followed by unspecified material (82), dead bodies (62), and skin pieces (46).

Although the trade in scientific specimens is often associated with purposes similarly described as scientific, the majority of trade in scientific specimens of *A. varius* (82.0%) were reportedly traded for commercial purposes. All material from *A. varius*, both from animals bred in captivity and those collected from the wild, originated in native range countries, with 99.1% sourced from Panama and the remainder from Costa Rica.

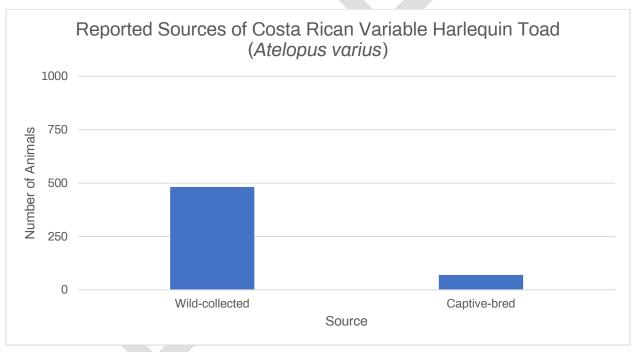


Figure 51: Reported sources of traded Atelopus varius recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.10.e. Bolitoglossa dofleini trade summary

The Alta Verapaz Salamander (*Bolitoglossa dofleini*) is presently listed as Near Threatened by the IUCN Red List and its population trend was noted to be decreasing. (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. 2020b). This species is native to Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras. Its presence in trade was described in this assessment as follows: "This species is found in the international pet trade. There are concerns about collection from the wild, as it does not breed until the females are 10–12 years old (J. Kolby pers. comm. March 2019). From 2004–2009, over 600 animals (only 30 of those were declared to be bred in captivity) were imported to the United States of America from all countries throughout the range of this species (J. Kolby pers. comm. March 2019)."

All traded B. dofleini from 2015-2020 involved live animals reportedly bred in captivity in Nicaragua and imported to the United States of America for commercial purposes. This species cannot be found in the wild in Nicaragua, but the closest population is found in neighbouring Honduras, in the north westernmost portion of the country. There appears to have been a significant shift from trade in predominantly wild-collected animals (as per 2004-2009 LEMIS data; IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group, 2020) to trade in animals exclusively reported as bred in captivity (as per 2015-2020 LEMIS data). This shift occurred following the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CITES CoP15) in March 2010. Leading up to CITES CoP15, two organizations (Defenders of Wildlife and the Species Survival Network) recommended that the United States of America propose B. dofleini for inclusion in CITES Appendix II (USFWS 2010). In their response, the US CITES Scientific Authority stated, "The international pet trade may be locally unsustainable due to slow maturation in the species (10-12 years). Between 2005 and 2008, U.S. trade data show 374 specimens, all wild-caught, imported into the United States of America from Honduras and Guatemala. The United States of America is unlikely to submit a proposal for inclusion of this species in Appendix II at CoP15 unless significant additional information is received about the species' biological status and trade, or a range country requests our assistance." Likely due to the absence of this additional information, and range country support, the United States of America decided not to propose B. dofleini for inclusion in CITES Appendix II.

It is notable that following this increased attention on the trade in wild-collected *B. dofleini* originating from Honduras and Guatemala, international trade with the United States of America appears to have entirely halted and instead became replaced by animals exported from a non-native range State with all animals declared as bred in captivity. This species has a remarkably

slow reproductive cycle in which animals require nearly 10 years before they reach sexual maturity and begin to reproduce (AmphibiaWeb. 2023). For this reason, successful captive breeding of this species is expected to be challenging and to require many years of investment before even small quantities can be produced. In the present study, trade in this species was also queried among older LEMIS data recorded from 2004-2009 and found that the 30 animals declared as captive bred had been imported to the United States of America in two shipments (10 individuals, and then 20 individuals, respectively) in late 2004 from Honduras, with all 30 captive bred animals declared as originating from Nicaragua (Eskew et al. 2020). These data suggest that efforts to produce this species in captivity might have been in development in Nicaragua for many years, but do not exclude the possibility that wild-collected animals have been collected from the wild in range countries and exported with inaccurate source and origin information.

# 1.11 Legal versus illegal trade among amphibian species likely threatened by trade as per Challender et al. (2023) and not CITES-listed

Among the 17 amphibian species traded by the United States of America and categorized by Challender et al. (2023) as likely to be threatened by trade but that are not CITES-listed, three species were recorded as refused clearance due to a trade violation. This involved just three (0.6%) of the 497 shipments which contained any of these 17 species. These shipments are summarized as follows:

- 1. In 2015, one shipment was illegally exported to Canada by air cargo for commercial purposes that contained two Pigeon Mountain salamanders (*Plethodon petraeus*). This species is listed as Vulnerable in the IUCN Red List, its population trend was described as stable, and the threat posed by trade was attributed to, "Over-collection for scientific study and possibly the illegal pet trade... the impacts of these threats is probably relatively limited." (Hammerson 2004). These exported salamanders were recorded as "shell products", wild-collected in Indonesia. This is a species native to a small range of distribution in the state of Georgia, within the United States of America. It is therefore uncertain which part of this illegal trade event was recorded in error: the species, country of origin, and/or the source of the wildlife.
- 2. In 2018, one shipment was illegally exported to Canada by air cargo for commercial purposes that contained two live Ornate horned frogs (*Ceratophrys ornata*). This species is listed as Near Threatened in the IUCN Red List, its population trend was described as decreasing, and threats posed by trade were described as, "It is also collected for the international pet trade and its eggs are sold internationally for scientific research." (Kwet et al. 2004). Kwet et al. (2004) also stated that among trade in this species, "captive

breeding is probably high." The frogs illegally traded in this shipment were reported as bred in captivity in the United States of America.

3. In 2020, one shipment was illegally imported to the United States of America from the United Kingdom that contained material from the Mountain chicken frog (*Leptodactylus fallax*). This frog was transported within the personally accompanying baggage of an airline passenger, and it is uncertain what the part, product or live condition of this frog was because it was recorded by USFWS as "unspecified." This species is listed as Critically Endangered in the IUCN Red List with a decreasing population trend and is native to the Caribbean islands of Dominica and Montserrat (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group 2017). The threat posed by trade is described as follows: "After the major population decline caused by chytridiomycosis in the early 2000s, a range-wide ban was put in place to stop the hunting of this species; however there may be some illegal hunting still taking place" (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group, 2017). Both the source and country of origin of the illegally imported *L. fallax* were recorded by USFWS as "unknown."

Overall, illegal trade among this group of 17 species was observed to be minimal, based on available LEMIS data, but this does not exclude the possible presence of illegal trade activity among other shipments not identifiable based on these records alone. For instance, if some portion of trade among these species originated from countries where national laws prohibited their collection or exportation, then such imports into the United States of America may have been illegal, even if "cleared" for trade by USFWS. This type of illegal amphibian trade would fall under provisions of the Lacey Act, in which any violation of wildlife trade law in a foreign country becomes a violation of US law if those animals, parts, or products are then imported to the United States of America.

### 1.12 International trade in species categorized as globally threatened in the IUCN Red List

Among all 1,094 species traded by the United States of America during our study period which have also been assessed by the IUCN Red List, 22.3% (244) extant species were categorized as threatened with extinction, including 79 categorized as Vulnerable species, 68 Endangered species, and 38 Critically Endangered species (Figure 52).

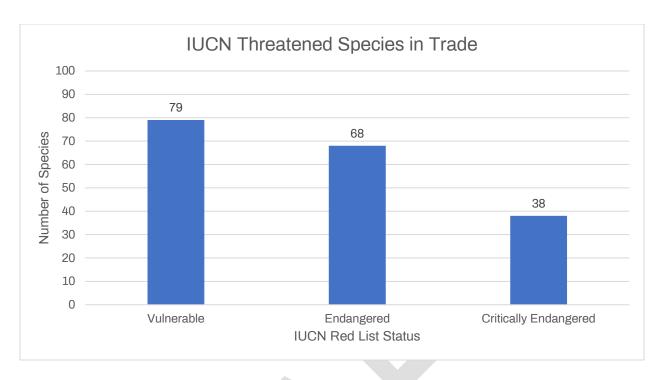


Figure 52: IUCN Red List categories of traded threatened amphibian species recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

#### 1.13 Quantities and sources of top traded threatened amphibians

Among these three groups of traded threatened amphibians, 100% of the top five traded live Critically Endangered amphibians were produced in captivity whereas the proportions of those bred in captivity lowered along with the reduction in threat categorizations: three of the top five traded live Endangered amphibians were in part collected from the wild and four of the top five traded live Vulnerable species were in part or entirely (i.e., *Theloderma bicolor*) collected from the wild (Tables 5-7). Among Vulnerable species, 100% *Osteopilus vastus* and *Hyla heilprini* were legally traded from wild populations. Legal commercial trade was recorded among 3/5 of these Critically Endangered species, and 5/5 of both top traded Endangered and Vulnerable species.

Table 5: The top 5 traded Critically Endangered amphibian species recorded in numbers of live animals by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

Scientific Name	Common Name	CITES Appendix	Number of Individuals Traded	Sources of Individuals Traded	Legal	Illegal	Number of Shipments	Any Commercial Shipments?
	Puerto							
Peltophryne	Rican							
lemur	crested toad	N/A	14,020	С	14,020	0	7	No
Ambystoma mexicanum	Axolotl	=	2,655	С	2,639	16	21	Yes, both were refused clearance
Oophaga	Harlequin	- 11	2,000	O	2,000	10	<u> </u>	olcaranicc
histrionica	poison frog	II	774	C, F	771	3	17	Yes
Oophaga lehmanni	Lehmann's poison frog	II	186	C, D	183	3	15	Yes
Agalychnis	Lemur leaf			-,		-	_	
lemur	frog	II	181	C, F	181	0	15	Yes

Table 6: The top 5 traded Endangered amphibian species recorded in numbers of live animals by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

Scientific Name	Common Name	CITES Appendix	Number of Individuals Traded	Sources of Individuals Traded	Legal	Illegal	Number of Shipments	Any Commercial Shipments?
Mantella	Golden						-	•
aurantiaca	mantella		1167	C, F, W	1,167	0	42	Yes
Leptopelis								
vermiculatu	Peacock							
S	tree frog	N/A	383	C, W	283	100	18	Yes
Phyllobates	Golden dart							
terribilis	frog	II	347	C, D	347	0	22	Yes
	Black- legged							
Phyllobates	poison dart							
bicolor	frog	II	313	C, D	313	0	11	Yes
Theloderma	Vietnamese							
bicolor	moss frog	N/A	281	W	281	0	26	Yes

Table 7: The top 5 traded Vulnerable amphibian species recorded in numbers of live animals by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

Scientific Name	Common Name	CITES Appendix	Number of Individuals Traded	Sources of Individuals Traded	Legal	Illegal	Number of Shipments	Any Commercial Shipments?
Hamo	Pebas	пропал	114454	114454	Logui	mogu.	Cimpinionic	Cinpinonio i
Atelopus	stubfoot							
spumarius	toad	N/A	2249	C, W	2,249	0	81	Yes
	Hispaniolan							
Osteopilus	giant tree							
vastus	frog	N/A	1232	W	1,232	0	33	Yes
Ranitomeya	Red-headed							
fantastica	poison frog	II	442	С	442	0	23	Yes
Hyla	Los Bracitos							
heilprini	tree frog	N/A	353	W	353	0	18	Yes
	Green and							
	golden bell							
Litoria aurea	frog	N/A	271	C, F, W	271	0	15	Yes

## 1.14 Additional significant amphibian trade impacts not captured by US LEMIS trade data

1.14.a Responses to CITES Notif. 2023/101 on top traded amphibians

The questionnaire distributed through CITES Notif. 2023/101 requested information about amphibian species known to be internationally traded, even if quantified data were not also available. A summary of responses from government authorities is provided in Table 8, with added notations pertaining to IUCN Red List status, whether species are included in the CITES Appendices, and if the species was identified among the dataset of United States LEMIS records collected from 2015-2020.



Table 8: Amphibian species present in trade noted by government respondents to the questionnaire distributed through CITES Notif. 2023/101.

Family	Scientific Name	Common	IUCN Status	Year of IUCN	CITES	In 2015-2020
		Name		Assessment	Appendix	LEMIS Data?
Ambystomatidae	Ambystoma	Western	Least Concern	2022	N/A	Yes
	mavortium	Tiger				
		Salamander				
Ambystomatidae	Ambystoma	Axolotl	Critically	2020	II	Yes
	mexicanum		Endangered			
Aromobatidae	Allobates femoralis	Brilliant-	Least Concern	2010	II	Yes
		thighed				
		Poison Frog				
Bombinatoridae	Bombina orientalis	Oriental Fire-	Least Concern	2020	N/A	Yes
		bellied Toad				
Bufonidae	Nectophrynoides	Kihansi	Extinct in the	2014	I	Yes
	asperginis	Spray Toad	Wild			
Centrolenidae	Cochranella	Grainy	Least Concern	2020	II	Yes
	granulosa	Cochran Frog				
Centrolenidae	Hyalinobatrachium	Fleischmann'	Least Concern	2020	II	Yes
	fleischmanni	s Glass Frog				
Centrolenidae	Teratohyla pulverata	Chiriqui	Least Concern	2020	II	Yes
		Glass Frog				
Dendrobatidae	Adelphobates	Splash-	Least Concern	2010	II	Yes
	galactonotus	backed				
		Poison Frog				
Dendrobatidae	Ameerega berohoka		Least Concern	2020*	II	No

Dendrobatidae	Ameerega hahneli		Least Concern	2010	II	Yes
Dendrobatidae	Ameerega macero	Manu Poison Frog	Least Concern	2014	II	Yes
Dendrobatidae	Ameerega trivittata	Three-striped Arrow-poison Frog	Least Concern	2008	II	Yes
Dendrobatidae	Dendrobates auratus	Green and Black Poison Frog	Least Concern	2020	11	Yes
Dendrobatidae	Dendrobates leucomelas	Yellow- banded Poison Dart Frog	Least Concern	2004	II	Yes
Dendrobatidae	Dendrobates tinctorious	Dyeing Poison Frog	Least Concern	2010	II	Yes
Dendrobatidae	Dyscophus guineti	Sambavo Tomato Frog	Least Concern	2016	II	Yes
Dendrobatidae	Oophaga histrionica	Harlequin Poison Frog	Critically Endangered	2019	II	Yes
Dendrobatidae	Oophaga lehmanni	Lehmann's Poison Frog	Critically Endangered	2019	II	Yes
Dendrobatidae	Oophaga pumilio	Strawberry Poison Frog	Least Concern	2015	II	Yes
Dendrobatidae	Phyllobates aurotaenia	Kokoe Poison Frog	Least Concern	2017	II	Yes

Dendrobatidae	Phyllobates bicolor	Black-legged	Endangered	2017	II	Yes
		Poison Dart				
		Frog				
Dendrobatidae	Phyllobates terribilis	Golden	Endangered	2017	II	Yes
		Poison Frog				
Dendrobatidae	Ranitomeya	Reticulated	Least Concern	2004	II	Yes
	ventrimaculata	Poison Frog				
Dicroglossidae	Fejervarya	Asian Grass	Least Concern	2004	N/A	Yes
	limnocharis	Frog				
Dicroglossidae	Hoplobatrachus	Asian Peters	Least Concern	2022	N/A	Yes
	rugulosus	Frog				
Dicroglossidae	Hoplobatrachus	Indian	Least Concern	2008	II	Yes
	tigerinus	Bullfrog				
Dicroglossidae	Occidozyga	Marten's	Least Concern	2022	N/A	Yes
	martensii	Oriental Frog				
Hylidae	Hyla cinerea	American	Least Concern	2021	N/A	Yes
		Green				
		Treefrog				
Hylidae	Smilisca phaeota	New	Least Concern	2020	N/A	Yes
		Granada				
		Cross-				
		banded				
		Treefrog				
Mantellidae	Mantella aurantiaca	Golden	Endangered	2020	II	Yes
		Mantella				

Mantellidae	Mantella betsileo	Betsileo	Least Concern	2017	П	Yes
		Golden Frog				
Mantellidae	Mantella nigricans	Guibé's	Least Concern	2016	П	Yes
		Mantella				
Microhylidαe	Glyphoglossus	Blunt-headed	Near	2021	N/A	No
	molossus	Burrowing	Threatened			
		Frog				
Myobatrachidae	Rheobatrachus spp.	Gastric-	Extinct	2022	N/A	No
		brooding				
		Frog				
Phyllomedusidae	Agalychnis callidryas	Red-eyed	Least Concern	2020	П	Yes
		Tree Frog				
Pipidae	Hymenochirus	Zaire Clawed	Least Concern	2014	N/A	Yes
	boettgeri	Frog				
Pipidae	Hymenochirus	Western	Least Concern	2013	N/A	Yes
	curtipes	Dwarf				
		Clawed Frog				
Pipidae	Xenopus laevis	African	Least Concern	2020	N/A	Yes
		Clawed Frog				
Ranidae	Lithobates	American	Least Concern	2020	N/A	Yes
	catesbeianus	Bullfrog				
Ranidae	Lithobates forreri	Forrer's	Least Concern	2020	N/A	Yes
		Grass Frog				
Ranidae	Rana pipiens	Northern	Least Concern	2021	N/A	Yes
		Leopard Frog				

Ranidae	Rana draytonii	California	Near	2022	N/A	No
		Red-legged	Threatened			
		Frog				
Salamandridae	Cynops orientalis	Oriental Fire-	Least Concern	2020	N/A	Yes
		bellied Newt				
Telmatobiidae	Telmatobius culeus	Titicaca	Endangered	2019	I	Yes
		Water Frog				

<sup>\*</sup>Amended version of 2014 Assessment

Of the 45 species named, 60% are CITES-listed with 25 in CITES Appendix II and two in Appendix I. Four of these 45 species were not identified in the United States LEMIS records collected from 2015-2020.

#### 1.14.b. Global trade in frogs for human consumption

Globally, the majority of available international trade data recorded to species level for non-CITES listed amphibians is limited to trade where the United States of America acted either as the importer or exporter. Due to the absence of similar recordkeeping outside of the United States of America, it is unknown what proportion of global amphibian trade is represented by these data alone. Although the diversity of species presented in this report likely constitutes the majority of amphibian species moving through contemporary international trade, the quantity traded by the United States of America may only represent a small fraction of the true volume of amphibians traded globally, particularly due to the industrial scale trade in frog legs for human consumption. As remarked by Auliya et al. (2023), "It is noteworthy that the large quantities of frogs' legs of species harvested in Indonesia and eastern Europe have no sales in the USA."

The international frog leg trade is not uniformly recorded among national-level customs statistics and when identifiable as amphibians, these shipments are described only as "frog legs" and without the names of species traded. Auliya et al. (2023) recently summarized the international frog leg trade between countries across Asia and with Europe, but similar frog farming trade activities also occur throughout Latin America. Additionally, trade with other countries/regions outside the United States of America has not been comprehensively evaluated and may also be substantial. Within our study period, 2,094,293 individual American bullfrogs (including live animals, bodies, specimens, and skins) plus 731,244.28 kilograms (including legs, meat and specimens) were collectively imported from the following western hemisphere countries of origin: Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, and the United States of America. While most of these frogs were exported to the United States of America from the country of origin of the animals, 661,069.28 kilograms were reported as animals exported from China that were bred in captivity in the United States of America, and another 32,523 kilograms were recorded as exported from Hong Kong SAR of China, similarly bred in captivity in the United States of America.

In addition to the American bullfrogs imported from western hemisphere countries of origins, 10,450,767 individual American bullfrogs (including live animals, bodies, legs, specimens, skeletons, and unspecified material) plus 17,256,215.95 kilograms (including live animals, legs, meat) were also collectively imported from the following western hemisphere country/region of origins described in LEMIS as: China, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan Province of

China, and Viet Nam. International trade in frogs for human consumption is considerably greater between countries/regions outside the United States of America and this involves both farmed amphibians and significant volumes of frogs harvested from the wild (Auliya et al. 2023).

The use of incorrect scientific names among the frog leg industry further obscures the true diversity and harvest levels among traded species. For instance, a study was performed in France to investigate the species of frogs being sold at supermarkets as frozen frog legs that were imported from Indonesia (Ohler and Nicolas 2017). Sampled frog legs were exclusively labelled as *Rana macrodon* on the packaging and DNA testing revealed that only two out of the 209 frog legs (0.96%) had been correctly identified. Instead, most of these frogs (98.6%) were instead *Fejervarya cancrivora*, and one was *F. moodiei*. It is alarming that 99% of frogs exported from Indonesia and sampled in this study were incorrectly identified because Indonesia is the source of the greatest volume of frog legs exported to the European Union among all source countries, and it appears that *F. cancrivora* is the primary species traded for consumption (Auliya et al 2023).

It is uncertain whether misidentification of traded species is more often the result of human error and negligence versus intentional misrepresentation to circumvent national laws and regulations that govern amphibian trade. Further studies are needed to investigate the frequency of misidentifications, describe the actual diversity of species traded for human consumption and evaluate the impact on wild populations based on accurate trade data. While it may seem reasonable to assume that unintentional misidentification among traded frogs is limited to animals collected from the wild versus those farmed in high densities, investigations among farmed frogs to confirm proper identifications or that sources are being accurately described have not yet been performed. For instance, considerable frog farming operations in China produce American bullfrogs (L. catesbeianus) and Pig frogs (R. grylio), but the quantity of captive bred frogs imported to the United States of America declared as R. grylio was only a minuscule amount (146,282 kilograms), representing barely 1% of the amount declared as L. catesbeianus raised in captivity (14,473,436.08 kilograms plus 10,940 individual frogs). Because these two species are very similar in appearance, it is plausible that some of frogs declared as L. catesbeianus are instead R. grylio, if not something else altogether, similar to the situation revealed among Indonesian frog legs by Ohler and Nicolas (2017).

In addition to the misidentification of amphibian species being traded among the frog leg trade, there is great uncertainty and a lack of tools with which to evaluate how often the sources of frogs are being correctly described as bred in captivity versus collected from the wild. New scientific tools allow for the examination of stable isotopes sampled from frog legs that can help shed light

on whether amphibians were raised under controlled conditions or were instead likely harvested from the wild. In a study performed in Germany, frog legs exported from Indonesia (with no labelled source) and Viet Nam (labelled as farmed) were sampled from grocery stores (Dittrich et al. 2017). Results showed that the two packages of frogs sampled from Viet Nam were farmed, in alignment with the packages' labels, whereas the one package of frogs sampled from Indonesia were instead wild-sourced. Unexpectedly, this study also revealed that again, species of frogs traded as frog legs were commonly mislabelled: 32 of 45 frog legs which originated from Indonesia were labelled as Rana [Limnonectes] macrodon but were instead Fejervarya cancrivora. Meanwhile, all 49 frogs sampled from Viet Nam were accurately labelled as Hoplobatrachus rugulosus. This is the second study to show that frogs exported from Indonesia were labelled with an incorrect scientific name. It is uncertain how commonly this is occurring and whether similar misrepresentation exists among frog legs exported from additional source countries. Additional diagnostic and monitoring studies are needed to estimate how frequently species of traded amphibians are being incorrectly labelled and reported. These errors jeopardize the likelihood of successful conservation and policy responses if developed based on inaccurate trade and harvest levels.

The misdeclaration of amphibian species and sources is not unique to the frog leg trade. In conducting the LEMIS trade analysis previously described in this report, numerous instances were identified where pet trade amphibians were declared with sources not plausible from the documented countries of origin. Either the species, sources, and/or countries of origins declared were incorrect, and this lack of accurate documentation and reporting appears to be a pervasive issue shared across the trade in amphibians globally.

### 1.14.c. Unintended consequences of large-scale amphibian farming

Most of the amphibians that comprise the international frog leg trade appear to involve species assessed as Least Concern in the IUCN Red List, which are primarily ranched or bred in captivity, according to available trade data. Nonetheless, despite the absence of measured negative impacts of these practices upon the species presently traded, frog farming operations serve as engines of global pathogen spread and spillover, with knock-on ecological consequences that stretch far beyond the species traded (Schloegel et al. 2009; 2010; 2012). As discussed in greater detail in report Section 3 on emerging infectious diseases, frog-farming operations create ideal opportunities for deadly amphibian pathogens like *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* (Bd) and ranavirus to rapidly spread between animals held in crowded conditions in the absence of strict biosecurity measures. It does not appear that biosecurity protocols to reduce the risk of pathogen introduction and spread are norms across the industry (Schloegel et al 2009), and it is unknown

whether risk mitigation at the scale necessary to sufficiently control disease spread are either scientifically or economically feasible at present. In a study where captive bred American bullfrogs were tested for the presence of pathogens upon importation to the United States of America, 58.8% of sampled frogs tested positive for the presence of Bd and 92.4% tested positive for ranavirus (Kolby 2016). Samples were only available for testing among animals exported from Taiwan, Province of China and the Dominican Republic, but similarly high detections of these pathogens have also been found among bullfrogs sampled from food markets in the United States of America (Schloegel et al. 2009) and in Hong Kong SAR of China (Kolby 2016), as well as among bullfrogs farmed in Uruguay (Mazzoni et al. 2003).

### 1.15 Low International Trade May Threaten Species under Intense Domestic Pressure

Levels of known international trade in amphibians are important to consider in evaluating possible areas of over exploitation, but even low levels of international trade in some species may threaten species if they are already subject to high levels of domestic use. Examples are not common among published literature, but a recent update to the Amphibian Conservation Action Plan (ACAP), draws attention to the high level of wild amphibian harvest in West and Central Africa for use in school dissections (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group, 2022). Species reported as highly affected by collection for laboratory dissection exercises include the Northern Flat-backed Toad (Sclerophrys maculata), the Common Toad (S. regularis), the African Tiger Frog (Hoplobatrachus occipitalis), and the Grass Frogs (Ptychadena spp). Among the LEMIS data examined during our present study, recorded international trade volumes in all of these species appear negligible: Sclerophrys maculata: 1 wild harvested specimen collected from Liberia, S. regularis: 40 wild harvested specimens collected from Angola, the Hoplobatrachus occipitalis: 131 wild harvested specimens collected from Angola, Benin, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Congo, Cameroon, Gabon, Ghana, Rwanda, Uganda, and unknown origins, and Ptychadena spp.: 1,231 specimens comprised of at least 20 species collected from the wild in at least 27 countries. Although these volumes of international trade with the United States of America do not themselves appear to be cause for concern, even low levels of international trade may exacerbate threats to wild populations if already highly traded domestically (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group, 2022).

The ACAP report also describes unregulated amphibian trade in Nepal, where wild amphibians are frequently collected in large quantities for use in biology class dissections, similar to practices in West and Central Africa. Four species are primarily targeted for this trade: the Tiger frog (Hoplobtrachus tigerinus), Jerdon's bullfrog (H. crassus), Terai cricket frog (Minervarya

teraiensis), and Skittering frog (*Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*). From 2015 through 2020, LEMIS data show the importation of only 26 frog specimens (*Paa* sp.) which originated from the wild in Nepal suggesting the presence of minimal amphibian trade activity, but meanwhile tens of thousands of amphibians are collected annually for dissection classes in Nepal. This included approximately 14,000 bullfrogs (*H. tigerinus*) taken from the wild and dissected in high schools in eastern lowland Nepal in 2010-2012, during which time approximately 1,000 frogs were additionally being collected per night for human consumption (IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group, 2022).

Exponentially higher levels of domestic trade compared to international trade has also been observed among the trade in frog legs. For instance, the export of 28–142 million frogs from Indonesia annually to supply the international frog leg trade was estimated to represent approximately only 15% of the animals harvested for domestic consumption across Indonesia (Kusrini 2005; Kusrini and Alford 2006).

These examples demonstrate the need for precautionary interpretation of low quantities of trade in species as per available international trade data (such as LEMIS or customs records) as they should not alone be presumed to indicate the absence of trade-driven threats to these species. Whether or not international trade in amphibians threatens the survival of wild populations requires many additional pieces of information, most importantly population estimates and studies of population trends, against which to evaluate the impacts of harvest levels. For most amphibian species, these data are rarely available.

# Section 2: National Legislation Governing International Trade in Amphibians: Legislative Summary and Exploration of Potential and Confirmed Illegal Amphibian Trade Events

### 2.1 Wildlife trade regulations that either directly or indirectly govern the trade in amphibians: International responses to CITES Notif. 2023/101

These data were compiled from information provided by respondents to the questionnaire circulated in CITES Notification circulated to Parties on 18 August 2023 (No. 2023/101). The following questions were included as questions numbers 15-22:

- 15. Has your government/ organisation/ institution identified the amphibian species in trade?
- 16. Do the national laws of your country allow trade in amphibians (either amphibian-specific laws or wildlife trade laws that include amphibians)?
- 17. If some amphibian trade is allowed, please describe what is allowed and what is not allowed.
- 18. What are the laws in your country which regulate trade in amphibians? Please list the policy and/ or regulation, provide a link or citation and/or email them to oliver.tallowin@iucn.org
- 19. When was this law enacted?
- 20. Does/ Do the regulation(s) cover non-CITES listed species?
- 21. Which species does this law cover? Please list or describe below.
- 22. Which agency/ department is responsible for enforcing this law?

Please refer to Table 9 for a compilation of the laws and regulations that govern the trade in amphibians as provided by respondents. With respect to question number 20 on whether their national legislation covered trade in non-CITES listed amphibia, 84% of government respondents answered affirmatively (Figure 53).

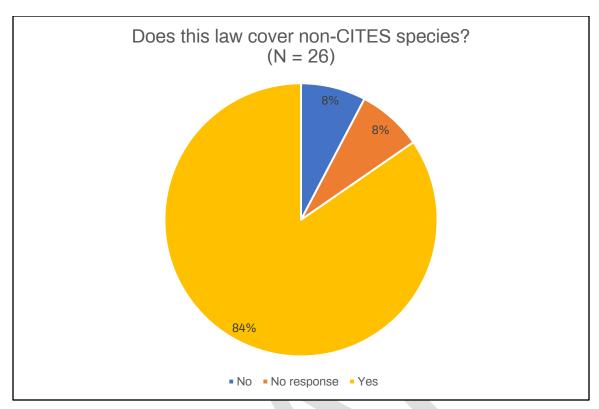


Figure 53: Government responses to Question 20 in the CITES Notification questionnaire circulated to Parties on 18 August 2023 (No. 2023/101) regarding the presence of national laws that govern amphibian trade in non-CITES listed species.

Of particular interest are also the responses to Question 15 with respect to the identification of traded amphibian species, where 64% responded affirmatively (Figure 54). The content of these responses does suggest the presence of regulation and monitoring of trade in non-CITES listed amphibians, although the associated request for data describing the trade in these species through this Notification did not result in the submission of species-specific government datasets for inclusion in this report. A plausible explanation is that some respondents may have alternatively interpreted this question as, "has your country identified the presence of amphibian species in trade", rather than "has your country identified amphibians in trade to the species level", which could mean that amphibians are generally recognized as being present in trade, but in the absence of species-level monitoring and record keeping.

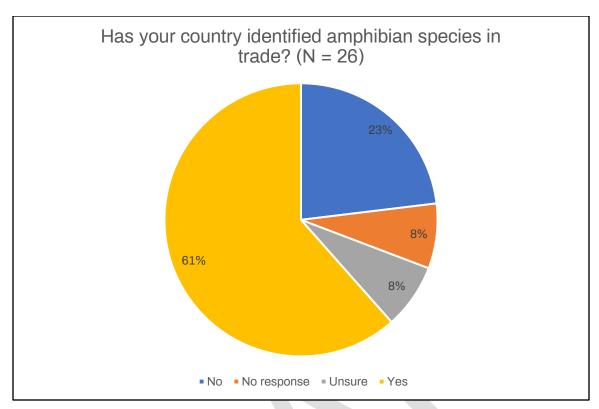


Figure 54: Government responses to Question 15 in the CITES Notification questionnaire circulated to Parties on 18 August 2023 (No. 2023/101).

The following table provides a compilation of all items of legislation relevant to the trade in amphibians as submitted by all respondents to the CITES Notif.2023/101 questionnaire (Table 9). This body of information provides a foundation for further work to explore national and global networks of amphibian trade regulatory oversight.

Table 9: Compilation of all responses to Question 18 in the CITES Notif.2023/101 questionnaire circulated to Parties on 18 August 2023: What are the laws in your country which regulate trade in amphibians?

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
Argentina	The National Wildlife Conservation Law [Ley Nacional para la Conservación de la Fauna Silvestre] No. 22.421. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Wildlife Conservation Regulatory Decree Nº 666/1997. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Decree No. 522/97, Regulating the provisions of Law No. 22,344, which approved the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. (Decreto N° 522/97, Reglamentase las disposiciones de la Ley N° 22.344). Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Resolution No 62/1986 - Limit trade in native wildlife species (Limítase la comercialización de especies de la fauna silvestre autóctona). Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Law No. 22.344, Approve the "Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora", signed in the city of Washington on 3 March 1973, with its Appendices and Amendments. (Ley No 22.344, Apruébase la "Convención sobre el Comercio Internacional de Especies Amenazadas de Fauna y Flora Silvestres"). Accessed on 4 September 2023.
Brazil	Ibama Ordinance No. 93 / 1998 of 07 July 1998 (Import and Export of Wild Fauna), (PORTARIA IBAMA nº 93 / 1998, de 07 de julho 1998 (Importação e Exportação Fauna Silvestre)). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Ordinance 2489 of 09 July 2019. Amends Ordinance No. 93, of 07 July 1998, which provides for the export and import of wild fauna. (Portaria 2489, de 09 de julho de 2019. Altera a Portaria nº 93, de 07 de julho de 1998, que dispõe sobre a exportação e importação da fauna silvestre). Accessed on 19 September 2023.
Canada	Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations (SOR/96-263). 2020. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (S.C. 1992, c. 52). Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Wildlife Act. Designation and exemption regulation. [Last amended July 1, 2022 by B.C. Reg. 157/2022].  Accessed on 13 September 2023.
	Regulations Amending the Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians		
	P.C. 2017-505 May 12, 2017. Accessed on 13 September 2023.		
Colombia	Decree-Law 1608 1974 By which the Code of Renewable Natural Resources and Environmental Protection is dictated. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	<u>Decree 1608 1978 Regulating the National Code of Renewable Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. Accessed on 11 September 2023.</u>		
	Law 23 of 1973 on wildlife. Accessed on 11 September 2023. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Law 17 1981 Approving the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora - CITES. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Law 84 1989 Which adopts the National Statute for the Protection of Animals and creates some contraventions and regulates their procedure and competence. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Law 99 1993 Which creates the Ministry of the Environment, reorganises the Public Sector in charge of the management and conservation of the environment and renewable natural resources, organises the National Environmental System, SINA, and enacts other provisions. Regulated by National Decree 1713 of 2002, Regulated by National Decree 4688 of 2005, Partially regulated by National Decree 3600 of 2007, Regulated by National Decree 2372 of 2010. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Law 195 1994 By which Colombia adheres to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Decree 1401 1997 Designating the Administrative Authority of Colombia to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and determining its functions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.  Decree 1420 1997 Designating the Scientific Authorities of Colombia to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and determining their functions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Decree 125 2000 Modifying Decree 1420 of 1997. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Decree 1909 2000 Designating sea and river ports, airports and other places for international trade in specimens of wild fauna and flora. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians		
	Resolution 1317 of 2000. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Law 611 2000 By which norms are dictated for the sustainable management of species of wild and aquatic fauna. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
Resolution 1317 of 2000 By which criteria are established for the granting of hunting licence purpose of promotion and for the establishment of zoos. Accessed on 11 September 2023			
	Resolution 1909 2018 Establishing the Single National Online Permit for the movement of specimens of biological diversity. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
determinations are made". Accessed on 11 September 2023.  Resolution 1172 2004 Establishing the National System for the Identification and Registration Specimens in Ex Situ Conditions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.  Resolution 1173 2004 Regulating the National Register of Providers of Markings defined in the second	Resolution 081 2018 By which Resolution 1909 of 14 September 2017 is amended and other determinations are made". Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Resolution 1172 2004 Establishing the National System for the Identification and Registration of Wildlife Specimens in Ex Situ Conditions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.  Resolution 1173 2004 Regulating the National Register of Providers of Markings defined in the National System for the Identification of Wildlife Specimens in Ex Situ Conditions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Resolution 1263 2006 Establishing the procedure and setting the value for issuing the permits referred to in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and issuing other provisions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
Law 1333 2009 Establishing the environmental sanctioning pr 11 September 2023.	Law 1333 2009 Establishing the environmental sanctioning procedure and other provisions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Resolution 2064 2010 By which the measures subsequent to the preventive arrest, restitution or confiscation of specimens of wild species of terrestrial and aquatic fauna and flora are regulated and other provisions are issued. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		
	Decree 1076 2015 Through which the Sole Regulatory Decree of the Environment and Sustainable Development Sector is issued. Accessed on 11 September 2023.		

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
	Law 1774 2016 "Whereby the Civil Code, Law 84 of 1989 and the Criminal Code are amended. The Criminal Code. The Code of Criminal Procedure and other provisions are enacted. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Resolution 1912 2017 By which the list of threatened wild species of Colombian continental and coastal marine biodiversity is established. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
Costa Rica	Law No. 7788 of April 30, 1998, on Biodiversity (as amended up to Law No. 10133 of March 14, 2022). (Ley N° 7788, de 30 de abril de 1998, de Biodiversidad (así reformada por la Ley N° 10133 de 14 de marzo de 2022)). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Law No. 7788 of April 30, 1998, on Biodiversity (as amended up to Law No. 9766 of October 29, 2019), (Ley N° 7788, de 30 de abril de 1998, de Biodiversidad (así reformada por la Ley N° 9766 de 29 de octubre de 2019)). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Law No. 7788 of April 30, 1998, on Biodiversity (as amended by Law No. 8686 of November 21, 2008), (Ley N° 7788, de 30 de abril de 1998, de Biodiversidad (modificada por la Ley N° 8686 de 21 de noviembre de 2008)). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Biodiversity Law No. 7788, 1998. (Ley de Biodiversidad N° 7788). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Wildlife Conservation Law, No. 7317, 1998. (Ley de Conservación de la Vida Silvestre N° 7317). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Regulations to the Wildlife Conservation Law No. 7317 N° 40548-MINAE, 2017 (Reglamento a la Ley de Conservación de la Vida Silvestre N° 7317 N° 40548-MINAE, 2017). Accessed 8 September 2023.
Cuba	Official Gazette of the Republic of Cuba Ministry of Justice No. 026 Ordinary of 4 August 2011. Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment Resolution No. 160/11 (Gaceta Oficial de la Republic de Cuba Ministerio de Justica No. 026 Ordinaria de 4 de agosto de 2011. Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente Resolución No. 160/11). Accessed on 1 September 2023.
Denmark	European Union laws and regulations apply.

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians		
European Union	Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of 9 December 1996 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein. Accessed 8 September 2023.		
	Commission Regulation [EC] No 865/2006. Accessed 8 September 2023.		
	Commission Implementing Regulation [EU] 792/2012. Accessed 8 September 2023.		
	Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora. Accessed 8 September 2023.		
	Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law'). Accessed 8 September 2023.		
France	European Union laws and regulations apply.		
	Order of 8 October 2018 laying down general rules for the keeping of animals of non-domestic species (Arrêté du 8 octobre 2018 fixant les règles générales de détention d'animaux d'espèces non domestiques). Accessed on 1 September 2023.		
Germany	European Union laws and regulations apply.		
	Federal Nature Conservation Act of 29 July 2009 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 2542), as last amended by Article 3 of the Act of 8 December 2022. (Bundesnaturschutzgesetz vom 29. Juli 2009 (BGBI. I S. 2542), das zuletzt durch Artikel 3 des Gesetzes vom 8. Dezember 2022 geändert worden ist.). Accessed 8 September 2023.		
	Federal Species Protection Ordinance of 16 February 2005 (BGBl. I p. 258; 896), as last amended by Article 10 of the		
	Act of 21 January 2013 (BGBl. I p. 95). (Bundesartenschutzverordnung vom 16. Februar 2005 (BGBl. I S. 258; 896), die zuletzt durch Artikel 10 des Gesetzes vom 21. Januar 2013 (BGBl. I S. 95) geändert worden ist). Accessed 8 September 2023.		

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians		
Hong Kong SAR of China	Cap. 60 Import and Export Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.		
	Cap. 139 Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.		
	Cap. 169 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.		
	Cap. 170 Wild Animals Protection Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.		
	Cap. 455 Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.		
	Cap. 586 Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.		
India	Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Accessed on 19 September 2023.		
	Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022 No 18 of 2022. Accessed on 4 September 2023.		
	Biological Diversity (Amendment) Act, No. 10 of 2023. Accessed on 4 September 2023.		
	Biological Diversity Rules, 2004. Accessed on 4 September 2023.		
Indonesia	Regulation of the Minister of Forestry No. 447/Kpts-ii/2003 Concerning administration directive of harvest or capture and distribution of the specimens of wild plant and animal species. Accessed on 8 September 2023.		
Israel	Wildlife Protection Law, 5715-1955. Accessed on 4 September 2023.		
	Wildlife Protection Regulations, 1976. Accessed on 4 September 2023.		
	National Parks, Nature Reserves, National Sites and Memorial Sites Law,		
	5758-1998. Accessed on 4 September 2023.		
Japan	Act on Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Act No. 75 of June 5, 1992.  Accessed on 8 September 2023.		

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians	
	Act on the Prevention of Adverse Ecological Impacts Caused by Designated Invasive Alien Species, Act No. 78 of June 2, 2004. Accessed on 8 September 2023.	
Kenya	Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 (No. 47 of 2013). Accessed on 4 September 2023.	
Mexico	Political Constitution of the United Mexican States. Constitution published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 5 February 1917. (Constitución Política de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos. Constitución publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 5 de febrero de 1917. Accessed on 8 September.	
	General Law on Ecological Balance and Environmental Protection. New Law published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 28 January 1988. (Ley General del Equilibro Ecológico y Protección al Ambiente. Nueva Ley publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 28 de enero de 1988.) Accessed on 8 September 2023.	
	General Wildlife Law. New Law published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 3 July 2000. (Ley General de Vida Silvestre. Nueva Ley publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 3 de julio de 2000). Accessed on 8 September 2023.	
	Regulations of the General Wildlife Law. New Regulation published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 30 November 2006. (Reglamento de la Ley General de Vida Silvestre. Nuevo Reglamento publicado en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 30 de noviembre de 2006). Accessed on 8 September 2023.	
	Organic Law of the Federal Public Administration. New Law published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 29 December 1976. (Ley Orgánica de la Administración Pública Federal. Nueva Ley publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 29 de diciembre de 1976). Accessed on 11 September 2023.	
	Federal Law on Animal Health. New Law published in the Official Journal of the Federation on 25 July 2007. (Ley Federal de Sanidad Animal.  Nueva Ley publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 25 de julio de 2007). Accessed on 11  September 2023.	
	Rules of procedure of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, 2012 (Reglamento Interior de la Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, 2012). Accessed on 11 September 2023.	

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians		
region	Mexican Official Rule NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010, Environmental protection-Mexican native species of wild flora and fauna-Categories of risk and specifications for their inclusion, exclusion or change-List of species at risk. 2010. (NORMA Oficial Mexicana NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010, Protección ambiental-Especies nativas de México de flora y fauna silvestres-Categorías de riesgo y especificaciones para su inclusión, exclusión o cambio-Lista de especies en riesgo). 2010. Accessed on 11 September 2023.  AMENDMENT of Normative Annex III, List of species at risk of the Mexican Official Standard NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010, Environmental protection-Mexican native species of wild flora and fauna-Categories of risk and specifications for their inclusion, exclusion or change-List of species at risk, published on 30 December 2010. (MODIFICACIÓN del Anexo Normativo III, Lista de especies en riesgo de la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010, Protección ambiental-Especies nativas de México de flora y fauna silvestres-Categorías de riesgo y especificaciones para su inclusión, exclusión o cambio-Lista de especies en riesgo, publicada el 30 de diciembre de 2010.). Accessed on 11 September 2023.  AGREEMENT establishing the goods whose import and export is subject to regulation by the Ministry of		
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Netherlands	European Union laws and regulations apply.  Animals Law, 2022. (Wet dieren, 2022). Accessed 13 September 2023.  Nature Conservation Act of 16 December 2015, laying down rules for the protection of nature. (Wet natuurbescherming van 16 december 2015, houdende regels ter bescherming van de natuur). Accessed on 13 September 2023.		
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Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians		
Peru	Forestry and Wildlife Law No 29763. 2015. (Ley Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre Ley No 29763). Accessed on 4 September 2023.		
Slovakia	European Union laws and regulations apply.		
	15 THE LAW of December 2, 2004 on the protection of species of wild animals and wild plants by regulating trade with them and on the amendment of certain laws. (15 ZÁKON z 2. decembra 2004 o ochrane druhov voľne žijúcich živočíchov a voľne rastúcich rastlín reguláciou obchodu s nimi a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov). Accessed on 8 September 2023.  110 DECREE of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic of 14 February 2005 implementing		
	certain provisions of the Act on the Protection of Species of Wild Fauna and Flora by Regulating Trade Therein and on Amendments and Additions to Certain Acts. (110 VYHLÁŠKA, Ministerstva životného prostredia Slovenskej republiky zo 14. februára 2005, ktorou sa vykonávajú niektoré ustanovenia zákona o ochrane druhov voľne žijúcich živočíchov a voľne rastúcich rastlín reguláciou obchodu s nimi a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov). Accessed on 8 September 2023.		
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Sweden	ochrane prírody a krajiny v znení neskorších predpisov). Accessed on 8 September 2023.  Species Protection Ordinance (2007:845). (Artskyddsförordning (2007:845)). Accessed on 13 September 2023.  National Board of Agriculture regulations and general advice (SJVFS 2021:13) on registration, authorisation, traceability, movement, imports and exports with regard to animal health; (Statens jordbruksverks föreskrifter och allmänna rådom registrering, godkännande, spårbarhet, förflyttning,införsel samt export med avseende på djurhälsa;). Accessed on 13 September 2023.		

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians		
	Swedish Board of Agriculture's regulation concerning conditions for keeping, breeding and selling etc. of animals intended for companionship and hobby; (SJVFS 2019:15) (Statens jordbruksverks föreskrifter och allmänna rådom villkor för hållande, uppfödning och försäljningm.m. av djur avsedda för sällskap och hobby; (SJVFS 2019:15)). Accessed on 13 September 2023.		
Switzerland	Federal law on the Movement of Protected Species of Fauna and Flora. 2012. (Loi fédérale sur la circulation des espèces de faune et de flore protégées.  (Loi sur les espèces protégées, LCITES) du 16 mars 2012 (État le 1er septembre 2023) L'Assemblée fédérale de la Confédération suisse. Accessed on 1 September 2023.		
	Ordinance on the movement of protected species of fauna and flora (OCITES). 2013. Ordonnance sur la circulation des espèces de faune et de flore protégées (OCITES) du 4 septembre 2013 (État le 1er septembre 2023). Accessed on 1 September 2023.  Federal Act on the Protection of Nature and Cultural Heritage (NCHA) 1		
	of 1 July 1966 (Status as of 1 January 2022). Accessed on 1 September 2023.  Ordinance on the Protection of Nature and Cultural Heritage (NCHO) of 16 January 1991 (Status as of 1 June 2017) ). Accessed on 1 September 2023.		
Thailand	Wildlife Conservation and Protection Act, B.E. 2562 (2019). Accessed on 8 September 2023.  Royal Ordinance on Fisheries, B.E. 2558 (2015). Accessed on 8 September 2023.  Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015). Accessed on 8 September 2023.		
United Republic of Tanzania	The Wildlife Policy of Tanzania 2007. Accessed on 1 September 2023.  The Wildlife Conservation Act Cap. 283. 2022. Accessed on 1 September 2023.  The Wildlife Conservation (Management of Wildlife Captive Facilities) Regulations, 2020. Accessed on 1 September 2023.		

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians		
	The Wildlife Conservation (Dealings in Trophies) Regulations, 1974 (G.Ns. Nos. 265 and 268). Accessed on 1 September 2023.		
United States of America	The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.). Accessed on 1 September 2023.		
Uruguay  Law 9.481. Ecology. Protection of indigenous fauna. Official Gazette, July 10, 1935. Accessed on 4 Se			
	<u>Decree no. 550/008. Regulation of trade and possession of endangered species of wild fauna and flora. Official</u> <u>Gazette, November 28, 2008. Accessed on 4 September 2023.</u>		

### 2.2 Potential international amphibian trade violations based on respondent information compared with LEMIS trade records

Information provided by respondents to the questionnaire distributed through CITES Notif. 2023/101 were compared to records of trade described by LEMIS data to identify potential illegal and/or unreported international trade in amphibians. Earlier in this report, illegal trade in amphibians was summarized for instances where the United States of America both identified and acted upon violations, but this only displays a landscape of regulatory compliance through the lens of the United States of America. Wildlife traded illegally between countries may incur the regulatory violation on only one side of the import-export transaction and can be challenging to perceive when not explicitly reported as trade violations. Therefore, survey responses were scanned for instances where corresponding LEMIS trade records could be identified that appeared to pose contradictions to the stated regulatory controls. Instances that might represent illegal and/or unreported transactions were then summarized (Table 10). It must be noted that the information provided in this section is not necessarily evidence of illegal activity and should be cautiously interpreted to acknowledge possible data reporting errors.

In the spirit of sharing information between importing and exporting nations where trade deemed illegal by one party is not necessarily realised by the other, these data are meant to provide opportunities for dialogue and future collaborations to better detect and control illegal amphibian trade, as appropriate. Records of illegal amphibian trade can be interpreted from a variety of perspectives, and considering these events from different angles can help support estimations of conservation impact, strengthen enforcement efforts, and better focus outreach efforts to improve wildlife trade regulatory compliance, as needed.

Table 10: Examples of possible illegal and/or unreported international amphibian trade based on responses from respondents to CITES Notif. 2023/101 compared with LEMIS data. The relevant questions from CITES Notif. 2023/101 are displayed following this table.

Respondent Country	Response Provided (Verbatim)	Anomalies Identified Among LEMIS Data
Cuba (Respondent #5)	Question 16. No amphibian trade allowed	Respondent stated that no trade in Cuban amphibians is allowed, but LEMIS records show wild-collected specimens in trade from at least two native Cuban species: Peltophryne peltocephala and Eleutherodactylus atkinsi. At least three shipments were involved. One shipment of E. atkinsi was exported from Cuba to the United States of America and cleared for import and the other two shipments contained P. peltocephala re-exported from the United States of America to Argentina and Brazil. All three of these shipments were declared as specimens collected from the wild for scientific purposes and may have been specially permitted.
Panama (Respondent #6)	Question 28. Captive bred (C); Animals born in captivity (F)	The respondent from Panama stated that exported amphibians only involved animals sourced from captivity, either bred or born in captivity, associated with LEMIS source codes "C" and "F". A review of LEMIS records showed the export from Panama of 14,616 amphibians collected from the wild between 2015-2020, involving a combination of live animals, bodies, scientific specimens, skin pieces, and unspecified material. This primarily involved shipments declared for scientific

Tanzania, United Republic of (Respondent #8)	Question 53. Currently export of amphibian and other live specimens has been banned since 2016, therefore there is no legal trade of these specimens till further notice.	exported from the United Republic of Tanzania to the United States of America, as recorded in LEMIS data, but no additional trade in native amphibians was reported from 2017-2020. In 2017, one shipment said to contain 48,000 live American bullfrogs ( <i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i> ) was re-exported from the
		United Republic of Tanzania to the United States of America, which originated in Taiwan, Province of China.
Israel (Respondent #9)	Question 17. No export of any live amphibians is allowed. No breeding or trade in domestic species is allowed at all. All domestic amphibians are fully protected and they may not be captured, kept, or harmed in any way.	The respondent from Israel stated that all domestic amphibians are fully protected, and they may not be captured, kept, or harmed in any way. In 2019, one shipment was exported to the United States of America that contained 10 specimens of <i>Pelobates syriacus</i> , a species native to

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	Imports of amphibians is very strictly restricted. Live amphibians may only be imported to universities for a research project that has been approved by the institute's Care and Use Committee in accordance with Israeli law. They must be kept indoors in closed and secure facilities, totally separated from the wild. They must be sacrificed at the end of the experiment, and they may not be released or transferred to anyone. Live amphibians may not be imported for any other purpose, and they may not be held by the public at all.  Any projects for ex situ breeding or release of domestic species of amphibians for conservation purposes, must be approved by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority."	2,534 amphibians to the United States of America, which involved live amphibians, specimens, and skeletons. Of these, 1,874
Argentina (Respondent #13)	Question 8. There is currently no national or international trade in amphibians in Argentina.	From 2015 through 2020, five shipments of amphibian specimens were imported from Brazil (1), Belgium (3), and Germany (1), all of which involved amphibians collected from the wild in Argentina. These data show that international trade in amphibians from Argentina does exist.
Argentina (Respondent #13)	Question 17. The National Law for the Conservation of Wild Fauna N° 22.421/1981 and its Regulatory Decree N° 666/1997 establish the general legal framework for the protection, conservation, propagation, repopulation and rational use of wild fauna. In a complementary manner, Resolution N° 62/1986 prohibits the export,	The respondent from Argentina stated that Resolution Nº 62/1986 prohibits the export, commercialisation in federal jurisdiction, and interprovincial traffic of live specimens of all species of native fauna with the exception of those bred in captivity. According to the United States LEMIS data, from 2015-2020 there were 18

	commercialisation in federal jurisdiction,	scientific specimens and 1 extract of
	and interprovincial traffic of live specimens	amphibians collected from the wild in
	of all species of native fauna with the	Argentina and re-exported to the United
	exception of those bred in captivity.	States of America across 11 shipments
		collectively exported from Germany,
		Belgium, Spain, and Brazil. None of these
		shipments were direct exports of wild-
		collected amphibian material from
		Argentina to the United States of America
		and all 11 were cleared to enter United
		States of America commerce.
India (Respondent #19)	Question 29. No export and imports are	In 2015, one shipment reportedly
,	allowed in our country.	containing 5,424 wild-collected Rana sp.
		was imported to the United States of
		America from India. It is possible that this
		record contained an error because the
		amphibians were described as shell
		products. It is unknown whether the
		description was incorrect, and this may
		have been a shipment of amphibians
		potentially illegally exported in violation of
		India's national legislation, or if instead it
		was a shipment of shell products. Although
		the respondent stated that no imports of
		amphibians into India are allowed, the US
		LEMIS data showed that at least 399
		amphibians were exported to India for
		commercial purposes from 2015-2020,
		including 117 live Xenopus laevis, 130
		Ambystoma tigrinum bodies, and 151
		specimens of <i>Lithobates forreri</i> and 1
		specimen of Pelophylax fukienensis. One
*		shipment was also exported to India from
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		the United States of America for scientific
		purposes which included 130 Ambystoma
		tigrinum bodies and 60 Necturus
		maculosus bodies.
Costa Rica (Respondent #37)	Question 17. Extraction of amphibians	The respondent from Costa Rica stated
	from their natural habitat for commercial	that no exports of captive bred amphibians
	purposes is not allowed, only for scientific	have been authorized, but the LEMIS data
	research. Export of captive-bred species is	show the export of a shipment in 2015 that
	allowed, but so far no exports have been	contained 80 Oophaga pumilio and 20
	authorised, as there are no amphibian	Dendrobates auratus declared as captive
	farms authorised for export. Local pet trade	bred and imported to the United States of
	in any type of native or exotic amphibian is	America for commercial purposes. This
	not authorised in Costa Rica either.	shipment was cleared to enter commerce.
United States of America (Respondent	Question 26. "The Lacey Act 18 USC 42,	Following implementation of this trade
#44)	50 CFR 16.14 prohibits the import of	prohibition which took effect on January
	injurious wildlife. Since 2016, the US has	28, 2016, the following amphibians
	included 201 salamander species as	prohibited from importation were cleared
	injurious in order to prevent the spread of	for entry: one shipment containing 18 live
	Bsal. These species include species under	Paramesotriton hongkongensis imported
	the genera Chioglossa, Cynops,	from Singapore for commercial purposes
	Euproctus, Hydromantes, Hynobius,	and one shipment containing one live
	Ichthyosaura, Lissotriton, Neurergus,	Cynops pyrrhogaster imported from
	Notophthalmus, Onychodactylus,	Canada for personal use. An additional 17
	Paramesotriton, Plethodon, Pleurodeles,	shipments of amphibians prohibited from
	Salamandra, Salamandrella,	importation under this Lacey Act rule were
	Salamandrina, Siren, Taricha, Triturus,	also cleared for import during the study
	and Tylototriton.	period, but these were declared for
	and Tytolothion.	scientific or educational purposes and the
	The Lacey Act implementation regulations	United States of America might have
	can be found here	chosen to issue injurious species import
	(https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-	permits for these types of shipments.
	50/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-16) and	These 17 shipments involved 279 live
	the list of salamander species can be	Those It simplificates involved 219 live
	the hat of Salamanuel Species call be	

	found here	amphibians, 356 specimens, and 300 live
	(https://www.fws.gov/node/266099)."	eggs of species prohibited from import.
Nicaragua (Respondent #50)	Question 17. Trade in captive-bred	Between 2015 and 2020, the following
	amphibians only is allowed	animals collected from the wild in
		Nicaragua were exported to the United
		States of America according to LEMIS
		data: 3,000 live amphibians, 169
		specimens, and 95 units of unspecified
		amphibian material. All scientific
		specimens and unspecified material were
		traded for scientific purposes while 100%
		of live amphibians were traded for
		commercial purposes. Of the 3,000 live
		wild-collected amphibians, 2,650 were
		species listed in CITES Appendix II and
		involved Agalychnis callidryas, Oophaga
		pumilio and Dendrobates auratus.
Nicaragua (Respondent #50)	Question 28. Captive bred (C).	The respondent from Nicaragua stated
		that the only source of amphibians
		exported from the country is captive
		breeding, but according to LEMIS data
		examined, wild-collected amphibians are
		also exported for commercial purposes.
Nicaragua (Respondent #50)	Question 33. No.	The respondent from Nicaragua stated
		amphibians are not imported, but the
		LEMIS data show three shipments of
		Xenopus lαevis exported to Nicaragua for
		commercial purposes. These shipments
Koy to Quantiana:		collectively contained 160 live individuals.

Key to Questions:

Question 8. If these data are available, please provide the website link in the comment box and/or email them to oliver.tallowin@iucn.org Question 16. Do the national laws of your country allow trade in amphibians (either amphibian-specific laws or wildlife trade laws that include amphibians)?

Question 17. If some amphibian trade is allowed, please describe what is allowed and what is not allowed.

Question 26. If yes, please list the regulations or requirements and provide a link or citation.

Question 28. What is the source of amphibians exported from your country? Please select all those that apply.

Question 29. What are the most common purposes of use for amphibians exported from your country?

Question 33. Does your country import amphibians?

Question 53. Please include any additional information regarding amphibian trade in your country, or internationally, not already covered by the questions in this survey.

#### 2.3 Records of illegal amphibian trade among the TRAFFIC Wildlife Trade Portal

Data that capture illegal trade from a variety of sources were also explored among TRAFFIC's Wildlife Trade Portal. A query was performed on 16/10/2023 among this database that requested all incidents that involved the Class "Amphibia" and were categorised as "Organised Crime" or "Enforcement Action / Prosecution" or "Breeding / Ranching" or "Seizure" or "Poaching / Illegal Harvesting" or "Animal Injury / Mortality / Welfare" or "Smuggling / Illegal Trade (not elsewhere included)" and which took place on or between 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2020. This query produced 56 rows of data, each corresponding to a unique location and amphibian taxonomical unit. In total, 28 different taxonomic units were described, ranging from "Amphibia" with no further granularity to full species identifications (Table 11). Interestingly, those recorded as having occurred in the United States of America did not align with the LEMIS data recorded for that same period of time, likely due to lack of differentiation between illegal domestic versus international trade among WITIS, wherein LEMIS only captured those which were internationally traded.

Table 11: Global illegal trade in amphibians which took place on or between 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2020, as captured by TRAFFIC's Wildlife Trade Portal (WiTiS).

Amphibian Species Recorded	Recorded Location Where Seizure Occurred and (Year of Incident)
Agalychnis callidryas	Mexico (2017)
Ambystoma mexicanum	Brazil (2019) Mexico (2018, 2018) Poland (2015)
Ambystomα sp.	Mexico (2018)
Amphibia	India (2020)
Andrias davidianus	China (2015, 2020) Hong Kong SAR of China (2017) United States of America (2019)
Anura	Australia (2020) China (2019) Colombia (2018) Germany (2019) Hong Kong SAR of China (2018) India (2019) Indonesia (2016) Malta (2020) Mexico (2018. 2018) Netherlands (2017) Peru (2017) Russian Federation (2018) South Africa (2016) Sweden (2018) Tanzania, United Republic of (2018) United States of America (2020, 2020) Viet Nam (2016)

Ceratophrys cranwelli	Mexico (2018)
Ceratophrys ornata	Singapore (2016)
	Philippines (2015)
Ceratophrys sp.	India (2020)
Cryptobranchidae	Hong Kong SAR of China (2018)
Dendrobates auratus	Singapore (2019)
Dendrobates tinctorius	Singapore (2019)
Epipedobates anthonyi	Singapore (2019)
Leptopelis vermiculatus	United Kingdom (2015)
Lithobates catesbeianus	Mexico (2018)
Lithobates montezumae	Mexico (2018)
Oophaga histrionica	Colombia (2018)
Oophaga lehmanni	Colombia (2018)
Oophaga pumilio	Germany (2020)
Oophaga sylvatica	Colombia (2018)
Oophaga vicentei	Germany (2020)
Pelophylax nigromaculatus	China (2020, 2020)
Rana temporaria	Belgium (2018) France (2018)
Rhinella sp.	Peru (2018)
Salamandridae	United States of America (2017, 2017)
Trichobatrachus robustus	Nigeria (2017)
Tylotriton verrucosus	China (2016)
Xenopus laevis	Argentina (2016)

### 2.4 Additional legislative implications drawn from illegal amphibian trade identified from United States LEMIS data

A closer examination of illegal amphibian trade recorded by the United States of America with higher granularity showed that the most common sector involved was the trade in amphibian bodies, primarily for commercial purposes (45,688 of 50,336 bodies). None of these illegally traded bodies were declared as species listed in the CITES appendices and all assessed species were listed as Least Concern by the IUCN Red List, with one exception of a species listed as Near Threatened: *Rhacophorus reinwardtii*.

Twenty-three bodies of *R. reinwardtii* were illegally imported from Indonesia for commercial purposes through the international postal service. Meanwhile, during the same period when 23 bodies were refused clearance, 1,249 were cleared to enter commerce also for commercial purposes, all of which were collected from the wild in Indonesia. Internet research conducted during this study found that these bodies are likely being sold as dried *R. reinwardtii* mounted in frames as wall decorations. The impact and legality of this trade in wild collected *R. reinwardtii* may warrant further exploration for compliance with Indonesian laws.

Among illegally traded amphibian bodies, the majority (71.6%) originated in Mexico and involved trade in *Lithobates forreri*, *Lithobates catesbeianus*, and *Rana pipiens* (Figure 55). This involved five shipments, where two were re-exports from the United States of America of amphibians collected from the wild in Mexico and three were imports into the United States of America of animals both collected from the wild and bred in captivity in Mexico.

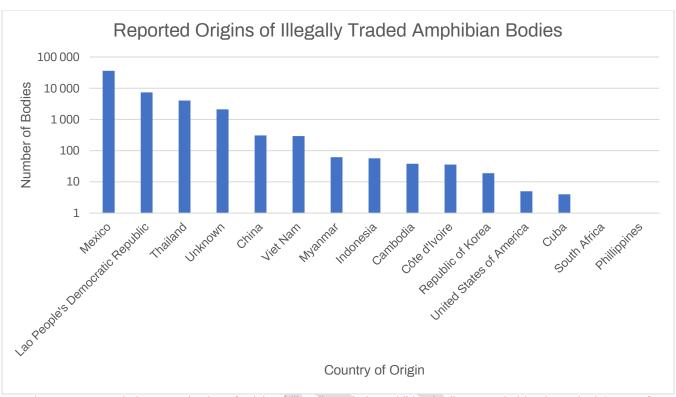


Figure 55: Recorded country /region of origin of illegally traded amphibian bodies recorded by the United States of America from 2015-2020.

As none of these species that originated in Mexico are threatened or CITES-listed, it is likely that either these shipments were imported to the United States of America in violation of Mexican law prescribing legal collection or exportation therefore triggering violation of the US Lacey Act, or they were not properly declared for import/export clearance to be granted by the United States of America, in violation of the US Endangered Species Act wildlife declaration requirements. The nuance of these violations does not inherently suggest negative conservation impact on these highly traded species, nor is there clear incentive for intentional lack of declaration of the primarily captive bred animals which were contained in these illegally traded shipments.

It is important to recognize that when interpreting records of illegal trade where contextual information is not also provided about the specific laws violated, it is not often possible to identify whether the action that triggered a violation occurred within the country of origin, export, or import. Additionally, amphibian trade violations range in nature and conservation impact from administrative (e.g. lack of payment of inspection fees) to intentional trafficking (e.g. fraudulent declaration of species prohibited from trade), and even among detailed United States LEMIS trade records, these violations cannot be differentiated due to the coarse manner of coding applied.

# Section 3. Emerging Threat of Amphibian Diseases: Spread of Amphibian Pathogens Through the International Trade in Amphibians

Pathogens and parasites that negatively affect the health and survival of amphibians are easily spread through the international trade in amphibians due to the low host specificity of Bd, Bsal, and ranavirus and the high permeability of amphibian skin. These pathogens are often transmitted between animals through physical skin to skin contact, or through exposure to contaminated substrates and shipping materials. Due to the broad range of species susceptible to one or more of these pathogens, combining different amphibian species in single shipments, particularly when collected or produced from different sources, provides opportunities for pathogens to jump from species to species.

Amphibians are often shipped in high densities to reduce the cost of transport. They remain in crowded conditions for extended periods of time, taking hours, days, or weeks to pass between the exporters and importers. When animals experience stressful conditions in suboptimal environments, their immune systems can become suppressed, providing conditions that facilitate transmission of pathogens that spread through direct contact, augmenting the threat posed by these activities. For instance, if a bag containing 500 aquatic *Hymenochirus curtipes* is exported containing 10% pathogen-positive animals, these animals will shed infection particles into the small amount of water in their environment and expose the other 450 frogs to infection. Once imported, susceptible animals could then carry early-stage infections and transmit these pathogens through domestic trade or other pathways.

Infected amphibians also shed infectious particles into their surroundings. The containers of water as well as the boxes, bags, or plastic containers which carried these amphibians become vectors of pathogen dispersal when discarded without disinfection (Kolby 2016). Bd, Bsal, and ranavirus can all exist outside of a living amphibian host for extended periods of time ranging from hours to weeks and sometimes months (Johnson and Speare 2003, 2005; Miller et al. 2011). This extended persistence provides a long window of opportunity for infections to be spread if in the absence of effective biosecurity policies and procedures are not employed. For these reasons, the international trade in amphibians provides frequent and efficient avenues for emerging infectious diseases to spread both directly through infected animals and indirectly through waste materials created during the shipping process.

The three pathogens which are discussed in this review all share general characteristics that make biosecurity containment failures along international amphibian trade chains the greatest

contemporary source of continued outbreaks of infection in new regions and species. Furthermore, industrial scale breeding of amphibians is providing opportunities for formerly geographically isolated strains of these pathogens to be brought together and hybridize. Offspring strains can exhibit greater virulence than either of the parent strains (Farrer et al. 2011). Hybrid events have been observed in Brazil associated with the farming of bullfrogs for the frog leg trade (Schloegel et al. 2012). Without appropriate controls, the continued movement of amphibians carrying these deadly pathogens will undoubtedly bring rise to additional hybrid strains of global conservation concern.

Each of these three pathogens will be summarized below. For all three pathogens, the mode of spread and infection are similar in a trade environment, so it is important to consider that additional emerging infectious diseases of amphibians are likely also spreading through this same mechanism but have not yet been identified. Therefore, measures to control and reduce the spread of Bd, Bsal, and ranavirus can be expected to reduce the spread of additional unknown pathogens that likewise threaten the survival of amphibians or other wildlife.

#### 3.1 Amphibian chytrid fungus: Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis

Infection with the amphibian chytrid fungus Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis (Bd) causes the disease chytridiomycosis among susceptible amphibians (Berger et al. 1998). This pathogen is responsible for the greatest loss of biodiversity attributed to a single pathogen in recorded history ((Scheele et al. 2019, Skerratt et al. 2007). This is because Bd exhibits extremely low host species specificity, meaning that many of the approximately 8,000 known species of amphibians are at risk of infection following exposure. Over 1000 species of amphibians have tested positive for infection with Bd and approximately 500 species have experienced decline attributed to this pathogen. Nearly 100 species have become extinct in recent history due to the ongoing Bd pandemic (Scheele et al. 2019). Amphibian chytrid fungus attacks the skin of these animals where it grows and reproduces. Upon maturity, infectious fungal spores are expelled from the surface of the skin into the environment, where the spores may infect other amphibians through direct contact, reinfect the same host animal, or contaminate soil and other substrates (Berger et al. 2005). In susceptible animals, infection with this pathogen damages the structure of the amphibians' highly permeable skin, interfering with respiration and electrolyte exchange, causing death through cardiac arrest (Voyles et al. 2009). Bd affects all species differently and sometimes populations of the same species respond with different levels of resistance to infection. However, most studied species have not demonstrated an immune response sufficient to kill Bd pathogens and entirely clear their infections.

Bd pathogens exhibit environmental persistence and may survive for weeks outside of an animal host in cool and wet conditions (Johnson and Speare 2003). Bd also infects more than just amphibians – crustaceans serve as an alternative reservoir host as Bd can infect tissue in their intestines (Brannelly et al. 2015). Fish can also become infected by Bd when their protective mucous coating has been disrupted (Liew et al. 2017). Due to these factors, even after amphibians have experienced decline in an area, amphibian chytrid fungus may remain indefinitely and infect future amphibians that recolonize an area where species have experienced extirpation. In one very specific circumstance, Bd was eradicated from a small, isolated area of the environment, but this required draining all water and applying strong chemical disinfectants, which removed not only Bd but also all beneficial organisms and microbes as well (Bosch et al. 2015). In other words, one of the greatest conservation challenges posed by Bd is that once it is introduced to a new area and becomes established in the environment, it is virtually impossible to safely eradicate this pathogen and protect amphibians in the wild.

In captivity, a variety of therapeutic treatments are available to suppress disease and prevent mortality caused by chytridiomycosis (Pessier and Mendelson 2017). Because Bd cannot survive extended exposure to temperatures above 28C, heat can be used to reduce or cure infections if the amphibian species can tolerate these conditions- although many cannot (Woodhams et al. 2003). Alternatively, a liquid bath in diluted itraconazole is the most common treatment applied, although this antifungal medication is also sometimes harmful to certain species and life stages of amphibians (Pessier and Mendelson 2017). The skin of some amphibians is known to produce antimicrobial peptides created by symbiotic bacteria. Some experimental Bd treatments involve inoculating amphibians with these "good" anti-Bd bacteria to convey disease resistance to that individual (Kueneman et al. 2016).

Still, despite the variety of therapeutic options available, there is no universal treatment regime that protects all amphibians from this global disease event; each species must be approached on a case-by-case basis. Unfortunately, the protections afforded are often short-term and only applicable to animals being held in captivity. After animals are treated in captivity and reintroduced back into the wild, if the pathogen is still present in that environment, then the amphibian is likely to become re-exposed to Bd without a significantly higher likelihood of survival, although efforts to develop vaccine approaches continue to be explored and some progress has been made (Waddle et al. 2021). This arguably represents the greatest conservation challenge posed by the continued spread of Bd (as well as Bsal): populations of amphibians can be removed from the wild, cured and protected in captivity, but there is not yet a widely successful method available for successful reintroduction in habitats where the pathogen cannot be safely eradicated.

Amphibian chytrid fungus was first described nearly 25 years ago and was initially believed to originate in South Africa (Weldon et al. 2004). Its recent global spread was attributed to the trade in African clawed frogs (*Xenopus laevis*) which were widely used for biomedical research. At that time, it was not yet known that there are multiple strains of Bd, each of which appear to impact amphibians differently. Some strains are more virulent than others, depending on the context and species exposed (Berger et al. 2005). More recently, studies have shown that the most likely point of origin of the hyper virulent global panzootic lineage of Bd is likely Republic of Korea (O'hanlon et al. 2018). Although this strain is likely to have emerged as much as 1,000 years ago (Rosenblum et al. 2013), the global intercontinental spread does not appear to have initiated until the 21st century and is most likely attributed to globalization and the acceleration and efficiency of global international trade (Kolby 2016).

In addition to the six primary identified lineages of Bd, new strains are emerging as a result of hybridization between previously regionally isolated strains (Schloegel et al 2012; Farrer et al. 2011). While the international amphibian trade provides an effective vehicle for strains to be brought together and recombine, it appears that industrial farming of frogs for food poses the greatest risk of hybridization events occurring. Hybrid events have occurred among American bullfrog farms in Brazil and based on those data, it is likely they also occur among frog farms in Asia where pathogen strain hybridization has not yet been described. For this reason, new waves of disease are likely to continue to emerge if industrial scale frog farming continues in the absence of biosecurity measures to control and reduce the likelihood of pathogen introduction, hybridization, and spillover.

It is important to reiterate that despite their common names, "amphibian" or "frog" chytrid fungus (Bd) and "salamander" chytrid fungus (Bsal) affect many more species than their colloquial names suggest. For instance, Bsal infects frogs in addition to salamanders, and Bd not only infects frogs, but also salamanders, caecilians, crayfish, nematode worms, and fish. The majority of research published to date has focused on Bsal's impact on salamanders and Bd's impact on frogs. Their impact on other species, directly or indirectly, is much less explored and understood.

### 3.2 Salamander chytrid fungus: Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans

Salamander chytrid fungus (*Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*, or "Bsal") was first identified in 2013 following a series of dramatic mass mortality events observed among fire salamanders (*Salamandra salamandra*) in the Netherlands (Martel et al. 2013; 2014). This species of chytrid fungus appears to be less virulent to amphibians in the order Anura (frogs and toads) compared

to Bd, but it is highly virulent to amphibians in the order Urodela, which contains approximately 760 species of newts and salamanders. The processes by which Bsal infects and causes disease and mortality in salamanders mirror that of Bd, with the exception that skin lesions are often visible whereas Bd-infected amphibians infrequently show visible signs of disease. Research has shown that this pathogen most likely originated in Asia, and in very recent times, spread through the international trade in amphibians to a number of European countries including the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom (Martel et al. 2014). This phenomenon has now been linked to the decline and extirpation of fire salamanders in multiple regions, where spillover of Bsal from captive to wild amphibian populations is thought to have occurred. In other regions, such as the United Kingdom and Spain, Bsal-infected amphibians have been detected among captive populations but have not yet been detected in the wild (Fitzpatrick et al. 2018). Bsal has also not been detected among amphibians in Canada, Mexico, or the United States of America (Waddle et al. 2020).

#### 3.3 Ranavirus

Ranaviruses are viral pathogens that are members of the genus Ranavirus, in the family Iridoviridae. Amphibians, reptiles and fish are susceptible to ranavirus infection, and in some cases the same strain of ranavirus can be transmitted across classes. For instance, ranavirus can sometimes be transmitted between fish and amphibians. Ranaviruses are globally distributed, and although their spread and spillover continue to occur through the movement of infected animals and fomites, their spread is not known to demonstrate the wave-like patterns of disease spread across the landscape observed with Bd and Bsal. As with Bd and Bsal, ranavirus is transmitted through both indirect and direct pathways, ranging from direct physical contact with other infected amphibians to exposure to contaminated water. Ranavirus demonstrates environmental persistence with the ability to survive outside of a host for weeks or longer in aquatic environments. Ranavirus is associated with dramatic amphibian mass die-offs but has not yet been linked to amphibian extinction events (Miller et al. 2011).

There are several notable differences between ranaviruses and the fungal pathogens Bd and Bsal. Where the fungal infections are transmitted exclusively through skin contact, ranavirus can also be transmitted through ingestion of infected tissue. Animals can become infected through predation or scavenging on infected carcasses (Gray et al. 2009). Amphibians that are highly susceptible to ranaviral disease and develop ranavirosis more often display visible pathological signs, including redness, swelling, and skin sores. The cause of mortality in highly diseased amphibians is often chronic cell death in multiple organs, differing from Bd and Bsal which only attack the skin of the amphibian and not their internal organs (Miller et al. 2011; Voyles et al. 2009).

Although ranaviruses can infect amphibians, reptiles, and fish, the number of susceptible species has been much less comprehensively investigated than has been done for Bd and Bsal. However, amphibians from at least 14 families and over 70 individual species are susceptible (Miller et al. 2011), and many more are likely affected. Additionally, ranaviruses isolated from high density amphibian trade supply chains such as and frog farms have been shown to express greater virulence than ranavirus samples collected from wild amphibians under natural conditions, suggesting that frog farming may be increasing the threat of ranavirus to wild amphibians globally (Claytor et al. 2017; Epstein et al. 2016; Ribeiro et al. 2019).

#### 3.4 Pathogen detection among internationally traded amphibian shipments

The presence of amphibian pathogens among internationally traded amphibians is difficult to predict. Despite being commonly detected among amphibians within domestic trade, pathogen presence has rarely been quantified immediately upon importation, largely due to the difficulty of access to sampling. A summary of detections are presented in Table 12, where a limited number of studies were able to access and sample animals immediately upon importation. These studies illustrated several important points about pathogen dispersal by international amphibian trade: 1) Multiple pathogens are sometimes present within the same amphibian shipments, 2) Traded amphibians have been found co-infected with both Bd and ranavirus together, and 3) Amphibian pathogens known to cause amphibian declines are sometimes detected at extremely high prevalence when internationally traded amphibians are tested. Sometimes, nearly 100% of sampled amphibians tested positive for infection among certain shipments (Rowley et al. 2007, Peel et al. 2012, Kolby 2014, Kolby et al. 2014, Kolby 2016, Kolby unpublished data).

The digital version of Annex 2 provides notation of species identified in trade that are known to be susceptible to infection with either Bd, Bsal, and/or ranavirus. This is to be interpreted conservatively because many additional species susceptible to these pathogens might not yet have been tested. A lack of proven susceptibility should not be assumed to represent the absence of susceptibility.

Table 12: Summary of Bd and ranavirus detections among all amphibians sampled immediately upon importation. Species that tested pathogen-positive are listed in parentheses.

Study	Location of Importation	Species	Origin of Shipments Sampled	Prevalence Detected	Cumulative RV Prevalence Detected
Rowley et al. 2007	Hong Kong SAR of China	Chinese bullfrogs (Hoplobatrachus rugulosus)	Thailand	0%	Not tested
Peel et al. 2012	United Kingdom	Misc. exotics (Bd- positive: United States of America: Pyxcicephalus adspersus, Pseudacris crucifer; United Republic of Tanzania: Hyperolius argus, H. tuberlinguis)	United States of America and United Republic of Tanzania	3.7%	Not tested
Kolby 2014	United States of America	Misc. exotics (Bd- positive: Heterixalus alboguttatus, Heterixalus Betsileo, Scaphiophryne spinosa)	Madagascar	0.5%	62.1%
Kolby et al. 2014	United States of America	Misc. exotics (Bd- positive: Bombina orientalis, Paramesotriton hongkongensis (water positive but salamanders negative), Xenopus laevis; Ranavirus- positive: Bombina orientalis, cynops orientalis, Paramesotriton hongkongensis)	Hong Kong SAR of China	11.7%	56.8%

Kolby (2016)	United States of America	American bullfrogs (Bd and ranavrius positive: Lithobates catesbeianus)	Dominican Republic	58.8%	92.4%
Kolby (2016)	United States of America	American bullfrogs (Bd-positive: Lithobates catesbeianus)	Taiwan, Province of China	0%	40.0%
Kolby unpublished data	Hong Kong SAR of China	Asian bullfrogs (Bd and ranavrius positive: Hoplobatrachus rugulosus)	Unknown origin	30.8%	34.6%

In addition to the trade in pathogen-positive amphibians, Bd-contaminated shipping materials were also detected in these studies. One study identified contamination among 59.0% (62/105) of cardboard boxes that carried American bullfrogs into the United States of America from the Dominican Republic and another study identified contamination among 62.5% (5/8) of sampled bags of water used to carry amphibians from Hong Kong SAR of China into the United States of America (Kolby et al. 2014, Kolby 2016).

### 3.5 Biosecurity measures

Infection with ranavirus, Bd and Bsal are all listed under Article 1.3.4. as notifiable diseases by the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH 2023). Biosecurity precautions are crucial to prevent continued international spread and spillover into native amphibian populations. Because these pathogens are commonly transmitted in very similar ways, largely through direct contact with infected animals or exposure to contaminated water or shipping substrates and containers, any biosecurity precautions aimed to control one is likely to control all three simultaneously.

The most basic approach to reduce and prevent the spread of pathogens is to trade only animals that have been bred in captivity, in a closed system, where everything that entered that system was pathogen-free including water, food, and the parent animals used for breeding. In lieu of a closed system, animals could be screened for infection prior to and/or following trade and treated with appropriate therapeutic methods to clear infections if detected. Unfortunately, no existing treatment can cure amphibians from ranaviral infection which occurs at high rates among frogs bred at industrial scales and traded for consumption as frog legs. Thus, while preventing the spread of Bd and Bsal in traded amphibians is more likely to be feasible among small quantities of amphibians, raising amphibians in large quantities that are also housed in high densities poses considerable challenges that have not yet been sufficiently explored and addressed. Even if frog farms were affected only by Bd or Bsal, the application of different chemical therapeutics used to clear infections might not yet be approved as safe for human consumption.

Because these pathogens are easily spread through shipping materials that can remain infectious even after the amphibians are removed, it is important to disinfect the water, cardboard boxes, plastic containers and bags, and soil or other substrates inside the containers prior to disposal. If disposed of without disinfection, then Bd, Bsal, ranavirus, and other pathogens may be released into new locations where native amphibians can become exposed. This can spark new waves of disease and amphibian declines. Resources describing the variety of available effective disinfection protocols are provided by the World Organization for Animal Health and links to these documents are provided later in this summary.

When aquatic amphibians are farmed in high densities in the absence of biosecurity measures it can negatively impact the survival of species in the wild. Although the international trade in frog legs appears to involve relatively few species of amphibians, and these are mostly species assessed as Least Concern by the IUCN Red List, the spread of pathogens caused by this activity potentially also threatens all local amphibian species (regardless of whether they themselves are traded) through discharge of infectious material.

# 3.6 Policies implemented to reduce the international spread of amphibian pathogens

To reduce the risk of importing amphibian pathogens, some countries have implemented trade regulations that either prohibit the importation of certain species or require permits that demonstrate risks have been mitigated as required. Based on information provided by respondents to the CITES Notification questionnaire and additional literature review, at least 11 countries plus the European Union (representing 27 nations) are reported to have enacted amphibian-specific trade regulations to control the spread of either Bd, Bsal, ranavirus, or pathogens more generally. Responses from respondents are summarized below (Figures 56-57) followed by specific regulatory information provided (Table 13). Note that some of the respondents are nations included within the European Union, but the European Union also provided their additional centralized responses.

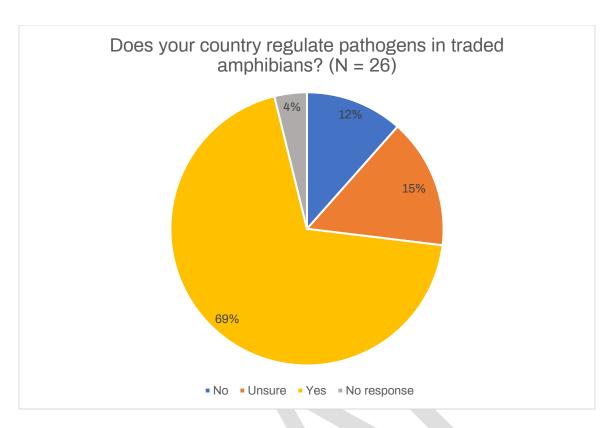


Figure 56: Government responses to Question 23 in the CITES Notification questionnaire circulated to Parties on 18 August 2023 (Notif. 2023/101).

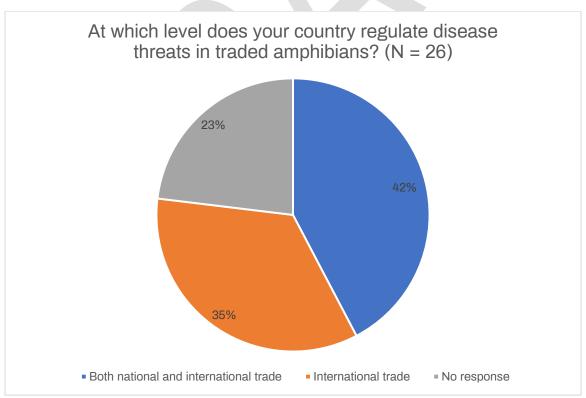


Figure 57: Government responses to Question 24 in the CITES Notification questionnaire circulated to Parties on 18 August 2023 (Notif. 2023/101).

Table 13: Summary of verbatim responses from government entities to survey question numbers 23-26 in Notif. 2023/101 regarding the control of amphibian pathogens among traded amphibians.

Respondent	Does your country regulate pathogens in traded amphibians?	At what level does your country regulate pathogens in traded amphibians?	What pathogens does your country regulate?	What laws provide authority for regulation?
Switzerland	Yes	International trade	Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis	Ordonnance réglant les échanges d'importation, de transit et d'exportation d'animaux et de produits animaux avec les pays tiers (OITE-PT)
Cuba	No	No response	No response	No response
Panama	Yes	International trade	Unspecified pathogens	Resolución N° DM- 0657-2016
Tanzania, United Republic of	Yes	International trade	Unspecified pathogens	The Wildlife Conservation Act
Israel	Yes	Both national and international trade	Unspecified pathogens	No response
Uruguay	No	International trade	Unspecified pathogens	No response
Argentina	Yes	International trade	Aeromonas hydrophila, Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis, Ranavirus, Mycobacterium marinum	Resolución 388/2008
Japan	Unsure	No response	No response	No response
Thailand	Yes	International trade	Ranavirus	WOAH Chapter 2.1.3 Infection with Ranavirus
Slovakia	Yes	International trade	All diseases transmitted by amphibians	No response
New Zealand	No	No response	No Response	No response
Sweden	Yes	Both national and international trade	Unspecified pathogens	SJVFS 2021:13

Netherlands	Yes	International trade	Ranavirus, Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis, Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans	Health certificate for the entry of reptiles and amphibians into the EU destined for the Netherlands
Germany	Yes	Both national and international trade	Not applicable	Regulation (EU) 2016/429
Costa Rica	Yes	Both national and international trade	Unspecified pathogens	Ley General del Servicio Nacional de Salud Animal Nº 8495
Mexico	Yes	Both national and international trade	All disease listed by OMSA	Acuerdo mediante el cual se dan a conocer en los Estados Unidos Mexicanos las enfermedades y plagas exóticas y endémicas de notificación obligatoria de los animales terrestres y acuáticos.
Colombia	Unsure	No response	No response	No response
United Kingdom	No response	No response	No response	No response
United States of America	Yes	International trade	Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis, Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans	The Lacey Act 18 USC 42, 50 CFR 16.14
India	Yes	Both national and international trade	No response	Animal Quarantine & Certification Services" (AQCS)
Brazil	Unsure	Both national and international trade	No response	No response
European Union	Yes	Both national and international trade	Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans	Decision (EU) 2021/361
Austria	Yes	Both national and international trade	Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans	Decision (EU) 2021/362
Czech Republic	Yes	Both national and international trade	Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans	Decision (EU) 2021/363

Ī	Italy	Yes	Both	national	and	Batrachochytrium	Decision (EU) 2021/364
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Additional country-specific regulatory contexts identified:

United States of America: In 2016, the US Fish & Wildlife Service published an interim rule that added 20 genera of salamanders (including all species within those genera; approximately 200 species) to the list of injurious amphibians at 50 CFR 16.14, but no species are currently restricted from trade for being susceptible to or infected with *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*.

Canada: In 2017, through an amendment to the Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations (WAPTR), Canada enacted an import restriction on all salamander species within the order Caudata.

# 3.7 Amphibian Import Regulations to Mitigate Disease Risks: Observations and Remarks

Twenty years of Bd research, together with the acknowledgement of catastrophic amphibian declines associated with its uncontrolled spread, have paved the way for counties to more rapidly implement international trade restrictions to tackle the emerging threat of Bsal compared to responses to control the spread of Bd and ranavirus, which remain largely unmitigated globally. Bd is already found in wild amphibian populations across dozens of countries which seems to have generated a counterproductive sentiment that effective control measures are no longer necessary or likely to achieve success at this later stage of pandemic. In contrast, extensive survey efforts suggest Bsal remains absent from certain amphibian diversity hotspots such as the United States of America. Unfortunately, a growing body of scientific research is showing that the continued mixing of regional Bd strains, together with industrial scale frog farming, are setting the stage for new waves of disease.

Still, despite relatively swift policy responses to the threat of Bsal following its discovery, no present trade policy acknowledges the expanded range of species now known to be susceptible to infection with Bsal, initially thought to be a pathogen exclusive to salamanders but now proven to stretch beyond Caudata. Research shows that frogs and toads among at least four anuran genera (e.g. *Alytes*, *Bombina*, *Hyla*, and *Rana*) can also become infected and spread this pathogen (Stegen et al. 2017, Nguyen et al. 2017, Gray et al. 2023, Schulz et al. 2020). No countries have yet specifically restricted trade in anurans for their ability to spread Bsal. Current import restrictions only target salamanders to control this pathogen.

A decade after the initial identification and response to Bd, researchers discovered crustaceans were also susceptible to infection and could play a role in disease transmission (Brannelly et al.

2015). Rapidly expanding knowledge about emerging infectious diseases of amphibians means that effective trade policies must remain flexible and able to be adapted to keep pace with the evolving scientific information.

Much more research is needed to develop both the scientific and legal infrastructures for safe trade in pathogen-free amphibians internationally. Although this may be feasible in theory, actual trade behaviors introduce considerable economic and public health challenges that make this a lofty goal. For instance, one of the simplest things to reduce pathogen transmission is to house, breed, and ship amphibians in low densities, so that if an animal becomes infected it is compartmentalized and can only physically spread infection to those held in the same enclosure. When amphibians are shipped, they are often packed in the highest densities possible to reduce the costs of transport, and it is not uncommon for hundreds or thousands to be held in the same primary enclosures. Under these conditions, animals exported from sources with low pathogen prevalence can arrive at their destinations with recently acquired infections at much higher prevalence. Accordingly, creating policies to foster pathogen-free amphibian trade requires pathogen control efforts not only at the sources of production or harvest, but that are also integrated into the methods by which amphibians are consolidated and transported internationally.

Testing and treatment of amphibians prior to export to reduce the global spread of pathogens appears to be a practice in some, but not all countries, where amphibians are traded in high volumes. Many frameworks already exist to control and mitigate the spread of pathogens, for instance, certain plant export phytosanitary permits are issued following required treatment protocols and are required upon importation (Yeager et al. 2020) and studying these programs could help inform the development of safer trade practices within the trade in amphibians.

## 3.8 Additional Resources that Include Pathogen Testing and Disinfection Protocols

World Organisation for Animal Health: Chapter 2.1.3. Infection with Ranavirus

<u>World Organisation for Animal Health: Chapter 2.1.1. Infection with Bαtrachochytrium dendroαtidis</u>

World Organisation for Animal Health: Chapter 2.1.3. Infection with Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans

### **Concluding Remarks**

Amphibians face a wide range of pressures affecting the long-term viability of populations across the globe. Wildlife trade, both domestic and international, represents a subset of these pressures that includes direct threats (e.g., harvesting animals for the trade in pets and food) and indirect threats (e.g. insufficient amphibian trade biosecurity practices that facilitate spread and spillover of harmful pathogens into the environment).

Overall, Section 1 of this review suggested that the most voluminous trade in amphibians predominantly affects species considered to be at lower levels of conservation risk, clustered within specific industries. However, many species, although traded at lower volumes internationally, might not be able to weather the pressures of commercialization. This may be compounded when combined with pressures such as climate change, invasive species, emerging infectious pathogens, or habitat degradation. Additionally, examination of international amphibian trade data showed a lack of standardization and questionable scientific accuracy, illustrated by an abundance of records of trade in species reportedly collected from the wild in places where populations do not appear to exist.

Section 2 outlined concerns expressed by parties regarding select species in trade and presented legislation governing the regulation of amphibian trade as provided by respondents to Notif. 2023/101. Despite their importance, amphibian species-specific legislative tools were not found to be widespread among the Parties, despite the abundance of more general wildlife trade legislation. Clarifying how these regulatory provisions can ensure legal and sustainable amphibian trade could illuminate potential key areas on which to focus for improvement. This section also provided a summary of recent illegal amphibian trade events and explored the presence of potential legislative infractions by interpreting United States of America wildlife trade data through the lens of regulatory information provided by various trading partners.

Finally, Section 3 reviewed available information on three major pathogens threatening amphibians worldwide and the role of international wildlife trade in facilitating their spread and spillover. The literature indicated that trade facilitates the movement of fomites just as easily as it does potentially infected amphibians themselves. Improved biosecurity containment, both along the international wildlife trade chain and among domestic amphibian production chains (such as farms that breed frogs for the trade in frog legs) must be considered to effectively reduce opportunities for continued pathogen transmission and pathogen hybridization events that may bring about increased threats to global amphibian populations. This section also provided a

summary of legislation governing the control of pathogens provided by government respondents to the questionnaire in Notif. 2023/101.

Cumulatively, this report provides a foundation upon which Parties can further explore the complex and multifaceted threats wildlife trade poses to amphibian species. Additional topics of interest drawn from this report for potential consideration and discussion at an amphibian trade workshop have also been provided (Annex 3). Many unknowns remain to be explored, but the information provided herein will help to develop a series of appropriate actions to better monitor the trade in amphibians, evaluate its impacts, and ensure the perpetuity of this globally threatened yet often overlooked taxon.

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# Annex 1. Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.) consultation report: Collation of responses to Notification to the Parties No.2023/101.

#### Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.) consultation report

This report relates to <u>Decision 19.197 on Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.)</u> and provides a review and summary of responses to the CITES Notification to the Parties <u>No. 2023/101</u> seeking information on the status, management and trade in amphibians (Amphibia spp.).

#### A. Background and scope

At its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 19.197 on *Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp)*, as follows:

#### Directed to the Secretariat, in close consultation with the Animals Committee

- **19.197** The Secretariat shall, subject to availability of external resources and in close consultation with the Animals Committee:
  - a) conduct one or more interdisciplinary workshops for CITES Authorities and other relevant authorities and stakeholders about amphibian species in international trade, including but not limited to the following objectives:
    - i) identify amphibian species that are in international trade and evaluate whether certain species or groups should be recommended for possible listing in the Appendices;
    - ii) share existing national legislation relevant to the trade in amphibians;
    - iii) evaluate whether current levels of trade are compatible with the conservation of these species in the wild;
    - iv) compile further data on harvesting levels of amphibians subject to high volumes of international trade;
    - v) explore the emerging threat of diseases to traded amphibians, including amphibian chytrid fungus and rana viruses; and
    - vi) examine current enforcement efforts to deter and detect illegal and unreported trade and identify additional actions needed; and
  - b) explore modalities to implement this Decision in a cost-effective manner, including through the organization of online events; and
  - c) report on the progress in the implementation of paragraph a) and b) above to the Animals Committee, including any relevant recommendations.

Pursuant to the implementation of paragraph a) of Decision 19.197, IUCN and the Secretariat developed a questionnaire/survey to gather information on amphibians, including the following:

- a) the levels of international trade in amphibians (legal and illegal);
- b) captive breeding of amphibians;
- c) threat of diseases to and from amphibians in trade; and
- d) the national/regional (and/or local) management, enforcement and regulatory priorities of amphibians in international trade.

Parties were invited to access the questionnaire through the following link <u>CITES Notification:</u> <u>Amphibians in trade</u> and submit their responses by **6 September 2023**. Additional information relating to the survey was submitted by email to the IUCN at <u>Oliver.Tallowin@iucn.org</u> and copied to info@cites.org.

The information collected by this survey was used to inform three technical reports on amphibian species in trade (outlined below), and a workshop referred to in Decision 19.197 paragraph a) to be convened later this year.

- Technical report 1: Identification of non-CITES listed amphibian species as well as the newly listed amphibian species that are in international trade.
- Technical report 2: Emerging threat of disease.
- Technical report 3: National legislation relevant to the trade in both CITES listed and nonlisted amphibian.

Technical report 1: Identification of non-CITES listed amphibian species as well as the newly listed amphibian species that are in international trade.

#### **Survey responses**

A total of 49 responses to the CITES Notification to the Parties (No. 2023/101) were received. These comprised responses from CITES Management Authorities (22, 45%), CITES Scientific Authorities (4, 8%) and stakeholder organisations and individuals (23, 47%). Responses were obtained from across all six CITES regions (Africa 3, 6%; Asia 9, 18%; Central and South America and the Caribbean 13, 27%; Europe 14, 29%; North America 9, 18% and Oceania 1, 2%).

#### Amphibian trade-data collection, analyses and National Red List assessments

Most respondents reported their government, organisation or institution collected national amphibian trade data relating to international trade (34, 69%) and legal trade (38, 78%), with just over half or fewer collecting illegal (26, 53%) and domestic (20, 41%) amphibian trade data (Fig 1.).

Of the 44 respondents who stated amphibian trade data was collected, 27 (61%) reported that this included all amphibian species, five (11%) reported that this only included CITES-listed species and two (5%) reported that it only included non-CITES listed species. Ten (23%) 'other' responses included comments such as amphibian trade data for CITES-listed and select non-CITES species was collected, such as European Union (EU27)

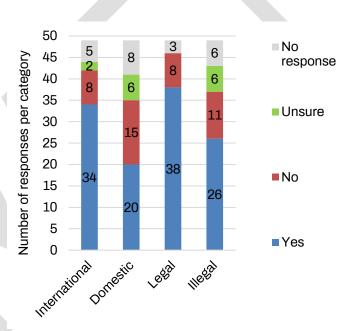


Figure 1: Number of governments, organisations or institutions recording national amphibian trade data relating to international, domestic, legal and illegal trade.

countries collecting information on species that are listed in the Annexes of EU Council Regulation (No. 338/97).

Regarding the type of amphibian trade data collected, the majority of respondents (≥31, ≥70%) collected data on all data categories except mass (weight; 16, 36%; see Fig. 2). Principally trade data on species (36, 97%), source (34, 87%) and volume (30, 85%, Fig. 2) are collected. A response from the Indian Management Authority reported that information for only non-CITES listed species was collected and that data for all categories was recorded.

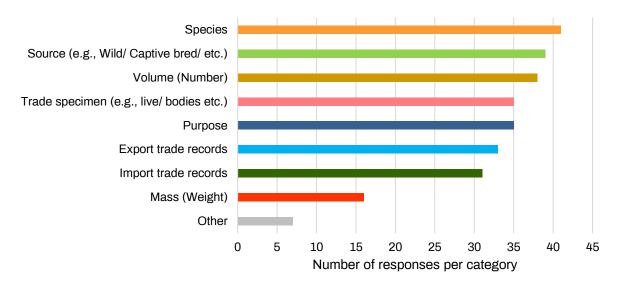


Figure 2: Number of amphibian trade categories recorded by governments, organisations or institutions.

A total of 14 respondents (29%) stated their government/organisation/institution had performed analyses of trade in amphibians, 25 (51%) noted they had not, eight (16%) were unsure and two did not provide a response. Of the 14 responses stating analyses had been performed, six reported carrying out analyses on all categories stated (see Fig. 3), with the highest number of analyses including trends in traded species and species groupings, as well as types of specimen traded (Fig. 3). Virtually all 14 analyses had been conducted at the national scale (13, 93%), with most (11, 79%) containing a species-specific component, eight (57%) containing regional level components and five (36%) including global scale analyses.

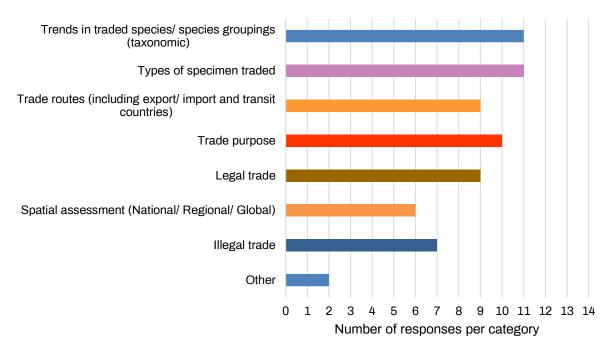


Figure 3: Number of categories included in amphibian trade analyses carried out by governments, organisations or institutions.

The majority of respondent countries/regions (35, 71%) had conducted national Red List assessments, or an equivalent conservation assessment for amphibian species (see Annex 1.1).

A total of 29 respondents (59%) stated their government/organisation/institution had identified amphibian species in trade, with 10 (20%) stating they had not, eight were unsure (16%) and two (4%) did not provide a response.

#### National legislation relating to amphibian trade

Regarding national laws pertaining to amphibian trade (i.e., amphibian-specific laws or wildlife trade laws that include amphibians), the majority of respondents (31, 63%) stated some amphibian trade was permitted. Seven (14%) respondents stated all amphibian trade was permitted, three (6%) that no amphibian trade was permitted, and six (12%) selected the 'other' option and two (4%) did not provide a response. Of the 31 responses stating 'some trade was permitted', 12 (39%) stated trade was permitted for captive-breeding purposes, six (19%) for select or non-native species, and three (10%) for scientific purposes, and non-native species only. Furthermore, nine (29%) respondents stated the trade in protected, native amphibian species was prohibited, and two (6%) that trade in invasive alien species was prohibited.

National legislation related to amphibian trade regulations for 25 countries/regions is provided in Annex 1.2. A total of 34 (69%) respondents stated their countries'/regions' legislation covered non-CITES listed species, three (7%) reported it did not, six (14%) were unsure and six did not provide a response. Seven (14%) respondents stated their countries/regions national legislation covered all wildlife including amphibians, six (12%) that all amphibian species were covered, while four (8%) stated it covered all national species, or a select national list of amphibian species (Fig. 4).

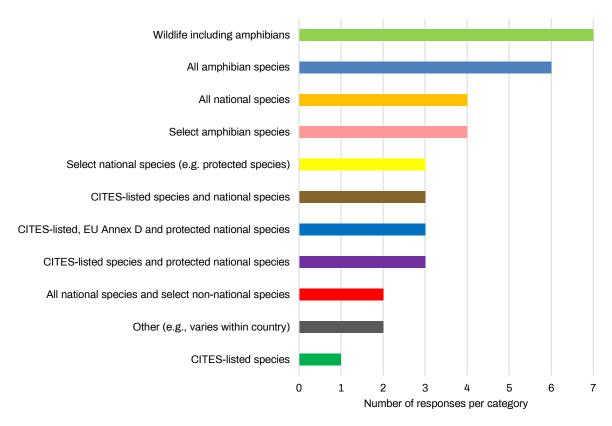


Figure 4: Number of responses per category of amphibian species covered by national legislation.

#### Amphibian disease threat

Just under half the respondents (24, 49%) stated their country/region had regulations or requirements aimed at controlling the spread of amphibian diseases through trade. A total of 12 (24%) stated their country/region did not have any such regulations or requirements, nine (18%) were unsure and four (8%) did not provide a response.

Regarding the type of amphibian trade these regulations or requirements covered, of the 27 responses 13 (48%) stated they covered only international trade, 13 (48%) that they covered both international and national trade, and one (4%) that they covered only national trade. Of the 27 respondents stating which diseases were covered, nine (33%) respondents stated the regulations or requirements were general, covering all pathogens and diseases (4, 15%), or that veterinary health certificates were required (5, 19%, Fig. 5). Of the 19 respondents stating amphibianspecific diseases were covered by their countries'/regions' regulations or requirements, a total of 11 specific diseases were mentioned. The highest number (13, 68%) covered amphibian chytrid dendrobatidis fungus (chytridiomycosis, Batrachochytrium and Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans) and seven included Ranavirus. The other diseases included Aeromonas hydrophila, Cestodiasis, Chromomycosis, Dendrovirus, Mycobacteriosis, Mycobacterium marinum, Strongyloidiasis and Trematodiasis.



Figure 5: Number of responses per category of general or specific amphibian diseases covered by national regulations or requirements. National regulations or requirements to control the spread of disease in traded amphibians are provided in Annex 1.3

#### Amphibian trade exports and imports

A total of 28 respondents (57%) reported that their country/region exported amphibians, 10 (20%) that their country/region did not export amphibians, eight (16%) were unsure and three (6%) did not provide a response. The highest number of amphibian exports were sourced from captive-breeding stocks (C, 30), followed by amphibians born in captivity (F, 21) and wild-sourced (W, 16, Fig. 6).

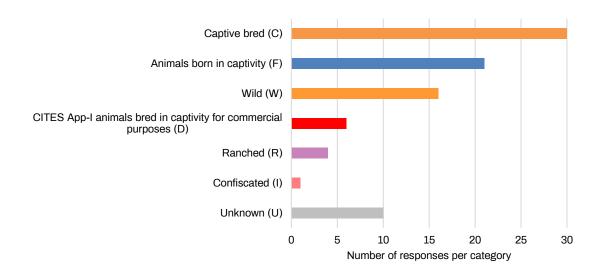


Figure 6: Number of responses per trade source of amphibian exports. The most common purpose of amphibian exports was commercial (32), specifically for general purposes (13) the pet trade (12), human consumption (5), and medicinal purposes (2, Fig. 7). A total of 17 non-commercial amphibian purposes were reported, specifically for scientific research (9), zoological (3), exhibition and education (2), captive-breeding purposes (2) and personal purposes (1).



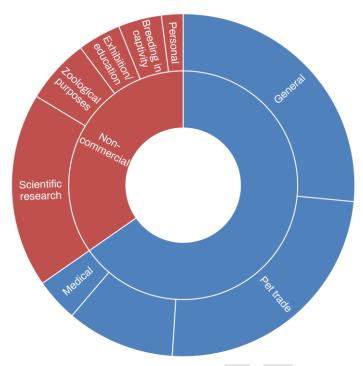


Figure 7: Number of responses per trade purpose of amphibian exports

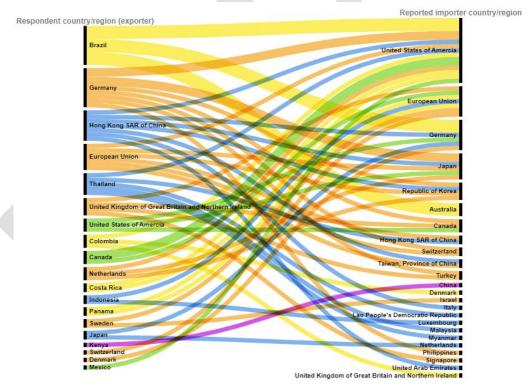


Figure 8: Respondent country/region amphibian exports to reported importer countries/regions. Colours relate to the CITES Region of the respondent country/region (Africa – purple, Asia – blue, Central and South America and the Caribbean – yellow, Europe – orange, and North America – green).

A total of 24 respondents reported the most frequent countries/region importing amphibian exports from their country/region. The most frequent countries/regions reported to be importing

amphibian exports from the respondent country/region were the United States of America (11), the European Union (7), Germany (7), Japan (6) and the Republic of Korea (4) (Fig. 8). A total of 21 respondents reported the most frequently exported amphibian species from their country/region. The highest proportion belonging to the poison dart frog family Dendrobatidae (45, Table 1.). The most frequently exported species included the dyeing poison frog (Dendrobates tinctorius, 4), the green and black poison frog (Dendrobates auratus, 4) and the red-eyed treefrog (Agalychnis callidryas. 3).

Of the 36 amphibians exported at the species level, nine (25%) were globally threatened according to the IUCN Red List of threatened species (e.g., Vulnerable [VU], Endangered [EN], Critically Endangered [CR] and Extinct in the Wild [EW]). These included the Kihansi spray toad (Nectophrynoides asperginis) categorised as Extinct in the Wild, four Critically Endangered species (Ambystoma mexicanum, Ambystoma dumerilii, Oophaga histrionica and Oophaga lehmanni) and four Endangered species (Phyllobates bicolor, Phyllobates terribilis, Mantella aurantiaca and Telmatobius culeus). All globally threatened species are listed on either CITES Appendix I or II.

Nine species were not listed on the CITES Appendices<sup>2</sup> (Fejervarya cancrivora, Hoplobatrachus rugulosus, Agalychnis dacnicolor, Dryophytes cinereus [Hyla cinerea], Hymenochirus curtipes, Xenopus laevis, Lithobates catesbeianus, Lithobates forreri [Rana forreri] and Rana draytonii), all of which were categorised as Least Concern (LC), except the California red-legged frog (Rana *drαytonii*) categorised as Near Threatened (NT).

Table 1: Amphibian species exported from respondent country/region.

Amphibian family	Amphibian species	IUCN Red List Category <sup>1</sup>	CITES Appendices <sup>2</sup>	Frequency of export by respondent country/region
Ambystomatidae	Ambystoma dumerilii	CR	II	1
	Ambystoma mavortium stebbinsi	NA	Not Listed	1
	Ambystoma mexicanum	CR	П	3
	Ambystoma spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
Aromobatidae	Allobates femoralis	LC	П	1
Bufonidae	Nectophrynoides asperginis	EW	I	1
Ceratophryidae	Ceratophryidae spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
Dendrobatidae	Adelphobates galactonotus	LC	II	1
	Ameerega berohoka	LC	II	1
	Ameerega hahneli	LC	11	1
	Ameerega macero	LC	11	1
	Ameerega trivittata	LC	11	1
	Dendrobates auratus	LC	11	3
	Dendrobates leucomelas	LC		2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IUCN. 2022. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2022-2. https://www.iucnredlist.org. Accessed on [01 September 2023]. Extinct in the Wild – EW, Critically Endangered – CR, Endangered – EN, Vulnerable - VU, Near Threatened - NT, Least Concern - LC, Data Deficient - DD, Not assessed -

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> UNEP (2023). The Species+ Website. Nairobi, Kenya. Compiled by UNEP-WCMC, Cambridge, UK. Available at: www.speciesplus.net. [Accessed 13/09/2023)].

Amphibian family	Amphibian species	IUCN Red List Category <sup>1</sup>	CITES Appendices <sup>2</sup>	Frequency of export by respondent country/region
	Dendrobates tinctorius	LC	II	3
	Dendrobatidae spp.	NA	Not Listed	5
	Epipedobates anthonyi	NT	II	1
	Oophaga histrionica	CR	II	1
	Oophaga lehmanni	CR	II	1
	Oophaga pumilio	LC	II	2
	Phyllobates aurotaenia	LC	II	2
	Phyllobates bicolor	EN	II	1
	Phyllobates terribilis	EN	41	2
	Ranitomeya imitator	LC	II	1
	Ranitomeya sirensis	LC	11	1
	Rantiomeya variabilis	DD	II	1
Dicroglossidae	Fejervarya cancrivora	LC	Not Listed	1
	Hoplobatrachus rugulosus	LC	Not Listed	1
Hylidae	Agalychnis callidryas	LC	П	3
	Agalychnis dacnicolor	LC	Not Listed	1
	Hyla cinerea	LC	Not Listed	1
	Hylidae spp.	N/A	Not Listed	1
Mantellidae	Mantella aurantiaca	EN	JI.	1
	Mantellidae spp.	N/A	II	1
Microhylidae	Dyscophus guineti	LC	II	1
Pipidae	Hymenochirus curtipes	LC	Not Listed	1
	Xenopus laevis	LC	Not Listed	1
Ranidae	Lithobates catesbeianus	LC	Not Listed	2
	Lithobates forreri	LC	Not Listed	1
	Rana draytonii	NT	Not Listed	1
	Rana forreri	N/A	Not Listed	1
Telmatobiidae	Telmatobius culeus	EN	1	1

A total of 29 respondents (59%) stated their country/region imported amphibians, 13 (27%) stated their country/region did not import amphibians, three (6%) were unsure and four (8%) did not provide a response. The highest number of amphibian imports were from captive-breeding sources (C, 27), followed by wild-sourced (W, 23) and amphibians born in captivity (F, 20, Fig. 9).

The most common purpose of amphibian imports was commercial (32), specifically for the pet trade (12), general (10), human consumption (7) and medicinal (3) (Fig. 10). A total of 14 non-commercial amphibian purposes were reported, the majority of which were for scientific purposes (8).

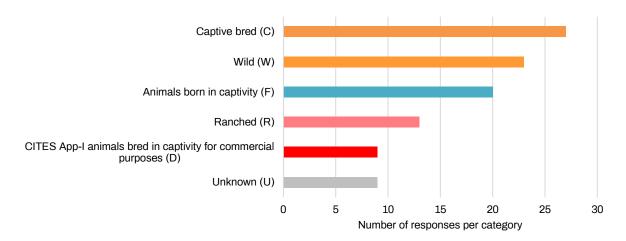


Figure 9: Number of responses per trade source of amphibian imports.

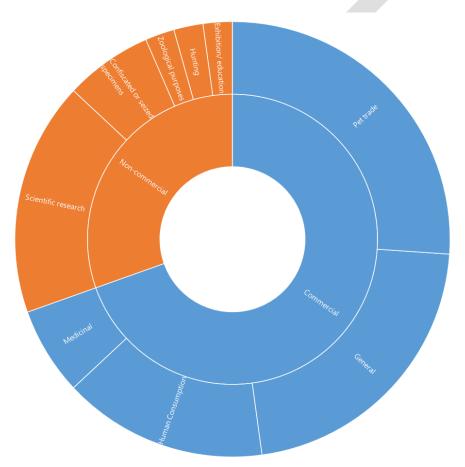


Figure 10: Number of responses per trade purpose of amphibian imports

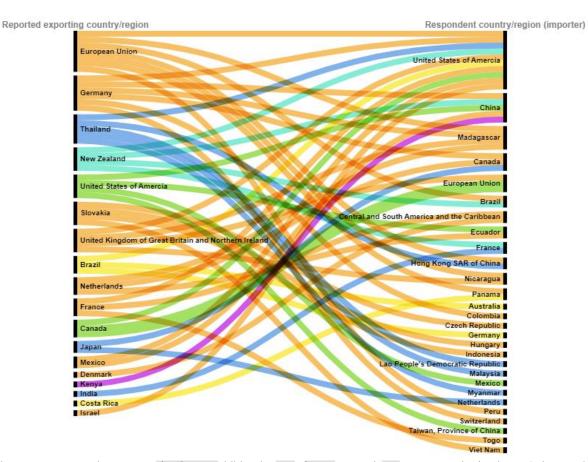


Figure 11: Respondent country/region amphibian imports from reported exporter countries/regions. Colours relate to the CITES Region of the respondent country/region (Africa – purple, Asia – blue, Central and South America and the Caribbean – yellow, Europe – orange, North America – green and Oceania – cyan).

A total of 23 respondents reported the most frequent export countries/regions from which their country/region imports amphibian species. The most frequent countries/regions reported to be exporting amphibians imported by the respondent country/region were the United States of America (10), China (5) and Madagascar (4) (Fig. 11).

A total of 19 respondents reported the amphibian species most frequently imported to their countries/regions, with the highest proportion belonging to the poison dart frog family Dendrobatidae (26, Table 2). The most frequently imported species included the red-eyed treefrog (*Agalychnis callidryas*, 7) and the green and black poison frog (*Dendrobates auratus*, 5).

Of the 31 amphibians imported at the species level, two (8%) were globally threatened according to the IUCN Red List of threatened species¹ including the Kihansi spray toad (*Nectophrynoides asperginis*) categorised as Extinct in the Wild, and the Axolotl (*Ambystoma mexicanum*) categorised as Critically Endangered. A total of 16 species were not listed on the CITES Appendices², all of which were categorised as Least Concern, except the blunt-headed burrowing frog (*Glyphoglossus molossus*) and black nobby newt (*Tylototriton asperrimus*), both categorised as Near Threatened.

Table 2: Amphibian species imported to respondent country/region

Amphibian family	Amphibian species	IUCN Red List Category <sup>1</sup>	CITES Appendices <sup>2</sup>	Frequency of export by respondent country/region
	Ambystoma		ll	
<b>Ambystomatidae</b>	mexicanum	CR		2
-	Ambystoma spp.	NA	Not Listed	2
Aromobatidae	Allobates femoralis	LC		1
Bombinatoridae	Bombina orientalis	LC	Not Listed	1
	Bombina spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
	Bufo spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
	Bufonidae spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
Bufonidae	Nectophrynoides asperginis	EW	) I	1
	Ceratophryidae spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
Ceratophryidae	Ceratophrys spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
ooratopin yidao	Lepidobatracus laevis	LC	Not Listed	1
	Ameerega trivittata	LC	11	1
	Dendrobates auratus	LC	II	5
	Dendrobates spp.	NA	ii.	3
	Dendrobates		ii	
	tinctorius	LC		2
	Dendrobatidae spp.	NA	Not Listed	5
	Oophaga pumilio	LC	II	4
	Oophaga spp.	NA	II	1
	Ranitomeya imitator	LC	II	1
	Ranitomeya spp.	NA	II	2
	Ranitomeya variabilis	LC	II	1
Dendrobatidae	Ranitomeya	LC	II	
	ventrimaculata			1
	Fejervarya	LC	Not Listed	
	limnocharis			1
	Hoplobatrachus rugulosus	LC	Not Listed	1
	Hoplobatrachus	LC	II	
Dicroglossidae	tigerinus		"	1
Diologiocolado	Occidozyga martensii	LC	Not Listed	1
	Agalychnis callidryas	LC	II	7
	Agalychnis spp.	NA	II	2
Hylidae	Hyla spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
,	Hylidαe spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
Hyperoliidae	Hyperolius spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
) Is a	Kassina spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
	Mantella betsileo	LC	II	3
Mantellidae	Mantella nigricans	LC	II	1
Megophryidae	Megophrys nasuta	LC	Not Listed	1
<u> </u>	Dyscophus guineti	LC	II	1
Microhylidae	Glyphoglossus molossus	NT	Not Listed	1

Myobatrachidae	Rheobatrachus spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
Pelodryadidae	Litoria spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
	Hymenochirus	LC	Not Listed	
	boettgeri			1
	Hymenochirus	LC	Not Listed	
Pipidae	curtipes			2
	Xenopus laevis	LC	Not Listed	3
	Lithobates	LC	Not Listed	
	catesbeianus			2
	Lithobates forreri	LC	Not Listed	2
	Lithobates pipiens	LC	Not Listed	1
Ranidae	Rana catesbeiana	LC	Not Listed	1
	Theloderma spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
	Cynops orientalis	LC	Not Listed	1
Rhacophoridae	Cynops spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
	Pleurodeles spp.	NA	Not Listed	1
Salamandridae	Tylototriton		Not Listed	
	asperrimus	NT		1
	Tylotriton spp.	NA	Not Listed	1

A total of 21 respondents reported the amphibian species most frequently traded domestically in their countries/regions. The highest proportion belonging to the Ambystomatidae family (13) and poison dart frog family Dendrobatidae (11, Fig. 12).

Of the 33 amphibians traded domestically at the species level, 12 (36%) were globally threatened<sup>1</sup>, including four Critically Endangered (*Ambystoma andersoni, Ambystoma dumerilii, Ambystoma mexicanum* and *Ambystoma taylori*), five Endangered (*Ambystoma granulosum, Ambystoma lermaense, Ambystoma rivulare, Incilius cristatus* and *Phyllobates terribilis*) and three Vulnerable species (*Andrias japonicas, Phyllobates vittatus* and *Litoria aurea*). A total of 23 species, of which six species were reported to be traded internationally, were not listed on the CITES Appendices<sup>2</sup>, with five species listed as Least Concern and only the blunt-headed burrowing frog (*Glyphoglossus molossus*) categorised as Near Threatened.

A total of 20 respondents reported the amphibian species most frequently traded internationally in their countries/regions, with the highest proportion belonging to the poison dart frog family Dendrobatidae (40, Fig. 13).

Of the 37 amphibians traded internationally at the species level, six (16%) were globally threatened<sup>1</sup>, including four Critically Endangered (*Ambystoma dumerilii*, *Ambystoma mexicanum*, *Oophaga histrionica* and *Oophaga lehmanni*), and two Endangered (*Phyllobates bicolor* and *Phyllobates terribilis*). A total of 14 species were not listed on the CITES Appendices<sup>2</sup>, all of which were categorised as Least Concern (LC), except the California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) categorised as Near Threatened (NT).



Figure 12: Amphibian species most frequently traded domestically in the respondent country/region.



Figure 13: Amphibian species most frequently traded internationally in the respondent country/region.

# **Amphibian captive-breeding facilities**

A total of 30 respondents (61%) stated their countries/regions had legislation regulating the captive breeding of amphibian species, five (10%) stated their country/region did not, eight (16%) were unsure and six (12%) did not provide a response.

In response to whether captive-breeding facilities were required to register with a government department, 27 (55%) respondents stated they were, 11 (22%) said no, five (10%) were unsure, and six (12%) did not provide a response.

A total of 19 (37%) respondents stated government-registered captive-breeding facilities for amphibians were present in their countries/regions, 16 (31%) stated there were no captive-breeding facilities, ten (20%) were unsure and six (12%) did not provide a response.

Regarding the number of captive-breeding facilities for amphibians in respondent countries/regions, there were 28 responses, of which six (21%) stated there were between one and five facilities, one (4%) that there were between six and fifteen, and nine (32%) that there were sixteen or more facilities (Fig. 14).

A total of 20 respondents provided figures on the total volume of amphibians being bred annually in their countries/regions, with eight (40%) reporting that over ten thousand individuals were bred annually (Fig. 15).

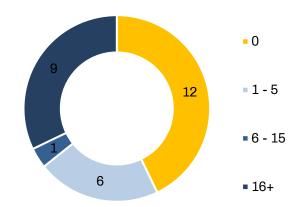


Figure 14: Number of captive-breeding facilities for amphibians registered within respondent countries/regions.

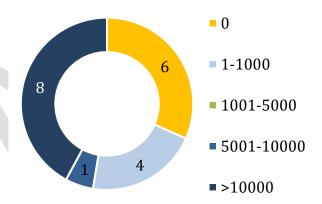


Figure 15: Total volume of amphibians being bred annually within respondent countries/regions.

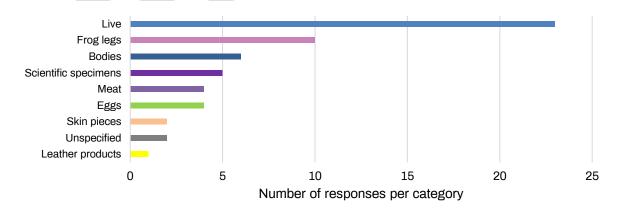


Figure 16: Main categories of amphibian specimens traded in the respondent country/region.

The main trade terms relating to amphibian trade in respondents categories comprised live individuals (23), frog legs (10) and bodies (6, Fig. 16).

The primary reasons for domestic trade in amphibians in respondent countries/regions, were predominately for commercial purposes (38), specifically for the pet trade (21) and human consumption (12).

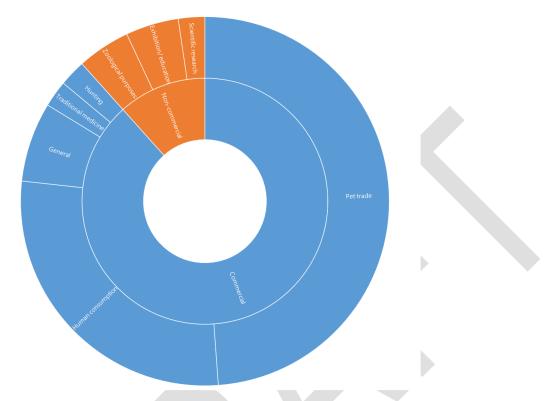


Figure 17: Main reasons for domestic trade in amphibians in respondent countries/regions.

#### Legal amphibian trade locations

The key locations within the respondent countries/regions where legal amphibian trade occurred were primarily retail premises, online and private residences, with the majority of this trade both domestic and international (Fig. 18). The key locations for where illegal amphibian trade occurred were predominantly private residences, online and retail premises, with the majority of trade also both domestic and international (Fig. 19).

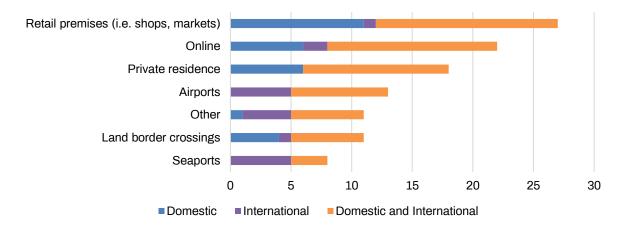


Figure 18: Key locations within the respondent country/region where legal amphibian trade occurred.

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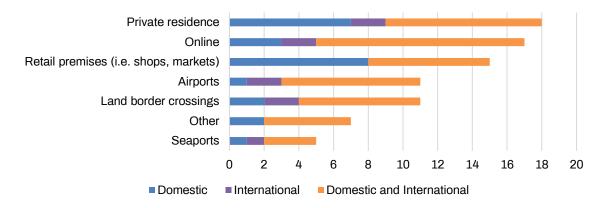


Figure 19: Key locations within the respondent country/region where illegal amphibian trade occurred.

The most common alleged final destinations of amphibian shipments illegally exported from respondent countries/regions, predominately comprised the European Union, the United States of America and China (Fig. 20).

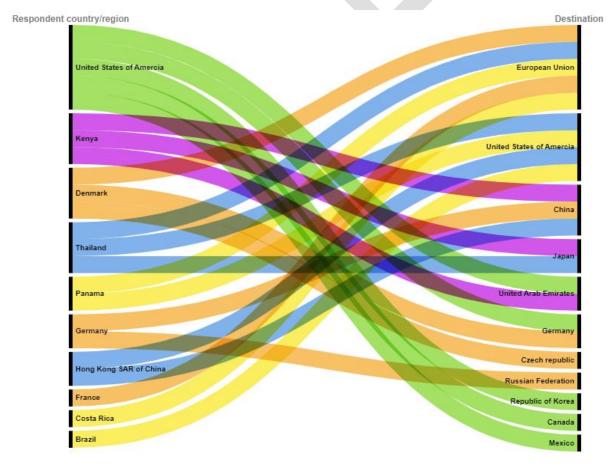


Figure 20: Most common reported final destinations of amphibian shipments illegally exported from respondent countries/regions.

The most common alleged origin countries/regions of amphibian shipments illegally imported to respondent countries/regions were largely South and Central American countries including Colombia, Panama and Costa Rica, as well as China (Fig. 21).

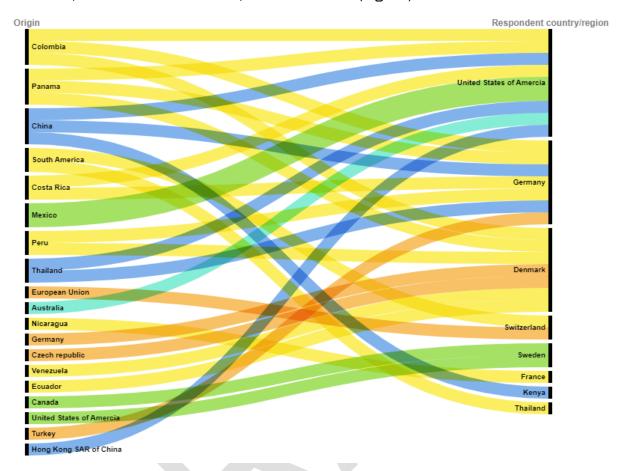


Figure 21: Most common alleged origin countries/regions of amphibian shipments illegally imported by respondent countries/regions.

## Annex 1.1

Country/ region	National level Red List or other assessment of conservation status for amphibians
Argentina	Vaira et al. 2012. Categorización del estado de conservación de los anfibios de la República Argentina. Cuadernos de herpetología, 26, 131-159.
Brazil	Ministério do Meio Ambiente/Gabinete do Ministro. Portaria MMA Nº 148, de 7 de Junho de 2022. Available at: https://www.icmbio.gov.br/cepsul/images/stories/legislacao/Portaria/2020 /P mma 148 2022 altera anexos P mma 443 444 445 2014 atuali za especies ameacadas extincao.pdf.
Costa Rica	Establishes the Official List of Endangered Species and Species with Reduced and Threatened Populations (2023) Sistema Costarricense de Información Jurídica. Available at:  http://www.pgrweb.go.cr/scij/Busqueda/Normativa/Normas/nrm_texto_completo.aspx?param1=NRTC&nValor1=1&nValor2=84908&nValor3=109703&strTipM=TC (Accessed: 07 September 2023).
Cuba	González Alonso, H., L. Rodríguez Schettino, A. Rodríguez, C. A. Mancina e I. Ramos García. 2012. Libro Rojo de los Vertebrados de Cuba. Editorial Academia, La Habana, 304.
Denmark	Moeslund, J.E., Nygaard, B., Ejrnæs, R., Bell, N., Bruun, L.D., Bygebjerg, R., Carl, H., Damgaard, J., Dylmer, E., Elmeros, M., Flensted, K., Fog, K., Goldberg, I., Gønget, H., Helsing, F., Holmen, M., Jørum, P., Lissner, J., Læssøe, T., Madsen, H.B., Misser, J., Møller, P.R., Nielsen, O.F., Olsen, K., Sterup, J., Søchting, U., Wiberg-Larsen, P. og Wind, P. 2019. Den danske Rødliste. Aarhus Universitet, DCE – Nationalt Center for Miljø og Energi. www.redlist.au.dk.
France	La Liste rouge des espèces menacées en France - Reptiles et Amphibiens de France métropolitaine (2015)
Germany	Rote-Liste-Gremium Amphibien und Reptilien (2020): Rote Liste und Gesamtartenliste der Amphibien (Amphibia) Deutschlands. – Naturschutz und Biologische Vielfalt 170 (4): 86 S.
Hong Kong SAR of China	Inglis, S.J., Wong, E.T.C., le Clue, S. & Whitfort, A.S. (2022) Wild, Threatened, Farmed: Hong Kong's Invisible Pets. ADM Capital Foundation: Hong Kong SAR.
Italy	Rondinini, C., Battistoni, A., Teofili, C. (compilatori). 2022 Lista Rossa IUCN dei vertebrati italiani 2022 Comitato Italiano IUCN e Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica, Roma
Israel	Dolev A., Pervolutzki A. (2002). Endangered Species in Israel. Red List of Threatened Animals. Vertebrates. Jerusalem: The Nature Reserves and Park Authority and the Society for Conservation of Nature.
Japan	<u>Japanese Ministry of the Environment (no date) RL/RDB:環境省.</u> <u>Available at: https://ikilog.biodic.go.jp/Rdb/booklist (Accessed: 07 September 2023).</u>
Mexico	Luna Reyes, R., Muñoz-Aionso, L. A., Percino-Daniel, R. y O. HernándezOrdoñez. 2020. Conservación y monitoreo de anfibios en riesgo de extinción en Chiapas. Universidad de Ciencias y Artes de Chiapas, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente e Historia Natural, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur y Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Informe final SNIB-CONABIO, Proyecto No. ME005 Ciudad de México.
Netherlands	Red Lists: species of Red List Amphibians. species of Red List Amphibians

Country/ region	National level Red List or other assessment of conservation status for amphibians	
	Government Gazette 2009, 13201. Rode lijsten: soort van Rode Lijst Amfibieën. soort van Rode Lijst Amfibieën Staatscourant 2009, 13201.	
New Zealand	Burns, R.J.; Bell, B.D.; Haigh, A.; Bishop, P.; Easton, L.; Wren, S.; Germano, J.; Hitchmough, R.A.; Rolfe, J.R.; Makan T. 2018: New Zealand Threat Classification Series 25. 7	
Panama	Republica de Panama Ministerio de Ambiente Resolution No. DM-0657 2016 De 16 de Diciembre de 2016	
Peru	<u>SERFOR. 2018. Libro Rojo de la Fauna Silvestre Amenazada del Perú.</u> <u>Primera edición. SERFOR (Servicio Nacional Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre), Lima., Perú, pp. 1-532.</u>	
Slovakia	Ferakova, V., Maglocky, S. & Marhold, K., 2001: Cerveny zoznam papredorastov a semennych rastlin Slovenska (December 2001) – In: Balaz, D., Marhold, K. & Urban, P. eds., Cerveny zoznam rastlin a zivocichov Slovenska, Ochr. Prir. 20 (Suppl.): 48-81.	
Sweden	Ett kunskapscentrum för arter och naturtyper: SLU artdatabanken (1970) SLU.SE. Available at: https://www.artdatabanken.se/ (Accessed: 07 September 2023).	
Switzerland	Rote Liste der gefährdeten Arten der Schweiz: Amphibien. 2005. 48, VU- 9012-D, Bundesamt für Umwelt BAFU, Vollzug Umwelt VU.	
Thailand	Thailand Office of Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, and Planning. 2023 Threatened animal species of Thailand. Website - ชนิดพันธุ์สัตว์ที่ถูกคุกคามของประเทศไทย – สำนักงานนโยบายและแผนทรัพยากรธรรมชาติและสิ่งแวดล้อม (onep.go.th). (Accessed 22 September 2023).	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Foster, J., Driver, D., Ward, R. & Wilkinson, J. (2021). IUCN Red List assessment of amphibians and reptiles at Great Britain and country scale. Report to Natural England. ARC report. ARC, Bournemouth.	
United Republic of Tanzania	CITES-listed species for the United Republic of Tanzania guide national amphibian conservation status assessments	
United States of America	Service, U.S.F. and W. (2023) Listed+Animals. Available at: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/reports/ad-hoc-species-report?kingdom=l&amp;status=SAT&amp;mapstatus=3&amp;fcrithab=on&amp;fstatus=on&amp;fspecrule=on&amp;finvpop=on&amp;fgroup=on&amp;header=Listed%2BAnimals.">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/reports/ad-hoc-species-report?kingdom=l&amp;status=3&amp;fcrithab=on&amp;fstatus=on&amp;fspecrule=on&amp;finvpop=on&amp;fgroup=on&amp;header=Listed%2BAnimals.</a>	
Uruguay	Carreira, S. & R. Maneyro. 2015. Lista Roja de los Anfibios y Reptiles del Uruguay. Una evaluación del estado de conservación de la herpetofauna de Uruguay sobre la base de los criterios de la Unión Internacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza. Dirección Nacional de Medio Ambiente, Montevideo.	

Annex 1.2

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
Argentina	The National Wildlife Conservation Law [Ley Nacional para la Conservación de la Fauna Silvestre] No. 22.421. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Wildlife Conservation Regulatory Decree Nº 666/1997. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Decree No. 522/97, Regulating the provisions of Law No. 22,344, which approved the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. (Decreto N° 522/97, Reglamentase las disposiciones de la Ley N° 22.344). Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Resolution No 62/1986 - Limit trade in native wildlife species (Limítase la comercialización de especies de la fauna silvestre autóctona). Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Law No. 22.344, Approve the "Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora", signed in the city of Washington on 3 March 1973, with its Appendices and Amendments. (Ley No 22.344, Apruébase la "Convención sobre el Comercio Internacional de Especies Amenazadas de Fauna y Flora Silvestres"). Accessed on 4 September 2023.
Brazil	Ibama Ordinance No. 93 / 1998 of 07 July 1998 (Import and Export of Wild Fauna), (PORTARIA IBAMA nº 93 / 1998, de 07 de julho 1998 (Importação e Exportação Fauna Silvestre)). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Ordinance 2489 of 09 July 2019. Amends Ordinance No. 93, of 07 July 1998, which provides for the export and import of wild fauna. (Portaria 2489, de 09 de julho de 2019. Altera a Portaria nº 93, de 07 de julho de 1998, que dispõe sobre a exportação e importação da fauna silvestre). Accessed on 19 September 2023.
Canada	Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations (SOR/96-263). 2020. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (S.C. 1992, c. 52). Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Wildlife Act. Designation and exemption regulation. [Last amended July 1, 2022 by B.C. Reg. 157/2022]. Accessed on 13 September 2023.
	Regulations Amending the Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations P.C. 2017-505 May 12, 2017. Accessed on 13 September 2023.
Colombia	Decree-Law 1608 1974 By which the Code of Renewable Natural Resources and Environmental Protection is dictated. Accessed on 11 September 2023.

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
region	Decree 1608 1978 Regulating the National Code of Renewable Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Law 23 of 1973 on wildlife. Accessed on 11 September 2023. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Law 17 1981 Approving the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora - CITES. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Law 84 1989 Which adopts the National Statute for the Protection of Animals and creates some contraventions and regulates their procedure and competence. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Law 99 1993 Which creates the Ministry of the Environment, reorganises the Public Sector in charge of the management and conservation of the environment and renewable natural resources, organises the National Environmental System, SINA, and enacts other provisions. Regulated by National Decree 1713 of 2002, Regulated by National Decree 4688 of 2005, Partially regulated by National Decree 3600 of 2007, Regulated by National Decree 2372 of 2010. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Law 195 1994 By which Colombia adheres to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Decree 1401 1997 Designating the Administrative Authority of Colombia to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and determining its functions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Decree 1420 1997 Designating the Scientific Authorities of Colombia to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and determining their functions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
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	Decree 1909 2000 Designating sea and river ports, airports and other places for international trade in specimens of wild fauna and flora.  Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Resolution 1317 of 2000. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Law 611 2000 By which norms are dictated for the sustainable management of species of wild and aquatic fauna. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Resolution 1317 of 2000 By which criteria are established for the granting of hunting licences for the purpose of promotion and for the establishment of zoos. Accessed on 11 September 2023.

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
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	Resolution 081 2018 By which Resolution 1909 of 14 September 2017 is amended and other determinations are made". Accessed on 11 September 2023.
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	Resolution 1263 2006 Establishing the procedure and setting the value for issuing the permits referred to in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and issuing other provisions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Law 1333 2009 Establishing the environmental sanctioning procedure and other provisions. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Resolution 2064 2010 By which the measures subsequent to the preventive arrest, restitution or confiscation of specimens of wild species of terrestrial and aquatic fauna and flora are regulated and other provisions are issued. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Decree 1076 2015 Through which the Sole Regulatory Decree of the Environment and Sustainable Development Sector is issued. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Law 1774 2016 "Whereby the Civil Code, Law 84 of 1989 and the Criminal Code are amended. The Criminal Code. The Code of Criminal Procedure and other provisions are enacted. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
	Resolution 1912 2017 By which the list of threatened wild species of Colombian continental and coastal marine biodiversity is established.  Accessed on 11 September 2023.
Costa Rica	Law No. 7788 of April 30, 1998, on Biodiversity (as amended up to Law No. 10133 of March 14, 2022). (Ley N° 7788, de 30 de abril de 1998, de Biodiversidad (así reformada por la Ley N° 10133 de 14 de marzo de 2022)). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
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Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
region	Law No. 7788 of April 30, 1998, on Biodiversity (as amended by Law No. 8686 of November 21, 2008), (Ley N° 7788, de 30 de abril de 1998, de Biodiversidad (modificada por la Ley N° 8686 de 21 de noviembre de 2008)). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
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	Wildlife Conservation Law, No. 7317, 1998. (Ley de Conservación de la Vida Silvestre N° 7317). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Regulations to the Wildlife Conservation Law No. 7317 N° 40548- MINAE, 2017 (Reglamento a la Ley de Conservación de la Vida Silvestre N° 7317 N° 40548-MINAE, 2017). Accessed 8 September 2023.
Cuba	Official Gazette of the Republic of Cuba Ministry of Justice No. 026 Ordinary of 4 August 2011. Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment
	Resolution No. 160/11 (Gaceta Oficial de la Republic de Cuba Ministerio de Justica No. 026 Ordinaria de 4 de agosto de 2011. Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente Resolución No. 160/11).  Accessed on 1 September 2023.
Denmark	European Union laws and regulations apply.
European Union	Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of 9 December 1996 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein.  Accessed 8 September 2023.
	Commission Regulation [EC] No 865/2006. Accessed 8 September 2023.
	Commission Implementing Regulation [EU] 792/2012. Accessed 8 September 2023.
	Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora. Accessed 8 September 2023.
	Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law'). Accessed 8 September 2023.
France	European Union laws and regulations apply.
	Order of 8 October 2018 laying down general rules for the keeping of animals of non-domestic species (Arrêté du 8 octobre 2018 fixant les règles générales de détention d'animaux d'espèces non domestiques). Accessed on 1 September 2023.
Germany	European Union laws and regulations apply.

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
region	Federal Nature Conservation Act of 29 July 2009 (Federal Law Gazette Ip. 2542), as last amended by Article 3 of the Act of 8 December 2022. (Bundesnaturschutzgesetz vom 29. Juli 2009 (BGBI. I S. 2542), das zuletzt durch Artikel 3 des Gesetzes vom 8. Dezember 2022 geändert worden ist.). Accessed 8 September 2023.
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Hong Kong SAR of China	Cap. 60 Import and Export Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.  Cap. 139 Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance. Accessed on 21
	September 2023.  Cap. 169 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.
	<u>Cap. 170 Wild Animals Protection Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.</u>
	<u>Cap. 455 Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.</u>
India	Cap. 586 Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.  Wild Life (Protection) Act 1070 Accessed on 10 September 2023.
mula	Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Accessed on 19 September 2023.  Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022 No 18 of 2022. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
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Indonesia	Biological Diversity Rules, 2004. Accessed on 4 September 2023.  Regulation of the Minister of Forestry No. 447/Kpts-ii/2003 Concerning administration directive of harvest or capture and distribution of the specimens of wild plant and animal species. Accessed on 8 September 2023.
Israel	Wildlife Protection Law, 5715-1955. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	<u>Wildlife Protection Regulations, 1976. Accessed on 4 September 2023.</u> <u>National Parks, Nature Reserves, National Sites and Memorial Sites</u>
	<u>Lαw,</u> <u>5758-1998. Accessed on 4 September 2023.</u>

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
Japan	Act on Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Act No. 75 of June 5, 1992. Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Act on the Prevention of Adverse Ecological Impacts Caused by Designated Invasive Alien Species, Act No. 78 of June 2, 2004. Accessed on 8 September 2023.
Kenya	Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 (No. 47 of 2013). Accessed on 4 September 2023.
Mexico	Political Constitution of the United Mexican States. Constitution published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 5 February 1917. (Constitución Política de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos. Constitución publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 5 de febrero de 1917. Accessed on 8 September.
	General Law on Ecological Balance and Environmental Protection. New Law published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 28 January 1988. (Ley General del Equilibro Ecológico y Protección al Ambiente. Nueva Ley publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 28 de enero de 1988.) Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	General Wildlife Law. New Law published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 3 July 2000. (Ley General de Vida Silvestre. Nueva Ley publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 3 de julio de 2000). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Regulations of the General Wildlife Law. New Regulation published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 30 November 2006. (Reglamento de la Ley General de Vida Silvestre. Nuevo Reglamento publicado en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 30 de noviembre de 2006). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Organic Law of the Federal Public Administration. New Law published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 29 December 1976. (Ley Orgánica de la Administración Pública Federal. Nueva Ley publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 29 de diciembre de 1976). Accessed on 11 September 2023.
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	Mexican Official Rule NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010, Environmental protection-Mexican native species of wild flora and fauna-Categories of risk and specifications for their inclusion, exclusion or change-List of

Country/	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
region	species at risk. 2010. (NORMA Oficial Mexicana NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010, Protección ambiental-Especies nativas de México de flora y fauna silvestres-Categorías de riesgo y especificaciones para su inclusión,
	exclusión o cambio-Lista de especies en riesgo). 2010. Accessed on 11 September 2023.
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	AGREEMENT by which the notifiable exotic and endemic diseases and pests of terrestrial and aquatic animals in the United Mexican States are made known. 2018. (ACUERDO mediante el cual se dan a conocer en los Estados Unidos Mexicanos las enfermedades y plagas exóticas y endémicas de notificación obligatoria de los animales terrestres y acuáticos. 2018). Accessed on 11 September 2023.
New Zealand	Trade in Endangered Species Act 1989. Accessed on 8 September 2023.
Netherlands	European Union laws and regulations apply.
	Animals Law, 2022. (Wet dieren, 2022). Accessed 13 September 2023.
	Nature Conservation Act of 16 December 2015, laying down rules for the protection of nature. (Wet natuurbescherming van 16 december 2015, houdende regels ter bescherming van de natuur). Accessed on 13 September 2023.
	Nature Conservation Decree, 2021. (Besluit natuurbescherming, 2021.). Accessed 13 September 2023.
	Nature conservation regulations, 2023. (Regeling natuurbescherming, 2023). Accessed 13 September 2023.
Peru	Forestry and Wildlife Law No 29763. 2015. (Ley Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre Ley No 29763). Accessed on 4 September 2023.

Country/ region	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
Slovakia	European Union laws and regulations apply.
	15 THE LAW of December 2, 2004 on the protection of species of wild animals and wild plants by regulating trade with them and on the amendment of certain laws. (15 ZÁKON z 2. decembra 2004 o ochrane druhov voľne žijúcich živočíchov a voľne rastúcich rastlín reguláciou obchodu s nimi a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	110 DECREE of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic of 14 February 2005 implementing certain provisions of the Act on the Protection of Species of Wild Fauna and Flora by Regulating Trade Therein and on Amendments and Additions to Certain Acts. (110 VYHLÁŠKA, Ministerstva životného prostredia Slovenskej republiky zo 14. februára 2005, ktorou sa vykonávajú niektoré ustanovenia zákona o ochrane druhov voľne žijúcich živočíchov a voľne rastúcich rastlín reguláciou obchodu s nimi a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	543, THE LAW of June 25, 2002 on nature and landscape protection. (543 ZÁKON z 25. júna 2002 o ochrane prírody a krajiny). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	170 DECREE Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic of 19 April 2021, which implements Act no. 543/2002 Coll. on nature and landscape protection, as amended (170 VYHLÁŠKA Ministerstva životného prostredia Slovenskej republiky z 19. apríla 2021, ktorou sa vykonáva zákon č. 543/2002 Z. z. o ochrane prírody a krajiny v znení neskorších predpisov). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
Sweden	Species Protection Ordinance (2007:845). (Artskyddsförordning (2007:845)). Accessed on 13 September 2023.
	National Board of Agriculture regulations and general advice (SJVFS 2021:13) on registration, authorisation, traceability, movement, imports and exports with regard to animal health; (Statens jordbruksverks föreskrifter och allmänna rådom registrering, godkännande, spårbarhet, förflyttning, införsel samt export med avseende på djurhälsa;). Accessed on 13 September 2023.
	Swedish Board of Agriculture's regulation concerning conditions for keeping, breeding and selling etc. of animals intended for companionship and hobby; (SJVFS 2019:15) (Statens jordbruksverks föreskrifter och allmänna rådom villkor för hållande, uppfödning och försäljningm.m. av djur avsedda för sällskap och hobby; (SJVFS 2019:15)). Accessed on 13 September 2023.
Switzerland	Federal law on the Movement of Protected Species of Fauna and Flora. 2012. (Loi fédérale sur la circulation des espèces de faune et de flore protégées.

Country/	National laws regulating trade in amphibians
region	(Loi sur les espèces protégées, LCITES) du 16 mars 2012 (État le 1er septembre 2023) L'Assemblée fédérale de la Confédération suisse.  Accessed on 1 September 2023.
	Ordinance on the movement of protected species of fauna and flora (OCITES). 2013. Ordonnance sur la circulation des espèces de faune et de flore protégées (OCITES) du 4 septembre 2013 (État le 1er septembre 2023). Accessed on 1 September 2023.
	Federal Act on the Protection of Nature and Cultural Heritage (NCHA) 1 of 1 July 1966 (Status as of 1 January 2022). Accessed on 1 September 2023.
	Ordinance on the Protection of Nature and Cultural Heritage (NCHO) of 16 January 1991 (Status as of 1 June 2017) ). Accessed on 1 September 2023.
Thailand	Wildlife Conservation and Protection Act, B.E. 2562 (2019). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Royal Ordinance on Fisheries, B.E. 2558 (2015). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
United Republic of	The Wildlife Policy of Tanzania 2007. Accessed on 1 September 2023.
Tanzania	<u>The Wildlife Conservation Act Cap. 283. 2022. Accessed on 1 September 2023.</u>
	The Wildlife Conservation (Management of Wildlife Captive Facilities) Regulations, 2020. Accessed on 1 September 2023.
	The Wildlife Conservation (Dealings in Trophies) Regulations, 1974 (G.Ns. Nos. 265 and 268). Accessed on 1 September 2023.
United States of America	The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.). Accessed on 1 September 2023.
Uruguay	Law 9.481. Ecology. Protection of indigenous fauna. Official Gazette, July 10, 1935. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Decree no. 550/008. Regulation of trade and possession of endangered species of wild fauna and flora. Official Gazette, November 28, 2008. Accessed on 4 September 2023.

## Annex 1.3

Country/ region	National regulations or requirements to control the spread of disease in traded amphibians
Argentina	Resolution 388/2008. The "Sanitary Conditions to Authorize the Importation of Amphibians for commercial purposes to the Argentine Republic" are approved. forms. (Resolución 388/2008. Apruébanse las "Condiciones Sanitarias para Autorizar la Importación de Anfibios con fines comerciales a la República Argentina". Formularios). Accessed on 12 September 2023.
	Resolution 278/2008. The Sanitary Conditions to Authorize the Importation of Live Catesbeian Frogs to the Argentine Republic, the import application form and the international veterinary certificate are approved. (Resolución 278/2008. Apruébanse las Condiciones Sanitarias para Autorizar la Importación de Ranas Catesbeianas Vivas a la República Argentina, el formulario de solicitud de importación y el certificado veterinario internacional.). Accessed on 12 September 2023.
Canada	Regulations Amending the Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations: SOR/2018-81. Accessed on 12 September 2023.  Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) 2018. Import restriction on salamanders webpage. Accessed on 12 September 2023.
Costa Rica	See Costa Rica laws and regulations in Annex 1.2.  General Law on the National Animal Health Service No. 8495. (Ley General del Servicio Nacional de Salud Animal Nº 8495).  Accessed on 12 September 2023.
European Union	Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law'). Accessed 8 September 2023.
Germany	European Union regulations apply.
India	Animal Quarantine & Certification Services. Department- Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. Accessed on 19 September 2023.
Indonesia	Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia No. 17/PERMENTAN/KR.120/5/2017 regarding Animal Quarantine Documents. Accessed on 12 September 2023.
Mexico	Federal Animal Health Law. New Law published in the Official Journal of the Federation on 25 July 2007.(LEY FEDERAL DE SANIDAD ANIMAL Nueva Ley publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 25 de julio de 2007). Accessed on 12 September 2023.
Netherlands	European Union regulations apply.

Country/ region	National regulations or requirements to control the spread of disease in traded amphibians
	Health certificate for the entry of reptiles and amphibians into the EU destined for the Netherlands. Accessed on 12 September 2023.
New Zealand	Animal Welfare Act 1999, No 142. Version as at 30 April 2023. Accessed 13 September 2023.
Sweden	The Swedish Agency for Agriculture's regulations and general advice on registration, approval, traceability, movement, import and export with regard to animal health. (Statens jordbruksverks föreskrifter och allmänna råd om registrering, godkännande, spårbarhet, förflyttning, införsel samt export med avseende på djurhälsa). Accessed on 12 September 2023.  Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law'). Accessed 8 September 2023.
	<u>The Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 of 16</u> <u>December 2020. Accessed on 12 September 2023.</u>
Switzerland	Ordinance on trade in imports, transit and exports of animals and animal products with third countries (OITE-PT). (Ordonnance réglant les échanges d'importation, de transit et d'exportation d'animaux et de produits animaux avec les pays tiers (OITE-PT)). Accessed on 12 September 2023.
Thailand	World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals 2019. Chapter 2.1.2. Infection with Ranavirus. Accessed on 12 September 2023.
United Republic of Tanzania	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Cites) (Implementation) Regulations, 2005 (G.N. No. 225 of 2005). Accessed on 12 September 2023.  The Wildlife Conservation (Dealings in Trophies) Regulations. Accessed on 12 September 2023.  Wildlife (Capture of Animals) Regulations, 1974 (G.Ns. Nos. 265 and 279 of 107/1) Accessed on 12 September 2023.
United States of America	and 278 of 1974). Accessed on 12 September 2023 The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.). Accessed on 12 September 2023.

## Annex 1.4

Country/ region	National legislation regulating captive breeding of amphibian species
Argentina	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE
	DEVELOPMENT. Resolution 170/2021. (Resolución 170 /
	<u>2021</u>
	MINISTERIO DE AMBIENTE Y DESARROLLO
	SOSTENIBLE). Accessed on 13 September 2023.
Canada	Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations (SOR/96-263).
	2020. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Wild Animal and Dignt Protection and Degulation of
	Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (S.C. 1992, c.
	52). Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	<u>52). Accessed on 4 September 2023.</u>
	Wildlife Act. Designation and exemption regulation. [Last
	amended July 1, 2022 by B.C. Reg. 157/2022]. Accessed
	on 13 September 2023.
	Regulations Amending the Wild Animal and Plant Trade
	Regulations
	P.C. 2017-505 May 12, 2017. Accessed on 13 September
	2023.
Colombia	See Annex 1.2
Costa Rica	Wildlife Conservation Law, No. 7317, 1998. (Ley de
	Conservación de la Vida Silvestre N° 7317). Accessed on
	8 September 2023.
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	Regulations to the Wildlife Conservation Law No. 7317 N°
	40548-MINAE, 2017 (Reglamento a la Ley de
	Conservación de la Vida Silvestre N° 7317 N° 40548-
	MINAE, 2017). Accessed 8 September 2023.
Cuba	Official Gazette of the Republic of Cuba Ministry of Justice
	No. 026 Ordinary of 4 August 2011. Ministry of Science,
	Technology and Environment Resolution No. 160/11
	(Gaceta Oficial de la Republic de Cuba Ministerio de
	Justica No. 026 Ordinaria de 4 de agosto de 2011.
	Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente
	Resolución No. 160/11). Accessed on 1 September 2023.
European Union	Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of 9 December 1996
	on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by
	regulating trade therein. Accessed 8 September 2023.
	Commission Regulation [EC] No 865/2006. Accessed 8
	September 2023.
	Commission Implementing Regulation [ELI] 702/2012
	ACCESSED O CONTOUNDED ZUZU.
	Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament
	and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible
	animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts
	September 2023.  Commission Implementing Regulation [EU] 792/2012. Accessed 8 September 2023.  Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible

Country/ region	National legislation regulating captive breeding of amphibian species
	in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law').
	Accessed 8 September 2023.
	COMMISSION NOTICE Guidance document on live
	animals bred in captivity under the EU Wildlife Trade
	Regulations (2022/C 306/02) Official Journal of the
	European Union of 11.8.2022. Accessed 8 September 2023.
France	European Union laws and regulations apply.
	Order of 8 October 2018 laying down general rules for the keeping of animals of non-domestic species. (Arrêté du 8
	octobre 2018 fixant les règles générales de détention
	d'animaux d'espèces non domestiques). Accessed 13
	September 2023.
Germany	European Union laws and regulations apply.
Hong Kong SAR of China	Cap. 586 Protection of Endangered Species of Animals
	and Plants Ordinance. Accessed on 21 September 2023.
	Cap. 139 Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance.
L. P.	Accessed on 21 September 2023.
India	Wild life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022 No 18 of 2022. Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Biological Diversity (Amendment) Act, No. 10 of 2023.
	Accessed on 4 September 2023.
	Biological Diversity Rules, 2004. Accessed on 4
Indonesia	September 2023. Ministry of Forestry Republic of Indonesia Regree
muonesia	Ministry of Forestry Republic of Indonesia Decree Number: p. 36/menhut-ii/2009 regarding procedures for
	licensing of commercial utilisation of carbon sequestration
	and/or storage in production and protected forests.
	Accessed on 13 September 2023.
Japan	Act on the Prevention of Adverse Ecological Impacts
	Caused by Designated Invasive Alien Species, Act No. 78
	of June 2, 2004. Accessed on 8 September 2023.
Kenya	<u>Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 (No. 47 of 2013)</u> . Accessed on 4 September 2023.
Mexico	General Law on Ecological Balance and Environmental
WICKIOO	Protection. New Law published in the Diario Oficial de la
	Federación on 28 January 1988. (Ley General del
<b>~</b>	Equilibro Ecológico y Protección al Ambiente. Nueva Ley
	publicada en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 28 de
	enero de 1988.) Accessed on 8 September 2023.
	General Wildlife Law. New Law published in the Diario
	Oficial de la Federación on 3 July 2000. (Ley General de
	<u>Vida Silvestre. Nueva Ley publicada en el Diario Oficial de</u>
	la Federación el 3 de julio de 2000). Accessed on 8
	September 2023.

Country/ region	National legislation regulating captive breeding of amphibian species
	Regulations of the General Wildlife Law. New Regulation published in the Diario Oficial de la Federación on 30 November 2006. (Reglamento de la Ley General de Vida Silvestre. Nuevo Reglamento publicado en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 30 de noviembre de 2006). Accessed on 8 September 2023.
Netherlands	European Union laws and regulations apply.
	Animals Law, 2022. (Wet dieren, 2022). Accessed 13 September 2023.
	Animal husbandry decree, 2023. (Besluit houders van dieren, 2023). Accessed on 13 September 2023.
	Nature Conservation Decree, 2021. (Besluit natuurbescherming, 2021.). Accessed 13 September 2023.
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Annex 2. Total amphibian species identified in international trade (Expanded digital version also including species range of distribution information, pathogen detection status, and more is provided together with this report: see Amphibian Trade Data Master Files).

Scientific Name	IUCN Assessment	AmphibiaWeb Unique ID	CITES Appendix
Abavorana luctuosa	Least concern (lc)	5082	
Acris crepitans	Least concern (lc)	670	
Acris gryllus	Least concern (lc)	671	
Adelphobates galactonotus	Least concern (lc)	1631	II
Adenomera andreae	Least concern (lc)	3299	
Adenomera hylaedactyla	Least concern (lc)	3301	
Adenomera marmorata	Least concern (lc)	3303	
Adenomera martinezi	Least concern (lc)	3304	
Afrixalus dorsalis	Least concern (lc)	448	
Afrixalus equatorialis	Least concern (lc)	450	
Afrixalus fornasini	Least concern (lc)	451	
Afrixalus fulvovittatus	Least concern (lc)	452	
Afrixalus laevis	Least concern (lc)	455	
Afrixalus nigeriensis	Least concern (lc)	459	
Afrixalus osorioi	Least concern (lc)	461	
Afrixalus paradorsalis	Least concern (lc)	462	
Afrixalus quadrivittatus	Least concern (lc)	6849	
Afrixalus wittei	Least concern (lc)	471	
Agalychnis annae	Vulnerable (vu)	614	II
Agalychnis callidryas	Least concern (lc)	616	II
Agalychnis dacnicolor	Least concern (lc)	626	II
Agalychnis lemur	Critically endangered (cr)	655	II
Agalychnis moreletii	Least concern (lc)	619	II
Agalychnis spurrelli	Least concern (lc)	621	II
Aglyptodactylus inguinalis	Least concern (lc)	8371	
Aglyptodactylus madagascariensis	Least concern (lc)	4326	
Alcalus baluensis	Least concern (lc)	4732	
Allobates femoralis	Least concern (lc)	1661	II
Allobates insperatus	Least concern (lc)	6576	
Allobates kingsburyi	Endangered (en)	1575	
Allobates talamancae	Least concern (lc)	1614	
Allobates trilineatus	Least concern (lc)	1617	
Allobates zaparo	Least concern (lc)	1676	II
Allophryne ruthveni	Least concern (lc)	2059	
Alytes muletensis	Endangered (en)	1521	

Amazophrynella minuta	Least concern (lc)	329	
Ambystoma andersoni	Critically endangered (cr)	3824	
Ambystoma californiense	Vulnerable (vu)	3829	
Ambystoma dumerilii	Critically endangered (cr)	3831	II
Ambystoma jeffersonianum	Least concern (lc)	3835	
Ambystoma laterale	Least concern (lc)	3836	
Ambystoma lermaense	Endangered (en)	3838	
Ambystoma mabeei	Least concern (lc)	3839	
Ambystoma macrodactylum	Least concern (lc)	3840	
Ambystoma maculatum	Least concern (lc)	3841	
Ambystoma mavortium	Least concern (lc)	5887	
Ambystoma mexicanum	Critically endangered (cr)	3842	II
Ambystoma opacum	Least concern (lc)	3843	
Ambystoma talpoideum	Least concern (lc)	3847	
Ambystoma texanum	Least concern (lc)	3849	
Ambystoma tigrinum	Least concern (lc)	3850	
Ameerega altamazonica		7108	II
Ameerega bassleri	Vulnerable (vu)	1653	II
Ameerega bilinguis	Least concern (lc)	1654	II
Ameerega boliviana	Near threatened (nt)	1655	II
Ameerega cainarachi	Endangered (en)	1658	II
Ameerega hahneli	Least concern (lc)	1663	II
Ameerega macero	Least concern (lc)	1665	II
Ameerega maculata	Data deficient (dd)	1666	II
Ameerega parvula	Least concern (lc)	1668	II
Ameerega pepperi	Vulnerable (vu)	7276	II
Ameerega picta	Least concern (lc)	1670	II
Ameerega silverstonei	Endangered (en)	1672	II
Ameerega simulans	Least concern (lc)	5456	II
Ameerega trivittata	Least concern (lc)	1675	II
Amietia angolensis	Least concern (lc)	4979	
Amietia chapini	Least concern (lc)	8511	
Amietia desaegeri	Least concern (lc)	5021	
Amietia nutti	Least concern (lc)	8513	
Amietia ruwenzorica	Least concern (lc)	5139	
Amnirana albolabris	Least concern (lc)	4971	
Amnirana amnicola	Least concern (lc)	4976	
Amnirana galamensis	Least concern (lc)	5036	
Amnirana lepus	Least concern (lc)	5076	
Amnirana occidentalis	Least concern (lc)	5114	

Amolops cremnobatus	Least concern (lc)	5414	
Amolops daorum		6227	
Amolops larutensis	Least concern (lc)	4650	
Amolops marmoratus	Least concern (lc)	4656	
Amolops ricketti	Least concern (lc)	4659	
Amolops viridimaculatus	Near threatened (nt)	4663	
Amphiuma means	Least concern (lc)	3853	
Amphiuma pholeter	Near threatened (nt)	3854	
Amphiuma tridactylum	Least concern (lc)	3855	
Anaxyrus americanus	Least concern (lc)	100	
Anaxyrus baxteri	Extinct in the wild (ew)	114	
Anaxyrus boreas	Least concern (lc)	122	
Anaxyrus californicus	Endangered (en)	131	
Anaxyrus cognatus	Least concern (lc)	145	
Anaxyrus debilis	Least concern (lc)	159	
Anaxyrus exsul	Vulnerable (vu)	166	
Anaxyrus punctatus	Least concern (lc)	260	
Anaxyrus quercicus	Least concern (lc)	264	
Anaxyrus retiformis	Least concern (lc)	269	
Anaxyrus speciosus	Least concern (lc)	279	
Anaxyrus terrestris	Least concern (lc)	291	
Anaxyrus woodhousii	Least concern (lc)	314	
Andinobates claudiae	Data deficient (dd)	5908	II
Andinobates fulguritus	Least concern (lc)	1690	II
Andinobates minutus	Least concern (lc)	1691	II
Andrias davidianus	Critically endangered (cr)	3858	I
Andrias japonicus	Near threatened (nt)	3859	I
Aneides flavipunctatus	Near threatened (nt)	3936	
Aneides lugubris	Least concern (lc)	3938	
Anodonthyla pollicaris	Data deficient (dd)	7415	
Ansonia inthanon	Least concern (lc)	5416	
Ansonia leptopus	Least concern (lc)	15	
Ansonia spinulifer	Least concern (lc)	26	
Aparasphenodon arapapa		7315	
Aparasphenodon brunoi	Least concern (lc)	676	
Aplastodiscus albofrenatus	Least concern (lc)	697	
Aplastodiscus albosignatus	Least concern (lc)	704	
Aplastodiscus arildae	Least concern (lc)	722	
Arthroleptis adelphus	Least concern (lc)	1425	II

Arthroleptis adolfifriederici	Least concern (Ic)	1426	
Arthroleptis loveridgei	Data deficient (dd)	1459	
Arthroleptis poecilonotus	Least concern (lc)	1464	
Arthroleptis pyrrhoscelis	Least concern (lc)	1465	
Arthroleptis stenodactylus	Least concern (lc)	1432	
Arthroleptis sylvaticus	Least concern (lc)	1468	
Arthroleptis taeniatus	Least concern (lc)	1469	
Arthroleptis variabilis	Least concern (lc)	1435	
Arthroleptis xenodactyloides	Least concern (lc)	1474	
Arthroleptis xenodactylus	Endangered (en)	1475	
Astylosternus batesi	Least concern (lc)	1479	
Astylosternus laticephalus	Near threatened (nt)	7790	
Astylosternus occidentalis	Least concern (Ic)	1486	
Atelopus balios	Critically endangered (cr)	33	
Atelopus bomolochos	Critically endangered (cr)	34	
Atelopus certus	Critically endangered (cr)	39	
Atelopus coynei	Critically endangered (cr)	42	
Atelopus elegans	Endangered (en)	45	
Atelopus glyphus	Critically endangered (cr)	53	
Atelopus hoogmoedi		7798	
Atelopus ignescens	Critically endangered (cr)	55	
Atelopus limosus	Critically endangered (cr)	5540	
Atelopus longirostris	Extinct (ex)	59	
Atelopus nanay	Critically endangered (cr)	5977	
Atelopus spumarius	Vulnerable (vu)	83	
Atelopus varius	Critically endangered (cr)	88	
Atelopus zeteki	Critically endangered (cr)	91	I
Atympanophrys gigantica	Vulnerable (vu)	5645	
Atympanophrys nankiangensis	Vulnerable (vu)	2498	
Aubria masako	Least concern (lc)	4666	
Aubria subsigillata	Least concern (lc)	4667	
Austrochaperina palmipes	Least concern (lc)	2317	
Austrochaperina rivularis	Least concern (lc)	6374	
Barbarophryne brongersmai	Near threatened (nt)	125	
Batrachoseps attenuatus	Least concern (lc)	3941	
Batrachoseps stebbinsi	Vulnerable (vu)	3947	
Blommersia blommersae	Least concern (lc)	4585	

Blommersia grandisonae	Least concern (lc)	4600
Blommersia sarotra	Least concern (lc)	6558
Boana aguilari	Least concern (lc)	7532
Boana boans	Least concern (lc)	739
Boana calcarata	Least concern (lc)	748
Boana cinerascens	Least concern (lc)	807
Boana crepitans	Least concern (lc)	776
Boana faber	Least concern (lc)	792
Boana fasciata	Least concern (lc)	793
Boana geographica	Least concern (lc)	801
Boana heilprini	Vulnerable (vu)	816
Boana lanciformis	Least concern (lc)	840
Boana picturata	Least concern (lc)	911
Boana prasina	Least concern (lc)	918
Boana punctata	Least concern (lc)	926
Boana rosenbergi	Least concern (lc)	937
Boana rufitela	Least concern (lc)	941
Boana xerophylla	Data deficient (dd)	798
Bokermannohyla ibitiguara	Data deficient (dd)	822
Bokermannohyla sazimai	Data deficient (dd)	953
Bolitoglossa altamazonica	Least concern (lc)	3951
Bolitoglossa biseriata	Least concern (lc)	3955
Bolitoglossa celaque	Critically endangered (cr)	3959
Bolitoglossa cerroensis	Least concern (lc)	3960
Bolitoglossa colonnea	Least concern (lc)	3962
Bolitoglossa dofleini	Near threatened (nt)	3970
Bolitoglossa mexicana	Least concern (lc)	3990
Bolitoglossa pesrubra	Least concern (lc)	5343
Bolitoglossa robusta	Vulnerable (vu)	4007
Bolitoglossa schizodactyla	Least concern (lc)	4012
Bolitoglossa sooyorum	Endangered (en)	4015
Bolitoglossa striatula	Least concern (lc)	4016
Bolitoglossa subpalmata	Least concern (lc)	4018
Bombina bombina	Least concern (lc)	2041
Bombina maxima		2043
Bombina microdeladigitora		2044
Bombina orientalis	Least concern (lc)	2045
Bombina variegata	Least concern (lc)	2046
Boophis albilabris	Least concern (lc)	4328

Boophis albipunctatus	Least concern (lc)	4329
Boophis	Endangered (en)	5778
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Boophis ankaratra	Least concern (lc)	4332
Boophis boehmei	Endangered (en)	4334
Boophis bottae	Least concern (lc)	6037
Boophis burgeri	Data deficient (dd)	4336
Boophis elenae	Near threatened (nt)	4338
Boophis englaenderi	Vulnerable (vu)	4339
Boophis entingae	Least concern (lc)	7454
Boophis erythrodactylus	Least concern (lc)	4340
Boophis goudotii	Least concern (lc)	4341
Boophis guibei	Least concern (lc)	4342
Boophis idae	Least concern (lc)	4344
Boophis liami	Critically endangered (cr)	6209
Boophis lichenoides	Least concern (lc)	5420
Boophis luciae	Least concern (lc)	7462
Boophis luteus	Least concern (lc)	4347
Boophis	Least concern (lc)	4348
madagascariensis Boophis mandraka	Data deficient (dd)	4350
Boophis marojezensis	Least concern (lc)	4351
Boophis microtympanum	Least concern (lc)	4353
Boophis pauliani	Least concern (lc)	4356
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Boophis picturatus	Least concern (lc)	5930
Boophis pyrrhus	Least concern (lc)	5928
Boophis quasiboehmei	Near threatened (nt)	7596
Boophis rappiodes	Least concern (lc)	4358
Boophis reticulatus	Least concern (lc)	4359
Boophis roseipalmatus	Least concern (lc)	7455
Boophis rufioculis	Near threatened (nt)	5779
Boophis sambirano	Endangered (en)	6543
Boophis septentrionalis	Least concern (lc)	6770
Boophis sibilans	Least concern (lc)	4361
Boophis solomaso	Endangered (en)	6210
Boophis tasymena	Least concern (lc)	6038
Boophis tephraeomystax	Least concern (lc)	4362
Boophis ulftunni	Vulnerable (vu)	7079
Boophis viridis	Least concern (lc)	4363
Brachycephalus alipioi	Critically endangered (cr) - provisional	6807
Brachycephalus auroguttatus	Data deficient (dd) - provisional	8338

Brachycephalus boticario	Critically endangered (cr) - provisional	8342
Brachycephalus brunneus	Least concern (lc) - provisional	6541
Brachycephalus crispus	Data deficient (dd) - provisional	8134
Brachycephalus didactylus	Vulnerable (vu) - provisional	5536
Brachycephalus ephippium	Vulnerable (vu) - provisional	2033
Brachycephalus ferruginus	Least concern (lc) - provisional	6742
Brachycephalus fuscolineatus	Critically endangered (cr) - provisional	8340
Brachycephalus garbeanus	Endangered (en) - provisional	7849
Brachycephalus guarani	Data deficient (dd) - provisional	7906
Brachycephalus hermogenesi	Vulnerable (vu) - provisional	5514
Brachycephalus izecksohni	Vulnerable (vu) - provisional	6542
Brachycephalus leopardus	Endangered (en) - provisional	8341
Brachycephalus margaritatus	Endangered (en) - provisional	7961
Brachycephalus mariaeterezae	Data deficient (dd) - provisional	8336
Brachycephalus nodoterga	Vulnerable (vu) - provisional	2034
Brachycephalus olivaceus	Endangered (en) - provisional	8337
Brachycephalus pernix	Vulnerable (vu) - provisional	5421
Brachycephalus pitanga	Least concern (lc) - provisional	7334
Brachycephalus pombali	Data deficient (dd)	6743
Brachycephalus pulex	Vulnerable (vu) - provisional	7691
Brachycephalus quiririensis	Critically endangered (cr) - provisional	8365
Brachycephalus toby	Data deficient (dd) - provisional	7590
Brachycephalus verrucosus	Data deficient (dd) - provisional	8339
Brachycephalus vertebralis	Data deficient (dd)	5835
Brachytarsophrys carinense	Least concern (Ic)	2455
Brachytarsophrys intermedia	Least concern (Ic)	2491
Bradytriton silus	Endangered (en)	4025
Breviceps adspersus	Least concern (lc)	2372

Breviceps mossambicus	Least concern (lc)	2378	
Bryophryne cophites	Endangered (en)	2655	
Bryophryne hanssaueri	Least concern (lc)	7372	
Bryophryne nubilosus	Least concern (lc)	7117	
Bufo bankorensis	Least concern (lc)	113	
Bufo bufo	Least concern (lc)	127	
Bufo gargarizans	Least concern (lc)	179	
Bufo japonicus	Least concern (lc)	204	
Bufo spinosus	Least concern (lc)	7754	
Bufo torrenticola	Least concern (lc)	296	
Bufotes boulengeri	Least concern (lc)	7081	
Bufotes viridis	Least concern (lc)	312	
Caecilia volcani	Least concern (lc)	1875	
Callulops argus	Data deficient (dd)	9021	
Callulops bicolor	Least concern (lc)	9022	
Callulops doriae	Least concern (lc)	2406	
Callulops neuhaussi	Data deficient (dd)	9025	
Callulops stellatus	Least concern (lc)	9023	
Callulops taxispilotus	Least concern (lc)	9024	
Calyptocephalella gayi	Vulnerable (vu)	2585	III
Cardioglossa elegans	Least concern (lc)	1441	
Cardioglossa gracilis	Least concern (lc)	1443	
Cardioglossa gratiosa	Least concern (lc)	1444	
Cardioglossa leucomystax	Least concern (lc)	1445	
Cardioglossa melanogaster	Vulnerable (vu)	1447	
Cardioglossa nigromaculata	Least concern (lc)	1448	
Cardioglossa occidentalis	Least concern (lc)	7231	
Cardioglossa oreas	Endangered (en)	1449	
Cardioglossa pulchra	Endangered (en)	1450	
Cardioglossa schioetzi	Vulnerable (vu)	1451	
Cardioglossa trifasciata	Critically endangered (cr)	1452	
Cardioglossa venusta	Endangered (en)	1453	
Ceratophrys aurita	Least concern (lc)	5718	
Ceratophrys calcarata	Least concern (lc)	5719	
Ceratophrys cornuta	Least concern (lc)	5720	
Ceratophrys cranwelli	Least concern (lc)	5721	
Ceratophrys ornata	Near threatened (nt)	5723	
Ceratophrys stolzmanni	Vulnerable (vu)	5724	
Chalcorana eschatia		7241	
Chalcorana raniceps	Least concern (lc)	5136	

Chaperina fusca	Least concern (lc)	2095	
Charadrahyla nephila	Endangered (en)	5467	
Charadrahyla taeniopus	Vulnerable (vu)	972	
Chiasmocleis bassleri	Least concern (lc)	2099	
Chiasmocleis hudsoni	Least concern (lc)	2102	
Chiasmocleis ventrimaculata	Least concern (lc)	2108	
Chimerella mariaelenae	Least concern (lc)	6755	II
Chioglossa lusitanica	Vulnerable (vu)	4238	
Chiromantis nongkhorensis	Least concern (lc)	4371	
Chiromantis petersii	Least concern (lc)	4375	
Chiromantis rufescens	Least concern (lc)	4376	
Choerophryne rostellifer	Least concern (lc)	2242	
Chrysobatrachus cupreonitens	Endangered (en)	481	
Clinotarsus alticola	Least concern (lc)	4973	
Cochranella granulosa	Least concern (lc)	1770	11
Cochranella ocellifera	Data deficient (dd)	1780	II
Colostethus panamansis	Least concern (lc)	6424	
Conraua alleni	Least concern (lc)	4687	
Conraua beccarii	Least concern (lc)	4688	
Conraua crassipes	Least concern (lc)	4689	
Conraua derooi	Critically endangered (cr)	4690	
Conraua goliath	Endangered (en)	4691	
Conraua robusta	Vulnerable (vu)	4692	
Cophixalus cheesmanae	Least concern (lc)	2247	
Cophixalus verrucosus	Least concern (lc)	2271	
Copiula minor	Least concern (lc)	2274	
Copiula oxyrhina	Least concern (lc)	2275	
Cornufer bufoniformis	Least concern (lc)	4694	
Cornufer desticans	Vulnerable (vu)	7188	
Cornufer elegans	Least concern (lc)	4669	
Cornufer guentheri	Least concern (lc)	4678	
Cornufer guppyi	Least concern (lc)	4895	
Cornufer hedigeri	Least concern (lc)	8348	
Cornufer heffernani	Least concern (lc)	8349	
Cornufer malukuna	Least concern (lc)	4696	
Cornufer neckeri	Least concern (lc)	4907	
Cornufer opisthodon	Least concern (lc)	4697	
Cornufer solomonis	Least concern (lc)	4882	
Cornufer trossulus	Least concern (lc)	4674	
Cornufer vertebralis	Least concern (lc)	4675	

Cornufer weberi	Least concern (lc)	4922	
Corythomantis greeningi	Least concern (lc)	685	
Craugastor bransfordii	Least concern (lc)	2812	
Craugastor crassidigitus	Least concern (lc)	2863	
Craugastor fitzingeri	Least concern (lc)	2918	
Craugastor laticeps	Least concern (lc)	3008	
Craugastor megacephalus	Least concern (lc)	5988	
Craugastor rayo	Endangered (en)	3167	
Craugastor tabasarae	Critically endangered (cr)	6598	
Crinia signifera	Least concern (lc)	3562	
Crossodactylus gaudichaudii	Least concern (lc)	3453	
Cruziohyla calcarifer	Least concern (lc)	615	
Cruziohyla craspedopus	Least concern (lc)	617	
Cruziohyla sylviae	Least concern (lc)	8884	
Cryptobranchus alleganiensis	Near threatened (nt)	3861	Ш
Cryptothylax greshoffii	Least concern (lc)	483	
Cryptothylax minutus	Data deficient (dd)	484	
Ctenophryne geayi	Least concern (lc)	2110	
Cynops cyanurus	Least concern (lc)	4241	
Cynops ensicauda	Endangered (en)	4242	
Cynops orientalis	Least concern (lc)	4244	
Cynops pyrrhogaster	Least concern (lc)	4245	
Dendrobates auratus	Least concern (lc)	1625	II
Dendrobates leucomelas	Least concern (lc)	1638	П
Dendrobates tinctorius	Least concern (lc)	1646	II
Dendrobates truncatus	Least concern (lc)	1647	П
Dendropsophus acreanus	Least concern (lc)	696	
Dendropsophus branneri	Least concern (lc)	743	
Dendropsophus carnifex	Least concern (lc)	754	
Dendropsophus ebraccatus	Least concern (lc)	786	
Dendropsophus elegans	Least concern (lc)	788	
Dendropsophus labialis	Least concern (lc)	838	
Dendropsophus leali	Least concern (lc)	844	
Dendropsophus leucophyllatus	Least concern (lc)	847	
Dendropsophus marmoratus	Least concern (lc)	859	
Dendropsophus microcephalus	Least concern (lc)	868	
Dendropsophus minutus	Least concern (lc)	875	

Dendropsophus nanus	Least concern (lc)	885	
Dendropsophus	Least concern (lc)	898	
parviceps	Locat concern (le)	000	
Dendropsophus rhodopeplus	Least concern (lc)	930	
Dendropsophus riveroi	Least concern (lc)	931	
Dendropsophus	Least concern (lc)	948	
sarayacuensis			
Dendropsophus schubarti	Least concern (lc)	954	
Dendropsophus triangulum	Least concern (lc)	979	
Dermatonotus muelleri	Least concern (lc)	2115	
Dermophis mexicanus	Least concern (lc)	1877	
Dermophis parviceps	Least concern (lc)	1879	
Desmognathus aeneus	Near threatened (nt)	3917	
Desmognathus fuscus	Least concern (lc)	3921	
Desmognathus monticola	Least concern (lc)	3924	
Desmognathus ochrophaeus	Least concern (lc)	3925	_
Desmognathus orestes	Least concern (lc)	5812	
Diasporus diastema	Least concern (lc)	2890	
Dicamptodon ensatus	Near threatened (nt)	3866	
Didynamipus sjostedti	Vulnerable (vu)	332	
Discoglossus galganoi	Least concern (lc)	5581	
Discoglossus pictus	Least concern (lc)	1527	
Duellmanohyla chamulae	Endangered (en)	687	
Duellmanohyla ignicolor	Near threatened (nt)	688	
Duellmanohyla rufioculis	Least concern (lc)	690	
Duellmanohyla schmidtorum	Near threatened (nt)	692	
Duttaphrynus melanostictus	Least concern (lc)	236	
Dyscophus antongilii	Least concern (lc)	5530	II
Dyscophus guineti	Least concern (lc)	5531	II
Dyscophus insularis	Least concern (lc)	5532	II
Echinotriton andersoni	Endangered (en)	4248	III
Ecnomiohyla miotympanum	Near threatened (nt)	876	
Ecnomiohyla sukia	Least concern (lc)	7595	
Ectopoglossus confusus	Endangered (en)	7393	
Edalorhina perezi	Least concern (lc)	3307	
Elachistocleis surinamensis	Least concern (lc)	2120	
Eleutherodactylus abbotti	Least concern (lc)	2744	
Eleutherodactylus atkinsi	Least concern (lc)	2781	

Eleutherodactylus johnstonei	Least concern (lc)	2990	
Eleutherodactylus martinicensis	Near threatened (nt)	3045	
Eleutherodactylus montanus	Endangered (en)	3070	
Eleutherodactylus planirostris	Least concern (lc)	3137	
Engystomops freibergi	Least concern (lc)	6608	
Engystomops petersi	Least concern (lc)	3412	
Engystomops pustulosus	Least concern (lc)	3414	
Ensatina eschscholtzii	Least concern (lc)	4046	
Epicrionops bicolor	Least concern (lc)	2007	
Epicrionops petersi	Least concern (lc)	2014	
Epipedobates anthonyi	Near threatened (nt)	6581	II
Epipedobates boulengeri	Least concern (lc)	1656	II
Epipedobates darwinwallacei		7608	II
Epipedobates espinosai	Data deficient (dd)	1660	II
Epipedobates machalilla	Least concern (lc)	1581	II
Epipedobates tricolor	Vulnerable (vu)	1674	II
Espadarana audax	Least concern (lc)	1714	II
Espadarana prosoblepon	Least concern (lc)	1741	II
Euphlyctis hexadactylus	Least concern (lc)	4705	II
Euproctus platycephalus	Endangered (en)	4253	
Eurycea bislineata	Least concern (lc)	4049	
Eurycea guttolineata	Least concern (lc)	5813	
Eurycea longicauda	Least concern (lc)	4052	
Eurycea lucifuga	Least concern (lc)	4053	
Eurycea nana	Vulnerable (vu)	4055	
Eurycea quadridigitata	Least concern (lc)	4057	
Eurycea rathbuni	Vulnerable (vu)	4217	
Eurycea wilderae	Least concern (lc)	4061	
Exerodonta catracha	Near threatened (nt)	756	
Feihyla palpebralis	Near threatened (nt)	4442	
Feihyla vittata	Least concern (lc)	4373	
Fejervarya cancrivora	Least concern (lc)	4748	
Fejervarya limnocharis	Least concern (lc)	4770	
Fejervarya moodiei	Data deficient (dd)	7818	
Fejervarya vittigera	Least concern (lc)	4805	
Gastrophryne carolinensis	Least concern (lc)	2122	
Gastrotheca cornuta	Endangered (en)	1371	
Gastrotheca cuencana		8967	

Gastrotheca fissipes	Least concern (lc)	1376
Gastrotheca griswoldi	Least concern (lc)	1379
Gastrotheca litonedis	Endangered (en)	1384
Gastrotheca lojana	Vulnerable (vu)	8971
Gastrotheca marsupiata	Least concern (lc)	1386
Gastrotheca monticola	Least concern (lc)	1388
Gastrotheca orophylax	Vulnerable (vu)	1391
Gastrotheca peruana	Least concern (lc)	1394
Gastrotheca plumbea	Vulnerable (vu)	1395
Gastrotheca pseustes	Near threatened (nt)	1396
Gastrotheca riobambae	Endangered (en)	1399
Gastrotheca testudinea	Least concern (lc)	1402
Gastrotheca turnerorum		8969
Gastrotheca yacuri		8970
Geotrypetes seraphini	Least concern (lc)	1887
Gephyromantis ambohitra	Vulnerable (vu)	5934
Gephyromantis asper	Least concern (lc)	4580
Gephyromantis boulengeri	Least concern (lc)	4586
Gephyromantis cornutus	Vulnerable (vu)	4588
Gephyromantis eiselti	Endangered (en)	4594
Gephyromantis granulatus	Least concern (lc)	4601
Gephyromantis klemmeri	Endangered (en)	4606
Gephyromantis leucomaculatus	Least concern (lc)	4607
Gephyromantis luteus	Least concern (lc)	4610
Gephyromantis malagasius	Least concern (lc)	4613
Gephyromantis plicifer	Least concern (lc)	4619
Gephyromantis pseudoasper	Least concern (lc)	4620
Gephyromantis redimitus	Least concern (lc)	4623
Gephyromantis rivicola	Vulnerable (vu)	5633
Gephyromantis salegy	Vulnerable (vu)	6208
Gephyromantis schilfi	Vulnerable (vu)	6171
Gephyromantis sculpturatus	Least concern (lc)	5933
Gephyromantis striatus	Vulnerable (vu)	6025
Gephyromantis tahotra	Vulnerable (vu)	7656
Gephyromantis tandroka	Vulnerable (vu)	6172
Gephyromantis thelenae	Endangered (en)	4627
Glyphoglossus guttulatus	Least concern (lc)	5371

Gracixalus seesom		8319	
Grandisonia alternans	Least concern (lc)	1889	
Guibemantis albolineatus	Least concern (lc)	4575	
Guibemantis depressiceps	Least concern (lc)	4592	
Guibemantis flavobrunneus	Least concern (lc)	4598	
Guibemantis kathrinae	Vulnerable (vu)	6771	
Guibemantis liber	Least concern (lc)	4608	
Guibemantis methueni	Least concern (lc)	8071	
Guibemantis pulcher	Least concern (lc)	4621	
Guibemantis punctatus	Critically endangered (cr)	4622	
Guibemantis tornieri	Least concern (lc)	4625	
Gymnopis multiplicata	Least concern (lc)	1895	
Gyrinophilus porphyriticus	Least concern (lc)	4065	
Haddadus binotatus	Least concern (lc)	2804	
Hamptophryne boliviana	Least concern (lc)	2132	
Hemidactylium scutatum	Least concern (lc)	4069	
Hemiphractus fasciatus	Near threatened (nt)	1409	
Hemisus guineensis	Least concern (lc)	1510	
Hemisus marmoratus	Least concern (lc)	1512	
Hemisus microscaphus	Least concern (lc)	1513	
Herpele multiplicata	Data deficient (dd)	1898	
Herpele squalostoma	Least concern (lc)	1899	
Heterixalus alboguttatus	Least concern (lc)	486	
Heterixalus betsileo	Least concern (lc)	488	
Heterixalus boettgeri	Least concern (lc)	489	
Heterixalus madagascariensis	Least concern (lc)	491	
Heterixalus punctatus	Least concern (lc)	492	
Heterixalus rutenbergi	Least concern (lc)	493	
Heterixalus tricolor	Least concern (lc)	494	
Hildebrandtia ornata	Least concern (lc)	4708	
Hoplobatrachus occipitalis	Least concern (lc)	4713	
Hoplobatrachus rugulosus	Least concern (lc)	4714	
Hoplobatrachus tigerinus	Least concern (lc)	4715	II
Humerana miopus	Least concern (lc)	5100	
Hyalinobatrachium aureoguttatum	Least concern (lc)	1806	II
Hyalinobatrachium colymbiphyllum	Least concern (lc)	1809	II

Hyalinobatrachium fleischmanni	Least concern (lc)	1813	II
Hyalinobatrachium valerioi	Least concern (lc)	1830	II
Hyalinobatrachium vireovittatum	Least concern (lc)	1831	II
Hydromantes brunus	Vulnerable (vu)	4072	
Hydromantes flavus	Vulnerable (vu)	4073	
Hydromantes imperialis	Near threatened (nt)	4075	
Hydromantes platycephalus	Least concern (lc)	4077	
Hydromantes shastae	Vulnerable (vu)	4078	
Hyla arborea	Least concern (lc)	718	
Hyla arenicolor	Least concern (lc)	720	
Hyla chinensis	Least concern (lc)	765	
Hyla chrysoscelis	Least concern (lc)	768	
Hyla cinerea	Least concern (lc)	769	
Hyla femoralis	Least concern (lc)	794	
Hyla gratiosa	Least concern (lc)	808	
Hyla squirella	Least concern (lc)	965	
Hyla versicolor	Least concern (lc)	989	
Hylarana erythraea	Least concern (lc)	5028	
Hylarana montivaga	Endangered (en)	5103	
Hylarana taipehensis	Least concern (lc)	5164	
Hylodes heyeri	Data deficient (dd)	3463	
Hylodes japi		8320	
Hylodes phyllodes	Least concern (lc)	3472	
Hylophorbus rufescens	Data deficient (dd)	2419	
Hyloscirtus alytolylax	Near threatened (nt)	710	
Hyloscirtus armatus	Near threatened (nt)	723	
Hyloscirtus colymba	Endangered (en)	774	
Hyloscirtus palmeri	Least concern (lc)	895	
Hyloscirtus phyllognathus	Least concern (lc)	906	
Hyloxalus awa	Least concern (lc)	1539	
Hyloxalus azureiventris	Endangered (en)	1652	II
Hyloxalus infraguttatus	Near threatened (nt)	1571	
Hyloxalus shuar	Near threatened (nt)	1610	
Hyloxalus toachi	Endangered (en)	1615	
Hymenochirus boettgeri	Least concern (lc)	5238	
Hymenochirus boulengeri	Data deficient (dd)	5239	
Hymenochirus curtipes	Least concern (lc)	5240	
Hynobius amjiensis	Critically endangered (cr)	3879	III
Hynobius glacialis		7105	

Hynobius nebulosus	Least concern (lc)	3890
Hyperolius adspersus	Least concern (lc)	6522
Hyperolius argus	Least concern (lc)	502
Hyperolius bobirensis	Vulnerable (vu)	508
Hyperolius bolifambae	Least concern (lc)	510
Hyperolius camerunensis	Least concern (lc)	6562
Hyperolius castaneus	Least concern (lc)	513
Hyperolius chlorosteus	Least concern (lc)	515
Hyperolius	Least concern (lc)	518
cinnamomeoventris	Locat concern (lo)	510
Hyperolius concolor	Least concern (lc)	519
Hyperolius drewesi	Lagat agragate (Ia)	8557
Hyperolius frontalis	Least concern (lc)	529
Hyperolius fusciventris	Least concern (lc)	531
Hyperolius guttulatus	Least concern (lc)	534
Hyperolius hutsebauti	Least concern (lc)	5704
Hyperolius jynx	Critically endangered (cr)	5520
Hyperolius kivuensis	Least concern (lc)	540
Hyperolius kuligae	Least concern (lc)	541
Hyperolius langi	Least concern (lc)	5553
Hyperolius lateralis	Least concern (lc)	543
Hyperolius laurenti	Near threatened (nt)	545
Hyperolius marginatus	Least concern (lc)	6564
Hyperolius marmoratus	Least concern (lc)	550
Hyperolius molleri	Least concern (lc)	553
Hyperolius nasutus	Least concern (lc)	556
Hyperolius ocellatus	Least concern (lc)	559
Hyperolius olivaceus		8681
Hyperolius parallelus	Least concern (lc)	6143
Hyperolius parkeri	Least concern (lc)	561
Hyperolius phantasticus	Least concern (lc)	562
Hyperolius picturatus	Least concern (lc)	564
Hyperolius pictus	Least concern (lc)	565
Hyperolius platyceps	Least concern (lc)	566
Hyperolius puncticulatus	Endangered (en)	570
Hyperolius	Least concern (lc)	575
quinquevittatus Hyperolius reesi	Least concern (lc)	577
Hyperolius riggenbachi	Least concern (lc)	579
Hyperolius riggeribaciii Hyperolius sylvaticus	Least concern (lc)	591
Hyperolius thomensis	Endangered (en)	611
Hyperolius tuberculatus	Least concern (lc)	597
hyperolius tuberculatus	Least Concern (IC)	บฮเ

Hyperolius tuberilinguis	Least concern (lc)	598
Hyperolius viridiflavus	Least concern (lc)	600
Hypogeophis rostratus	Least concern (lc)	1901
Hypopachus barberi	Near threatened (nt)	2136
Hypopachus variolosus	Least concern (lc)	2137
Ichthyophis kohtaoensis	Least concern (lc)	1988
Ichthyophis laosensis	Data deficient (dd)	1989
Ichthyophis supachaii	Data deficient (dd)	2002
Ichthyosaura alpestris	Least concern (lc)	4292
Incilius alvarius	Least concern (lc)	97
Incilius coccifer	Least concern (lc)	144
Incilius coniferus	Least concern (lc)	147
Incilius luetkenii	Least concern (lc)	224
Incilius marmoreus	Least concern (lc)	230
Incilius melanochlorus	Least concern (lc)	233
Incilius porteri	Least concern (lc)	6614
Incilius valliceps	Least concern (lc)	305
Indosylvirana nicobariensis	Least concern (lc)	7251
Ingerana tenasserimensis	Least concern (lc)	4738
Ingerophrynus divergens	Least concern (lc)	6003
Ingerophrynus galeatus	Least concern (lc)	177
Ingerophrynus parvus	Least concern (lc)	251
Ischnocnema parva	Least concern (lc)	3113
Isthmohyla debilis	Critically endangered (cr)	780
Kalophrynus interlineatus	Least concern (lc)	2142
Kalophrynus pleurostigma	Least concern (lc)	2146
Kaloula baleata	Least concern (lc)	2151
Kaloula pulchra	Least concern (lc)	2157
Kassina arboricola	Vulnerable (vu)	3683
Kassina maculosa	Least concern (lc)	3691
Kassina senegalensis	Least concern (lc)	3694
Kurixalus baliogaster	Least concern (lc)	5506
Kurixalus bisacculus	Least concern (lc)	4502
Laotriton laoensis	Endangered (en)	5980 II
Lechriodus melanopyga	Least concern (lc)	3500
Leiopelma archeyi	Critically endangered (cr)	2064
Leiopelma hamiltoni	Vulnerable (vu)	2065
Leiopelma hochstetteri	Least concern (lc)	2066
Lepidobatrachus asper	Near threatened (nt)	5601
Lepidobatrachus laevis	Least concern (lc)	5602

Lepidobatrachus Ilanensis	Least concern (Ic)	5603
Leptobrachella aerea	Least concern (lc)	7755
Leptobrachella bidoupensis	Endangered (en)	7642
Leptobrachella dringi	Least concern (lc)	2475
Leptobrachella eos		7757
Leptobrachella firthi	Endangered (en)	7830
Leptobrachella juliandringi	Least concern (lc)	8375
Leptobrachella minima	Least concern (lc)	7756
Leptobrachella pelodytoides	Least concern (Ic)	2479
Leptobrachella ventripunctata	Data deficient (dd)	2480
Leptobrachium abbotti	Least concern (lc)	2465
Leptobrachium chapaense	Least concern (Ic)	2466
Leptobrachium hasseltii	Least concern (lc)	2467
Leptobrachium hendricksoni	Least concern (lc)	2468
Leptobrachium leucops	Vulnerable (vu)	7953
Leptobrachium montanum	Least concern (lc)	2469
Leptobrachium nigrops	Least concern (lc)	2470
Leptobrachium pullum	Least concern (lc)	2471
Leptobrachium smithi	Least concern (lc)	5475
Leptodactylodon bicolor	Near threatened (nt)	1494
Leptodactylus bolivianus	Least concern (lc)	3312
Leptodactylus bufonius	Least concern (lc)	3313
Leptodactylus chaquensis	Least concern (lc)	3315
Leptodactylus colombiensis	Least concern (lc)	3316
Leptodactylus fallax	Critically endangered (cr)	3322
Leptodactylus fragilis	Least concern (lc)	3333
Leptodactylus fuscus	Least concern (lc)	3325
Leptodactylus guianensis		7721
Leptodactylus knudseni	Least concern (lc)	3332
Leptodactylus labrosus	Least concern (lc)	3334
Leptodactylus laticeps	Near threatened (nt)	3336
Leptodactylus latrans	Least concern (lc)	7436
Leptodactylus leptodactyloides	Least concern (Ic)	3338
Leptodactylus longirostris	Least concern (lc)	3340

Leptodactylus	Least concern (lc)	3341
macrosternum Leptodactylus	Least concern (lc)	3343
melanonotus	Least Concern (ic)	3343
Leptodactylus myersi	Least concern (lc)	3344
Leptodactylus mystaceus	Least concern (lc)	3345
Leptodactylus mystacinus	Least concern (lc)	3346
Leptodactylus pentadactylus	Least concern (Ic)	3353
Leptodactylus petersii	Least concern (lc)	3354
Leptodactylus poecilochilus	Least concern (lc)	3357
Leptodactylus rhodomystax	Least concern (lc)	3359
Leptodactylus savagei	Least concern (lc)	6713
Leptodactylus wagneri	Least concern (lc)	3374
Leptomantis angulirostris	Endangered (en)	4493
Leptomantis gauni	Near threatened (nt)	4511
Leptopelis anchietae	Least concern (lc)	3632
Leptopelis argenteus	Least concern (lc)	3633
Leptopelis aubryi	Least concern (lc)	3634
Leptopelis bocagii	Least concern (lc)	3637
Leptopelis brevirostris	Least concern (lc)	3640
Leptopelis broadleyi	Least concern (lc)	3641
Leptopelis calcaratus	Least concern (lc)	3643
Leptopelis christyi	Least concern (lc)	3644
Leptopelis cynnamomeus	Least concern (lc)	3646
Leptopelis fiziensis	Data deficient (dd)	3648
Leptopelis flavomaculatus	Least concern (lc)	3649
Leptopelis grandiceps	Vulnerable (vu)	8172
Leptopelis karissimbensis	Vulnerable (vu)	3653
Leptopelis kivuensis	Least concern (lc)	3654
Leptopelis macrotis	Near threatened (nt)	3656
Leptopelis millsoni	Least concern (lc)	3658
Leptopelis modestus	Least concern (lc)	3659
Leptopelis nordequatorialis	Least concern (lc)	3662
Leptopelis occidentalis	Near threatened (nt)	3664
Leptopelis ocellatus	Least concern (lc)	3665
Leptopelis palmatus	Endangered (en)	3668
Leptopelis ragazzii	Vulnerable (vu)	3672
Leptopelis rufus	Least concern (lc)	3673
Leptopelis spiritusnoctis	Least concern (lc)	6938

Leptopelis uluguruensis	Near threatened (nt)	3675	
Leptopelis vermiculatus	Endangered (en)	3677	
Leptopelis viridis	Least concern (lc)	3678	
Leucostethus fugax	Data deficient (dd)	1564	
Limnonectes blythii	Near threatened (nt)	4746	
Limnonectes doriae	Least concern (lc)	4753	
Limnonectes finchi	Least concern (lc)	4754	
Limnonectes gyldenstolpei	Least concern (lc)	4792	
Limnonectes hascheanus	Least concern (lc)	5194	
Limnonectes hikidai		8228	
Limnonectes khasianus	Data deficient (dd)	4764	
Limnonectes kuhlii	Least concern (lc)	4767	
Limnonectes leporinus	Least concern (lc)	5668	
Limnonectes limborgi	Least concern (lc)	5195	
Limnonectes macrodon	Least concern (lc)	4772	
Limnonectes palavanensis	Least concern (lc)	4787	
Limnonectes taylori	Least concern (lc)	7553	
Lithodytes lineatus	Least concern (lc)	3376	
Litoria aurea	Vulnerable (vu)	1219	
Litoria bicolor	Least concern (lc)	1222	
Litoria caerulea	Least concern (lc)	1348	
Litoria eucnemis	Least concern (lc)	1245	
Litoria exophthalmia	Least concern (lc)	1248	
Litoria graminea	Least concern (lc)	1254	
Litoria impura	Least concern (lc)	1255	
Litoria infrafrenata	Least concern (lc)	1257	
Litoria lutea	Least concern (lc)	1271	
Litoria nasuta	Least concern (lc)	1282	
Litoria nigropunctata	Least concern (lc)	1284	
Litoria piperata	Critically endangered (cr)	1295	
Litoria rubella	Least concern (lc)	1304	
Litoria thesaurensis	Least concern (lc)	1309	
Litoria vocivincens	Least concern (lc)	1317	
Liuixalus romeri	Endangered (en)	4450	
Lyciasalamandra helverseni	Vulnerable (vu)	6345	
Lyciasalamandra Iuschani	Vulnerable (vu)	4256	
Lysapsus laevis	Least concern (lc)	5221	
Mannophryne olmonae	Vulnerable (vu)	1682	
Mantella aurantiaca	Endangered (en)	4559 II	

Mantella baroni	Least concern (lc)	4560	II
Mantella bernhardi	Vulnerable (vu)	4562	II
Mantella betsileo	Least concern (lc)	4561	II
Mantella cowanii	Endangered (en)	4563	II
Mantella crocea	Vulnerable (vu)	4564	II
Mantella ebenaui	Least concern (lc)	6768	II
Mantella expectata	Endangered (en)	4565	II
Mantella haraldmeieri	Endangered (en)	4566	II
Mantella laevigata	Least concern (lc)	4567	II
Mantella madagascariensis	Vulnerable (vu)	5529	II
Mantella milotympanum	Critically endangered (cr)	6103	II
Mantella nigricans	Least concern (lc)	6023	II
Mantella pulchra	Near threatened (nt)	4568	II
Mantella viridis	Endangered (en)	4569	Ш
Mantidactylus albofrenatus	Endangered (en)	4574	
Mantidactylus argenteus	Least concern (lc)	4579	
Mantidactylus betsileanus	Least concern (lc)	4582	
Mantidactylus biporus	Least concern (lc)	4583	
Mantidactylus charlotteae	Least concern (lc)	6241	
Mantidactylus cowanii	Near threatened (nt)	6766	
Mantidactylus femoralis	Least concern (lc)	4596	
Mantidactylus grandidieri	Least concern (lc)	4599	
Mantidactylus guttulatus	Least concern (lc)	4603	
Mantidactylus lugubris	Least concern (lc)	4609	
Mantidactylus majori	Least concern (lc)	4612	
Mantidactylus melanopleura	Least concern (lc)	6239	
Mantidactylus mocquardi	Least concern (lc)	4616	
Mantidactylus opiparis	Least concern (lc)	4617	
Mantidactylus zipperi	Least concern (lc)	6240	
Mantidactylus zolitschka	Critically endangered (cr)	6560	
Mantophryne lateralis	Least concern (lc)	2422	
Megastomatohyla mixe	Critically endangered (cr)	877	
Megophrys montana	Least concern (lc)	2497	
Melanophryniscus klappenbachi	Least concern (lc)	6051	
Melanophryniscus stelzneri	Least concern (Ic)	350	
Meristogenys kinabaluensis	Least concern (Ic)	4810	
Meristogenys orphnocnemis	Least concern (Ic)	4812	

Microcaecilia nicefori	Least concern (lc)	1928	
Microcaecilia pricei	Least concern (lc)	1929	
Microhyla annamensis	Vulnerable (vu)	2167	
Microhyla berdmorei	Least concern (lc)	2169	
Microhyla butleri	Least concern (lc)	2171	
Microhyla fissipes	Least concern (lc)	6459	
Microhyla heymonsi	Least concern (lc)	2175	
Microhyla ornata	Least concern (lc)	2180	
Microhyla pulchra	Least concern (lc)	2185	
Micryletta inornata	Least concern (lc)	2190	
Minervarya chiangmaiensis		8571	
Minyobates steyermarki	Critically endangered (cr)	1693	II
Nanorana parkeri	Least concern (lc)	4829	
Nanorana pleskei	Near threatened (nt)	4830	
Nectophryne afra	Least concern (lc)	358	
Nectophryne batesii	Least concern (lc)	359	
Nectophrynoides asperginis	Extinct in the wild (ew)	5397	I
Nectophrynoides minutus	Endangered (en)	362	I
Nectophrynoides tornieri	Least concern (lc)	363	1
Nectophrynoides viviparus	Least concern (lc)	364	I
Necturus beyeri	Least concern (lc)	4224	
Necturus maculosus	Least concern (lc)	4226	
Neobatrachus sutor	Least concern (lc)	3533	
Neobatrachus wilsmorei	Least concern (lc)	3534	
Neurergus crocatus	Vulnerable (vu)	4258	
Neurergus derjugini	Critically endangered (cr)	4260	
Neurergus kaiseri	Vulnerable (vu)	4259	I
Neurergus strauchii	Vulnerable (vu)	4261	
Nidirana adenopleura	Least concern (lc)	4970	
Nothophryne broadleyi	Endangered (en)	3738	
Notophthalmus viridescens	Least concern (lc)	4265	
Nototriton abscondens	Least concern (lc)	4086	
Nyctanolis pernix	Vulnerable (vu)	4098	
Nyctibates corrugatus	Least concern (lc)	1480	
Nyctixalus pictus	Near threatened (nt)	4380	
Occidozyga lima	Least concern (lc)	4850	
Odontobatrachus natator	Least concern (lc)	3742	
Odontophrynus americanus	Least concern (lc)	5606	

Odorrana banaorum	Least concern (lc)	6230	
Odorrana cangyuanensis	Endangered (en)	8473	
Odorrana chapaensis	Near threatened (nt)	4640	
Odorrana chloronota	Least concern (lc)	6232	
Odorrana hosii	Least concern (lc)	5054	
Odorrana junlianensis	Vulnerable (vu)	6681	
Odorrana livida	Data deficient (dd)	5079	
Odorrana morafkai	Least concern (lc)	6229	
Oedipina complex	Least concern (lc)	4104	
Oedipina pacificensis	Least concern (lc)	5351	
Oedipina parvipes	Least concern (lc)	4110	
Oedipina poelzi	Endangered (en)	4112	
Oedipina taylori	Endangered (en)	4116	
Oedipina uniformis	Least concern (lc)	4117	
Ommatotriton ophryticus	Near threatened (nt)	6655	
Ommatotriton vittatus	Least concern (lc)	4302	
Onychodactylus japonicus	Least concern (lc)	3906	
Oophaga arborea	Critically endangered (cr)	1624	II
Oophaga histrionica	Critically endangered (cr)	1633	II
Oophaga lehmanni	Critically endangered (cr)	1637	II
Oophaga pumilio	Least concern (lc)	1641	II
Oophaga sylvatica	Near threatened (nt)	5910	II
Oophaga vicentei	Endangered (en)	5578	II
Ophryophryne gerti	Data deficient (dd)	6215	
Ophryophryne hansi	Data deficient (dd)	6216	
Ophryophryne koui	Least concern (lc)	2507	
Ophryophryne microstoma	Least concern (lc)	2506	
Ophryophryne synoria	Vulnerable (vu)	6727	
Opisthothylax immaculatus	Least concern (lc)	3697	
Oreobates quixensis	Least concern (lc)	2643	
Oreolalax lichuanensis	Least concern (lc)	5310	
Oreolalax schmidti	Near threatened (nt)	5309	
Oreophryne brevicrus	Data deficient (dd)	2286	
Oreophryne parkeri	Data deficient (dd)	2300	
Oreophrynella nigra	Vulnerable (vu)	373	
Oreophrynella quelchii	Vulnerable (vu)	374	
Oscaecilia bassleri	Least concern (lc)	1918	
Osteocephalus buckleyi	Least concern (lc)	1005	
Osteocephalus helenae	Data deficient (dd)	817	
Osteocephalus leprieurii	Least concern (lc)	1009	

Osteocephalus taurinus	Least concern (lc)	1014	
Osteopilus septentrionalis	Least concern (lc)	1019	
Osteopilus vastus	Vulnerable (vu)	988	
Pachyhynobius shangchengensis	Vulnerable (vu)	3908	
Pachytriton airobranchiatus	Endangered (en) - provisional	8810	
Pachytriton archospotus	Near threatened (nt)	7156	
Pachytriton brevipes	Least concern (lc)	4267	
Pachytriton moi	Endangered (en)	7677	
Pachytriton wuguanfui	Endangered (en)	8458	
Paedophryne swiftorum	Least concern (lc)	7761	
Papurana arfaki	Least concern (lc)	4982	
Papurana daemeli	Least concern (lc)	5015	
Papurana garritor	Least concern (lc)	5038	
Papurana grisea	Data deficient (dd)	5045	
Papurana kreffti	Least concern (lc)	5069	
Papurana milleti	Least concern (lc)	5098	
Paradoxophyla palmata	Least concern (lc)	2070	
Paramesotriton aurantius	Vulnerable (vu)	8561	II
Paramesotriton caudopunctatus	Near threatened (nt)	4270	II
Paramesotriton chinensis	Least concern (lc)	4271	II
Paramesotriton deloustali	Least concern (lc)	4272	II
Paramesotriton fuzhongensis	Vulnerable (vu)	4273	II
Paramesotriton hongkongensis	Near threatened (nt)	5918	II
Paramesotriton labiatus	Least concern (lc)	4268	II
Paramesotriton qixilingensis	Vulnerable (vu)	8200	II
Paramesotriton zhijinensis	Endangered (en)	7109	II
Pelobates fuscus	Least concern (lc)	5270	
Pelobates syriacus	Least concern (lc)	5271	
Pelobatrachus nasuta	Least concern (lc)	6081	
Pelophylax fukienensis	Least concern (lc)	5034	
Pelophylax lessonae	Least concern (lc)	5077	
Pelophylax ridibundus	Least concern (lc)	5137	
Peltophryne lemur	Critically endangered (cr)	404	
Peltophryne peltocephala	Least concern (lc)	406	
Petropedetes johnstoni	Least concern (lc)	3741	
Petropedetes palmipes	Vulnerable (vu)	3744	
Philautus aurantium	Vulnerable (vu)	4391	

Philautus hosii	Least concern (lc)	4416
Philautus petersi	Least concern (lc)	4445
Philautus tectus	Least concern (lc)	4460
Phlyctimantis boulengeri	Least concern (lc)	3702
Phlyctimantis leonardi	Least concern (lc)	3704
Phlyctimantis maculatus	Least concern (lc)	3690
Phlyctimantis verrucosus	Least concern (lc)	3705
Phrynobatrachus accraensis	Least concern (Ic)	3748
Phrynobatrachus acutirostris	Near threatened (nt)	3750
Phrynobatrachus africanus	Least concern (Ic)	3730
Phrynobatrachus alleni	Least concern (lc)	3753
Phrynobatrachus asper	Vulnerable (vu)	3757
Phrynobatrachus auritus	Least concern (lc)	3758
Phrynobatrachus batesii	Least concern (lc)	3759
Phrynobatrachus calcaratus	Least concern (lc)	3763
Phrynobatrachus cornutus	Least concern (lc)	3765
Phrynobatrachus dendrobates	Least concern (lc)	3769
Phrynobatrachus dispar	Least concern (lc)	3770
Phrynobatrachus ghanensis	Near threatened (nt)	3775
Phrynobatrachus gutturosus	Least concern (lc)	3779
Phrynobatrachus intermedius	Critically endangered (cr)	7237
Phrynobatrachus krefftii	Endangered (en)	3783
Phrynobatrachus latifrons	Least concern (lc)	3784
Phrynobatrachus leveleve	Least concern (lc)	6994
Phrynobatrachus liberiensis	Least concern (Ic)	3785
Phrynobatrachus mababiensis	Least concern (lc)	3786
Phrynobatrachus minutus	Least concern (lc)	3788
Phrynobatrachus natalensis	Least concern (lc)	3790
Phrynobatrachus parkeri	Least concern (lc)	3793
Phrynobatrachus parvulus	Least concern (lc)	3794
Phrynobatrachus perpalmatus	Least concern (lc)	3795
Phrynobatrachus plicatus	Least concern (lc)	3797

Phrynobatrachus ukingensis	Least concern (Ic)	3810	
Phrynobatrachus villiersi	Least concern (lc)	3812	
Phrynoglossus baluensis	Least concern (lc)	4844	
Phrynoglossus laevis	Least concern (lc)	4849	
Phrynoglossus martensii	Least concern (lc)	4852	
Phrynoglossus semipalmatus	Least concern (lc)	4853	
Phrynoidis asper	Least concern (lc)	110	
Phrynoidis juxtasper	Least concern (lc)	207	
Phrynomantis annectens	Least concern (lc)	2083	
Phrynomantis bifasciatus	Least concern (lc)	2084	
Phrynomantis microps	Least concern (lc)	2085	
Phyllobates aurotaenia	Least concern (lc)	1704	II
Phyllobates bicolor	Endangered (en)	1705	II
Phyllobates lugubris	Least concern (lc)	1706	П
Phyllobates terribilis	Endangered (en)	1707	II
Phyllobates vittatus	Vulnerable (vu)	1708	II
Phyllomedusa atelopoides	Least concern (Ic)	639	
Phyllomedusa azurea	Data deficient (dd)	6800	
Phyllomedusa bicolor	Least concern (lc)	642	
Phyllomedusa camba	Least concern (lc)	6071	
Phyllomedusa hypochondrialis	Data deficient (dd)	653	
Phyllomedusa palliata	Least concern (lc)	657	
Phyllomedusa sauvagii	Least concern (lc)	661	
Phyllomedusa tarsius	Least concern (lc)	662	
Phyllomedusa tetraploidea	Least concern (lc)	663	
Phyllomedusa tomopterna	Least concern (lc)	664	
Phyllomedusa vaillantii	Least concern (lc)	666	
Physalaemus cuvieri	Least concern (lc)	3393	
Pipa parva	Least concern (lc)	5233	
Pipa pipa	Least concern (lc)	5234	
Platymantis guentheri	Least concern (lc)	4894	
Platypelis barbouri	Least concern (lc)	2336	
Platypelis grandis	Least concern (lc)	2338	
Platypelis milloti	Endangered (en)	2339	
Platypelis pollicaris	Least concern (lc)	2341	
Platypelis tuberifera	Least concern (lc)	2343	
Platyplectrum ornatum	Least concern (lc)	3509	
Plectrohyla ixil	Vulnerable (vu)	1042	

Plectrohyla matudai	Least concern (lc)	1044
Plethodon albagula	Least concern (lc)	4121
Plethodon asupak	Vulnerable (vu)	6434
Plethodon chlorobryonis		4125
Plethodon cinereus	Least concern (lc)	4126
Plethodon cylindraceus	Least concern (lc)	4127
Plethodon dunni	Least concern (lc)	4129
Plethodon glutinosus	Least concern (lc)	4132
Plethodon jordani	Near threatened (nt)	4137
Plethodon larselli	Near threatened (nt)	4141
Plethodon metcalfi	Least concern (lc)	5842
Plethodon montanus	Least concern (lc)	5841
Plethodon petraeus	Vulnerable (vu)	4148
Plethodon serratus	Least concern (lc)	4153
Plethodon shermani	Vulnerable (vu)	5845
Plethodon stormi	Endangered (en)	4155
Plethodon teyahalee	Least concern (lc)	5291
Plethodon yonahlossee	Least concern (lc)	4162
Plethodontohyla alluaudi	Least concern (lc)	2345
Plethodontohyla	Least concern (lc)	2347
bipunctata		2000
Plethodontohyla guentheri	Endangered (en)	6936
Plethodontohyla	Least concern (lc)	2351
inguinalis		
Plethodontohyla mihanika	Least concern (lc)	6219
Plethodontohyla notosticta	Least concern (lc)	2354
Plethodontohyla ocellata	Least concern (lc)	2355
Pleurodeles poireti	Endangered (en)	4277
Pleurodeles waltl	Near threatened (nt)	4278
Pleurodema brachyops	Least concern (Ic)	3424
Pleurodema diplolister	Least concern (lc)	3427
Polypedates colletti	Least concern (lc)	4470
Polypedates leucomystax	Least concern (Ic)	4479
Polypedates macrotis	Least concern (Ic)	4481
Polypedates	Least concern (lc)	4483
megacephalus	2000 001100111 (10)	
Polypedates otilophus	Least concern (lc)	4486
Polypedates teraiensis	Least concern (lc)	8016
Poyntonophrynus		8893
pachnodes Pristimantis	Least concern (lc)	2760
altamazonicus	Least Concern (IC)	2100

Pristimantis bogotensis	Least concern (lc)	2809
Pristimantis buccinator	Least concern (lc)	2820
Pristimantis carvalhoi	Least concern (lc)	2835
Pristimantis	Least concern (lc)	2836
caryophyllaceus		
Pristimantis cerasinus	Least concern (lc)	2839
Pristimantis conspicillatus	Least concern (lc)	2856
Pristimantis croceoinguinis	Least concern (lc)	2867
Pristimantis cruentus	Least concern (lc)	2869
Pristimantis curtipes	Least concern (lc)	2878
Pristimantis fenestratus	Least concern (lc)	2917
Pristimantis gaigei	Least concern (lc)	2926
Pristimantis lacrimosus	Least concern (lc)	3001
Pristimantis lanthanites	Least concern (lc)	3005
Pristimantis malkini	Least concern (lc)	3039
Pristimantis martiae	Least concern (lc)	3044
Pristimantis muscosus	Near threatened (nt)	6152
Pristimantis ockendeni	Least concern (lc)	3092
Pristimantis pharangobates	Least concern (Ic)	7944
Pristimantis reichlei		7239
Pristimantis ridens	Least concern (lc)	3176
Pristimantis sagittulus	Least concern (lc)	6257
Pristimantis skydmainos	Least concern (lc)	5591
Pristimantis toftae	Least concern (lc)	3250
Pristimantis unistrigatus	Least concern (lc)	3258
Pristimantis variabilis	Least concern (lc)	3263
Pristimantis ventrimarmoratus	Least concern (lc)	3268
Proceratophrys	Least concern (lc)	5618
appendiculata	(1)	
Proceratophrys boiei	Least concern (lc)	5621
Proceratophrys cristiceps	Least concern (lc)	5622
Proceratophrys laticeps	Least concern (lc)	5626
Proceratophrys palustris	Data deficient (dd)	5628
Proceratophrys schirchi	Least concern (lc)	5629
Proteus anguinus	Vulnerable (vu)	4229
Pseudacris crucifer	Least concern (lc)	777
Pseudacris feriarum	Least concern (lc)	1055
Pseudacris ornata	Least concern (lc)	1059
Pseudacris regilla	Least concern (lc)	929
Pseudacris streckeri	Least concern (lc)	1060

Pseudis paradoxa	Least concern (lc)	5225
Pseudobranchus axanthus	Least concern (lc)	4312
Pseudobranchus striatus	Least concern (lc)	4313
Pseudobufo subasper	Least concern (lc)	409
Pseudophryne bibronii	Near threatened (nt)	3583
Pseudophryne coriacea	Least concern (lc)	3584
Pseudophryne dendyi	Least concern (lc)	3587
Pseudophryne guentheri	Least concern (lc)	3589
Pseudophryne occidentalis	Least concern (lc)	3591
Pseudophryne semimarmorata	Least concern (lc)	3594
Pseudotriton ruber	Least concern (lc)	4198
Psychrophrynella usurpator	Near threatened (nt)	7288
Ptychadena aequiplicata	Least concern (lc)	4924
Ptychadena anchietae	Least concern (lc)	4925
Ptychadena bibroni	Least concern (lc)	5535
Ptychadena christyi	Least concern (lc)	4929
Ptychadena erlangeri	Near threatened (nt)	4932
Ptychadena filwoha	Data deficient (dd)	5684
Ptychadena guibei	Least concern (lc)	4934
Ptychadena longirostris	Least concern (lc)	4938
Ptychadena mascareniensis	Least concern (lc)	4941
Ptychadena neumanni	Least concern (lc)	4944
Ptychadena newtoni	Endangered (en)	4945
Ptychadena nilotica	Least concern (lc)	8100
Ptychadena oxyrhynchus	Least concern (lc)	4947
Ptychadena perreti	Least concern (lc)	4949
Ptychadena porosissima	Least concern (lc)	4950
Ptychadena subpunctata	Least concern (lc)	4958
Ptychohyla acrochorda	Data deficient (dd)	6135
Ptychohyla euthysanota	Least concern (lc)	1067
Ptychohyla hypomykter	Vulnerable (vu)	1068
Ptychohyla zophodes	Vulnerable (vu)	6136
Pulchrana glandulosa	Least concern (lc)	5040
Pulchrana picturata	Least concern (lc)	5774
Pulchrana signata	Least concern (lc)	5152
Pyxicephalus adspersus	Least concern (lc)	4966
Pyxicephalus edulis	Least concern (lc)	4967
Quasipaa exilispinosa	Least concern (lc)	4864

Quasipaa spinosa	Vulnerable (vu)	4877	
Rana aurora	Least concern (lc)	4987	
Rana berlandieri	Least concern (lc)	4990	
Rana capito	Near threatened (nt)	6095	
Rana catesbeiana	Least concern (lc)	4999	
Rana chensinensis	Least concern (lc)	5005	
Rana chiricahuensis	Vulnerable (vu)	5007	
Rana clamitans	Least concern (lc)	5009	
Rana forreri	Least concern (lc)	5033	
Rana grylio	Least concern (lc)	5046	
Rana heckscheri	Least concern (lc)	5048	
Rana latastei	Vulnerable (vu)	5071	
Rana maculata	Least concern (lc)	5088	
Rana magnaocularis	Least concern (lc)	5089	
Rana palustris	Least concern (lc)	5121	
Rana pipiens	Least concern (lc)	5126	
Rana sphenocephala	Least concern (lc)	5174	
Rana sylvatica	Least concern (lc)	5162	
Rana tarahumarae	Vulnerable (vu)	5165	
Rana temporaria	Least concern (lc)	5168	
Rana warszewitschii	Least concern (lc)	5183	
Rana yavapaiensis	Least concern (lc)	5187	
Ranitomeya amazonica	Data deficient (dd)	5911	II
Ranitomeya benedicta	Vulnerable (vu)	7167	II
Ranitomeya cyanovittata		7488	II
Ranitomeya defleri	Least concern (lc)	7398	II
Ranitomeya fantastica	Vulnerable (vu)	1630	II
Ranitomeya flavovittata	Least concern (lc)	5913	II
Ranitomeya imitator	Least concern (lc)	1634	II
Ranitomeya reticulata	Least concern (lc)	1643	II
Ranitomeya sirensis	Least concern (lc)	6580	II
Ranitomeya summersi	Endangered (en)	7168	II
Ranitomeya toraro		7732	II
Ranitomeya uakarii	Least concern (lc)	6725	II
Ranitomeya vanzolinii	Least concern (lc)	1648	II
Ranitomeya variabilis	Data deficient (dd)	6117	II
Ranitomeya ventrimaculata	Least concern (lc)	1649	II
Raorchestes gryllus	Vulnerable (vu)	4414	
Raorchestes parvulus	Least concern (lc)	4444	
Rentapia hosii	Least concern (lc)	385	
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Rhacophorus annamensis	Least concern (lc)	4494	
Rhacophorus bipunctatus	Least concern (lc)	4501	
Rhacophorus calcaneus	Endangered (en)	4504	
Rhacophorus exechopygus	Least concern (lc)	5508	
Rhacophorus helenae	Endangered (en)	7957	
Rhacophorus margaritifer	Least concern (lc)	5786	
Rhacophorus nigropalmatus	Least concern (lc)	4524	
Rhacophorus pardalis	Least concern (lc)	4529	
Rhacophorus reinwardtii	Near threatened (nt)	4532	
Rhacophorus rhodopus	Least concern (lc)	7016	
Rhacophorus spelaeus	Vulnerable (vu)	7481	
Rhacophorus verrucopus	Near threatened (nt)	4544	
Rhaebo guttatus	Least concern (lc)	188	
Rhaebo haematiticus	Least concern (lc)	191	
Rheobates palmatus	Least concern (lc)	1593	
Rhinatrema bivittatum	Least concern (lc)	2016	
Rhinella alata	Data deficient (dd)	6623	
Rhinella diptycha	Data deficient (dd)	162	
Rhinella granulosa	Least concern (lc)	187	
Rhinella icterica	Least concern (lc)	200	
Rhinella lescurei	Least concern (lc)	7022	
Rhinella margaritifera	Least concern (lc)	228	
Rhinella marina	Least concern (lc)	229	
Rhinella ornata	Least concern (lc)	6832	
Rhinella pygmaea	Least concern (lc)	261	
Rhinella spinulosa	Least concern (lc)	280	
Rhinoderma darwinii	Endangered (en)	4322	
Rhinophrynus dorsalis	Least concern (lc)	4319	
Rhombophryne savaka	Endangered (en)	8488	
Rhombophryne serratopalpebrosa	Endangered (en)	2356	
Rhombophryne testudo	Endangered (en)	2359	
Rhyacotriton olympicus	Vulnerable (vu)	4234	
Rulyrana flavopunctata	Least concern (lc)	1767	II
Sachatamia albomaculata	Least concern (lc)	1750	II
Sachatamia ilex	Least concern (lc)	1729	II
Salamandra salamandra	Least concern (lc)	4284	
Salamandrella keyserlingii	Least concern (lc)	3913	
Scaphiophryne boribory	Vulnerable (vu)	6398	II

Scaphiophryne brevis	Least concern (lc)	2072	
Scaphiophryne calcarata	Least concern (lc)	2073	
Scaphiophryne gottlebei	Endangered (en)	2074	II
Scaphiophryne madagascariensis	Near threatened (nt)	2075	
Scaphiophryne marmorata	Vulnerable (vu)	2076	II
Scaphiophryne spinosa	Least concern (lc)	6573	II
Scaphiopus couchii	Least concern (lc)	5274	
Scaphiopus holbrookii	Least concern (lc)	5275	
Scarthyla goinorum	Least concern (lc)	1118	
Schismaderma carens	Least concern (lc)	421	
Schistometopum gregorii	Least concern (lc)	1936	
Schistometopum thomense	Least concern (lc)	1937	
Scinax boesemani	Least concern (lc)	1093	
Scinax cabralensis	Data deficient (dd)	6993	
Scinax camposseabrai	Data deficient (dd)	6864	
Scinax castroviejoi	Least concern (lc)	1100	
Scinax curicica	Data deficient (dd)	6341	
Scinax eurydice	Least concern (lc)	1111	
Scinax funereus	Least concern (lc)	1114	
Scinax fuscomarginatus	Least concern (lc)	1115	
Scinax fuscovarius	Least concern (lc)	1116	
Scinax garbei	Least concern (lc)	1117	
Scinax hayii	Least concern (lc)	1119	
Scinax maracaya	Data deficient (dd)	1133	
Scinax nasicus	Least concern (lc)	1136	
Scinax pachycrus	Least concern (lc)	1141	
Scinax perpusillus	Least concern (lc)	1144	
Scinax rogerioi		7380	
Scinax ruber	Least concern (lc)	1083	
Scinax squalirostris	Least concern (lc)	1152	
Scinax staufferi	Least concern (lc)	1153	
Scinax tigrinus	Least concern (lc)	7510	
Scinax x-signatus	Least concern (lc)	1162	
Sclerophrys	Least concern (lc)	133	
camerunensis			
Sclerophrys channingi	Least concern (lc)	7630	I
Sclerophrys garmani	Least concern (lc)	181	
Sclerophrys gracilipes	Least concern (lc)	185	
Sclerophrys maculata	Least concern (lc)	227	
Sclerophrys mauritanica	Least concern (lc)	231	

Sclerophrys pusilla	Least concern (lc)	8467
Sclerophrys regularis	Least concern (lc)	268
Sclerophrys togoensis	Least concern (lc)	295
Sclerophrys tuberosa	Least concern (lc)	299
Sclerophrys vittata	Data deficient (dd)	313
Scotobleps gabonicus	Least concern (lc)	1504
Scutiger glandulatus	Least concern (lc)	2514
Silverstoneia flotator	Least concern (lc)	1562
Siren intermedia	Least concern (lc)	4315
Siren lacertina	Least concern (lc)	4316
Smilisca baudinii	Least concern (lc)	1164
Smilisca cyanosticta	Least concern (lc)	1165
Smilisca phaeota	Least concern (lc)	1166
Smilisca sila	Least concern (lc)	1168
Smilisca sordida	Least concern (lc)	1169
Sooglossus sechellensis	Endangered (en)	5216
Sooglossus thomasseti	Critically endangered (cr)	5213
Spea bombifrons	Least concern (lc)	5278
Spea hammondii	Near threatened (nt)	5279
Spea multiplicata	Least concern (lc)	5281
Sphaenorhynchus lacteus	Least concern (lc)	1174
Sphenophryne cornuta	Least concern (lc)	2309
Sphenophryne thomsoni	Least concern (lc)	2279
Spinomantis aglavei	Least concern (lc)	4573
Spinomantis fimbriatus	Least concern (lc)	4597
Spinomantis phantasticus	Least concern (lc)	5632
Spinomantis tavaratra	Vulnerable (vu)	7170
Staurois guttatus	Least concern (lc)	7622
Staurois latopalmatus	Least concern (lc)	5190
Staurois parvus	Vulnerable (vu)	6906
Staurois tuberilinguis	Least concern (lc)	5192
Stefania evansi	Data deficient (dd)	1414
Strabomantis bufoniformis	Endangered (en)	2822
Strauchbufo raddei	Least concern (lc)	265
Strongylopus kitumbeine	Vulnerable (vu)	6641
Stumpffia tridactyla	Data deficient (dd)	2366
Sylvirana cubitalis	Least concern (lc)	5013
Sylvirana guentheri	Least concern (lc)	5047
Sylvirana montosa		8803
Sylvirana mortenseni	Near threatened (nt)	6860

Sylvirana nigrovittata	Least concern (lc)	5111	
Tachycnemis	Least concern (lc)	3629	
seychellensis			
Taricha granulosa	Least concern (lc)	4288	
Taricha torosa	Least concern (lc)	4290	
Telmatobius culeus	Endangered (en)	2695	I
Telmatobius macrostomus	Endangered (en)	2578	
Telmatobius marmoratus	Endangered (en)	2708	
Telmatobius verrucosus	Critically endangered (cr)	6739	
Teratohyla midas	Least concern (lc)	1777	II
Teratohyla pulverata	Least concern (lc)	1825	II
Teratohyla spinosa	Least concern (lc)	1799	II
Theloderma asperum	Least concern (lc)	4547	
Theloderma bicolor	Endangered (en)	4548	
Theloderma corticale	Least concern (lc)	4549	
Theloderma gordoni	Least concern (lc)	4550	
Theloderma horridum	Least concern (lc)	4551	
Theloderma licin	Least concern (lc)	6915	
Theloderma stellatum	Least concern (lc)	4555	
Theloderma vietnamense	Least concern (lc)	8421	
Tlalocohyla loquax	Least concern (lc)	851	
Tlalocohyla picta	Least concern (lc)	909	
Tlalocohyla smithii	Least concern (lc)	963	
Tomopterna cryptotis	Least concern (lc)	5198	
Tomopterna damarensis	Data deficient (dd)	6642	
Tomopterna marmorata	Least concern (lc)	5204	
Tomopterna tuberculosa	Least concern (lc)	5210	
Trachycephalus	Least concern (lc)	1021	
coriaceus	,		
Trachycephalus	Least concern (lc)	1193	
nigromaculatus Trachycephalus	Least concern (lc)	1024	
resinifictrix	Least concern (ic)	1024	
Trachycephalus	Least concern (lc)	1025	
typhonius		1500	
Trichobatrachus robustus	Least concern (lc)	1506	
Triprion petasatus	Least concern (lc)	1195	
Triprion spinosus	Least concern (lc)	673	
Triturus carnifex	Least concern (lc)	4294	
Triturus cristatus	Least concern (lc)	4295	
Triturus dobrogicus	Near threatened (nt)	4296	
Triturus ivanbureschi		8024	
Triturus karelinii	Least concern (lc)	4299	

Triturus macedonicus		7200	
Triturus marmoratus	Least concern (lc)	4300	
Tylototriton anguliceps	Least concern (lc)	8316	II
Tylototriton asperrimus	Near threatened (nt)	4305	II
Tylototriton hainanensis	Endangered (en)	5294	II
Tylototriton kweichowensis	Vulnerable (vu)	4306	II
Tylototriton notialis	Vulnerable (vu)	7585	II
Tylototriton panhai		8094	II
Tylototriton shanjing	Vulnerable (vu)	4307	II
Tylototriton taliangensis	Vulnerable (vu)	4308	II
Tylototriton verrucosus	Least concern (lc)	4309	II
Tylototriton yangi	Endangered (en)	7874	II
Tylototriton ziegleri	Vulnerable (vu)	7972	II
Typhlonectes natans	Least concern (lc)	1964	
Werneria bambutensis	Critically endangered (cr)	431	
Wijayarana melasma	Data deficient (dd)	6440	
Wolterstorffina parvipalmata	Critically endangered (cr)	437	
Xenophrys aceras	Least concern (lc)	2482	
Xenophrys auralensis	Vulnerable (vu)	6198	
Xenophrys longipes	Near threatened (nt)	2494	
Xenophrys major	Least concern (lc)	2493	
Xenophrys parva	Least concern (lc)	2502	
Xenopus amieti	Vulnerable (vu)	5248	
Xenopus clivii	Least concern (lc)	5252	
Xenopus epitropicalis	Least concern (lc)	5245	
Xenopus gilli	Endangered (en)	5254	
Xenopus laevis	Least concern (lc)	5255	
Xenopus lenduensis	Critically endangered (cr)	7638	
Xenopus longipes	Critically endangered (cr)	5257	
Xenopus muelleri	Least concern (lc)	5258	
Xenopus petersii	Least concern (lc)	5962	
Xenopus poweri	Least concern (lc)	8432	
Xenopus pygmaeus	Least concern (lc)	5259	
Xenopus ruwenzoriensis	Data deficient (dd)	5260	
Xenopus tropicalis	Least concern (lc)	5246	
Xenopus victorianus	Least concern (lc)	6856	
Xenorhina oxycephala	Least concern (lc)	2448	
Zhangixalus dennysi	Least concern (lc)	4472	
Zhangixalus dulitensis	Least concern (lc)	4506	
Zhangixalus prominanus	Least concern (lc)	4531	

Zhangixalus smaragdinus	Near threatened (nt)	4519	
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Annex 3. Frequency of trade in all species/taxonomic units recorded in LEMIS by the United States of America from 2015-2020, based on the number of times a traded shipment was recorded to contain each species.

Taxonomic Unit	Number of Shipments
Hymenochirus curtipes	3139
Lithobates catesbeianus	2902
Xenopus laevis	1525
Lithobates forreri	1216
Noncites amphibians	1111
Ceratophrys cranwelli	898
Rhinella marina	697
Litoria caerulea	650
Rana pipiens	644
Hyla cinerea	602
Hymenochirus boettgeri	586
Agalychnis callidryas	507
Bombina orientalis	480
Pyxicephalus adspersus	423
Ceratophrys ornata	404
Kaloula pulchra	373
Duttaphrynus melanostictus	295
Ambystoma tigrinum	277
Polypedates leucomystax	275
Oophaga pumilio	267
Dendropsophus leucophyllatus	266
Pithecopus hypochondrialis	264
Hoplobatrachus rugulosus	264
Bufo species	221
Phyllomedusa bicolor	218
Rana species	218
Pristimantis species	209
Pipa pipa	203
Ceratophrys cornuta	181
Dendrobates auratus	173
Rhaebo guttatus	160
Ambystoma opacum	160
Phrynomantis bifasciatus	159
Cornufer guentheri	152
Dyscophus guineti	152
Hyalinobatrachium fleischmanni	146
Xenopus species	144

Rhacophorus reinwardtii	134
Cynops orientalis	130
Notophthalmus viridescens	130
Leptopelis species	128
Amphiuma tridactylum	118
Callimedusa tomopterna	115
Ceratophrys aurita	115
Incilius alvarius	108
Boophis species	107
Osteopilus septentrionalis	105
Ambystoma maculatum	104
Anaxyrus terrestris	102
Anaxyrus debilis	102
Hyperolius species	98
Mantella baroni	98
Occidozyga lima	97
Dendrobates tinctorius	94
Bufo gargarizans	93
Hyperolius concolor	91
Craugastor species	89
Amphiuma means	88
Phrynobatrachus species	88
Mantella betsileo	88
Atelopus spumarius	86
Gastrotheca species	84
Necturus maculosus	84
Hyla gratiosa	82
Hylarana species	80
Lepidobatrachus laevis	78
Lithobates species	78
Phyllomedusa vaillantii	76
Scaphiopus holbrookii	76
Hyla ebraccata	74
Limnonectes species	71
Hyla species	70
Ptychadena species	70
Osteopilus species	69
Hyla punctata	68
Fejervarya limnocharis	67
Rana erythraea	66
Hyla versicolor	65
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Rhacophorus species	65
Theloderma corticale	61
Sphaenorhynchus lacteus	60
Kassina senegalensis	60
Megophrys nasuta	59
Litoria infrafrenata	58
Bufo quercicus	58
Hyperolius fusciventris	58
Cacosternum species	58
Hyla squirella	57
Arthroleptis species	55
Hyla marmorata	54
Megophrys species	54
Trachycephalus resinifictrix	53
Dendrobates leucomelas	52
Ceratophrys species	51
Leptolalax species	49
Atelopus species	48
Mantidactylus species	48
Mantella nigricans	47
Mantella aurantiaca	47
Cynops species	45
Bolitoglossa species	45
Salamandra salamandra	45
Theloderma asperum	45
Glyphoglossus guttulatus	45
Triprion petasatus	44
Siren lacertina	44
Bufo cognatus	43
Oophaga sylvatica	42
Phrynobatrachus auritus	42
Desmognathus fuscus	41
Phyllomedusa sauvagii	41
Plethodon glutinosus	41
Afrixalus dorsalis	40
Hyla crepitans	40
Litoria species	40
Hyalinobatrachium species	40
Ambystoma mexicanum	38
Eleutherodactylus species	38
Breviceps mossambicus	38
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Microhyla pulchra	36
Dendropsophus species	36
Polypedates otilophus	36
Amietia species	35
Cochranella granulosa	35
Phrynohyas resinifictrix	35
Ameerega trivittata	35
Dendropsophus ebraccatus	34
Kassina maculata	34
Microhyla species	33
Philautus species	33
Osteopilus vastus	33
Leptodactylus pentadactylus	33
Ptychadena anchietae	32
Afrixalus species	32
Hemisus marmoratus	32
Cynops pyrrhogaster	32
Anaxyrus species	32
Leptodactylus species	31
Hyla calcarata	31
Agalychnis dacnicolor	30
Leptobrachium species	30
Siren intermedia	30
Incilius species	30
Amolops species	30
Phyllobates terribilis	30
Rana chensinensis	29
Epipedobates anthonyi	29
Limnonectes macrodon	29
Ptychadena oxyrhynchus	29
Mantella pulchra	29
Scaphiophryne madagascariensis	29
Desmognathus species	29
Polypedates species	29
Scaphiopus couchii	29
Amietophrynus species	28
Cruziohyla craspedopus	28
Rhacophorus pardalis	28
Leptopelis argenteus	28
Scinax species	28
Theloderma bicolor	27

Pyxicephalus edulis	27
Smilisca phaeota	27
Proceratophrys species	27
Odorrana species	27
Kaloula baleata	26
Pseudotriton ruber	25
Nyctixalus pictus	25
Dyscophus insularis	25
Epipedobates tricolor	25
Pachytriton brevipes	24
Ranitomeya fantastica	24
Gephyromantis species	24
Boophis madagascariensis	24
Ranitomeya amazonica	23
Theloderma species	23
Phrynomantis species	23
Bufo punctatus	23
Allobates species	23
Mantella madagascariensis	23
Zhangixalus dennysi	23
Rana clamitans	23
Oreophryne species	23
Trachycephalus species	22
Anotheca spinosa	22
Hoplobatrachus species	22
Pedostibes hosii	22
Boophis luteus	21
Bufo regularis	21
Ranitomeya imitator	21
Trichobatrachus robustus	21
Hyla femoralis	20
Phyllomedusa species	20
Necturus beyeri	20
Ameerega hahneli	19
Ranitomeya variabilis	19
Hoplobatrachus occipitalis	19
Ranitomeya reticulata	19
Bombina variegata	18
Triturus marmoratus	18
Scaphiophryne marmorata	18
Eurycea bislineata	18
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Triturus species	18
Ranitomeya sirensis	18
Cynops cyanurus	18
Platymantis species	18
Hyla heilprini	18
Leptopelis vermiculatus	18
Oophaga histrionica	18
Brachycephalus species	18
Arthroleptis variabilis	18
Hyperolius ocellatus	18
Scotobleps gabonicus	18
Cophixalus species	18
Ptychadena mascareniensis	17
Eurycea wilderae	17
Ambystoma talpoideum	17
Pseudobranchus striatus	17
Crossodactylus species	17
Agalychnis lemur	17
Ranitomeya vanzolinii	17
Pelophylax fukienensis	17
Colostethus species	16
Breviceps adspersus	16
Nectophryne afra	16
Oophaga lehmanni	16
Heterixalus madagascariensis	16
Rana berlandieri	16
Heterixalus alboguttatus	16
Petropedetes species	16
Arthroleptis poecilonotus	15
Bufo speciosus	15
Pleurodema brachyops	15
Hyperolius cinnamomeoventris	15
Ambystoma species	15
Amietophrynus regularis	15
Rana grylio	15
Litoria aurea	15
Pleurodeles waltl	15
Occidozyga species	15
Odorrana chloronota	15
Chiromantis rufescens	15
Rhacophorus prominanus	14
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Espadarana prosoblepon	14
Bombina bombina	14
Scutiger species	14
Spinomantis species	14
Eleutherodactylus johnstonei	14
Lithodytes lineatus	14
Leptodactylodon species	14
Hyloxalus species	14
Ameerega bassleri	14
Ichthyophis species	14
Amietia angolensis	14
Hymenochirus species	13
Agalychnis spurrelli	13
Microhyla butleri	13
Ranitomeya uakarii	13
Ranitomeya benedicta	13
Plethodon cinereus	13
Plectrohyla species	13
Cardioglossa leucomystax	13
Phrynobatrachus natalensis	13
Leptobrachium hasseltii	13
Neurergus crocatus	13
Atelopus varius	13
Desmognathus quadramaculatus	13
Physalaemus pustulosus	12
Eleutherodactylus planirostris	12
Aubria subsigillata	12
Smilisca baudinii	12
Rhinella margaritifera	12
Litoria thesaurensis	12
Rhinella lescurei	12
Atelopus limosus	12
Amphiuma species	12
Bufo granulosus	12
Eurycea guttolineata	12
Centrolene species	12
Allobates femoralis	12
Rana sylvatica	12
Hyla boans	12
Phyllobates bicolor	12
Stefania species	12
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Vaccina anacias	10
Kassina species	12
Gastrophryne carolinensis	12
Geotrypetes seraphini	11
Eurycea species	11
Heterixalus betsileo	11
Pelodryas caerulea	11
Ensatina eschscholtzii	11
Leptopelis brevirostris	11
Bufo viridis	11
Colostethus panamensis	11
Pyxicephalus species	11
Bufo americanus	11
Afrixalus paradorsalis	11
Hyla fasciata	11
Physalaemus species	11
Phyllobates aurotaenia	11
Rana temporaria	11
Cruziohyla calcarifer	11
Hyperolius viridiflavus	10
Hyperolius tuberculatus	10
Chiromantis species	10
Hemiphractus species	10
Megophrys montana	10
Mantophryne lateralis	10
Dermophis mexicanus	10
Nectophryne batesii	10
Hyla lanciformis	10
Hyla arborea	10
Diasporus species	10
Leptopelis uluguruensis	10
Litoria rubella	10
Tylototriton verrucosus	10
Bokermannohyla species	10
Hyperolius marmoratus	10
Acris crepitans	10
Afrixalus quadrivittatus	10
Smilisca sila	10
Melanophryniscus stelzneri	10
Hyperolius guttulatus	9
Desmognathus monticola	9
Caecilia species	9
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Arthroleptis sylvaticus	9
Boophis albilabris	9
Bufo asper	9
Phyllobates lugubris	9
Cochranella species	9
Hemisus species	9
Scaphiophryne spinosa	9
Bufo typhonius	9
Pristimantis cruentus	9
Osteocephalus species	9
Phyllobates vittatus	9
Limnodynastes species	9
Mantella expectata	9
Cardioglossa species	9
Adelphobates galactonotus	9
Pseudacris crucifer	9
Hylarana albolabris	8
All amphibians	8
Incilius coniferus	8
Atelognathus species	8
Leptopelis christyi	8
Amnirana albolabris	8
Hylophorbus rufescens	8
Bombina maxima	8
Ischnocnema species	8
Albericus species	8
Herpele squalostoma	8
Mantophryne species	8
Austrochaperina species	8
Ranitomeya ventrimaculata	8
Nectophrynoides asperginis	8
Fejervarya species	8
Pristimantis lacrimosus	8
Xenopus clivii	8
Theloderma stellatum	8
Limnonectes kuhlii	8
Ameerega silverstonei	8
Microhyla heymonsi	8
Gyrinophilus porphyriticus	8
Leptopelis calcaratus	8
Pseudobufo subasper	8
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Phlyctimantis leonardi	8	
Triturus carnifex	8	
Boophis microtympanum	8	
Telmatobius marmoratus	7	
Leptodactylus melanonotus	7	
Leptodactylus fuscus	7	
Eurycea longicauda	7	
Pseudobranchus axanthus	7	
Osteocephalus taurinus	7	
Echinotriton andersoni	7	
Dendropsophus marmoratus	7	
Pristimantis cerasinus	7	
Hyperolius nasutus	7	
Copiula species	7	
Ophryophryne species	7	
Hyla rosenbergi	7	
Mantella crocea	7	
Staurois species	7	
Callulops species	7	
Tylototriton shanjing	7	
Xenorhina species	7	
Andrias davidianus	7	
Afrixalus laevis	7	
Plethodon montanus	7	
Hyperolius castaneus	7	
Nyctimystes species	7	
Phrynoidis aspera	7	
Tylototriton species	7	
Rhacophorus dennysi	7	
Ceratophrys calcarata	7	
Leptobrachium hendricksoni	7	
Rana arfaki	7	
Odorrana morafkai	7	
Peltophryne lemur	7	
Pleurodema species	7	
Dendropsophus minutus	7	
Heterixalus species	7	
Cophixalus verrucosus	7	
Hyperolius langi	7	
Spea multiplicata	7	
Astylosternus species	7	
Malylualelliua apeulea	ı	

Necturus species	7	
Alytes species	7	٦
Discodeles species	6	
Cardioglossa elegans	6	٦
Leptopelis ocellatus	6	
Xenophrys species	6	٦
Platypelis tuberifera	6	
Adenomera species	6	٦
Spea species	6	
Phrynobatrachus mababiensis	6	٦
Pipa species	6	
Hyla geographica	6	
Neurergus species	6	
Andinobates minutus	6	٦
Amnirana galamensis	6	
Paedophryne species	6	7
Hyperolius picturatus	6	
Cardioglossa gracilis	6	٦
Ranitomeya flavovittata	6	
Hyperolius kivuensis	6	4
Gastrotheca riobambae	6	
Ranitomeya summersi	6	
Plethodon yonahlossee	6	
Ambystoma mavortium	6	٦
Mantella viridis	6	
Afrixalus osorioi	6	٦
Kalophrynus interlineatus	6	
Dendropsophus parviceps	6	٦
Epipedobates boulengeri	6	
Ophryophryne gerti	6	٦
Boophis boehmei	6	
Occidozyga semipalmata	6	٦
Espadarana species	6	
Chirixalus species	6	٦
Hyla picturata	6	
Nectophryne species	6	
Rana nigrovittata	6	
Hypopachus variolosus	5	٦
Oreophrynella species	5	
Rana heckscheri	5	٦
Brachycephalus ephippium	5	
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Rhaebo haematiticus	1
Arthroleptis taeniatus	1
Odorrana banaorum	1
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Phrynopus species	1
Hylodes japi	1
Hylodes heyeri	1
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Hynobius glacialis	1
Ptychadena porosissima	1
Xenopus victorianus	1
Craugastor crassidigitus	1
Hyla granosa	1
Ingerophrynus parvus	1
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Hyla trachycephalus	1
Bolitoglossa altamazonica	1
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Gastrotheca fissipes	1
Gastrotheca monticola	1
Nyctimystes infrafrenatus	1
Sachatamia ilex	1
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Dendropsophus leali	1
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Rhinella ornata	1
Boana prasina	1
Hyperolius parkeri	1
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Amietia ruwenzorica	1
Triturus karelinii	1
Chiasmocleis bassleri	1
Amazophyrnella species	1
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Plectrohyla matudai	1
Megastomatohyla mixe	1
Smilisca cyanosticta	1
Hylodes phyllodes	1
Ptychohyla zophodes	1
Opisthothylax immaculatus	1
Batrachylodes trossulus	1
Cornufer wolfi	1
Crinia signifera	1
Osteocephalus buckleyi	1
Hypsiboas rufitelus	1
Werneria bambutensis	1
Pristimantis gaigei	1
Ambystoma mabeei	1
Leptodactylus savagei	1
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Pseudophryne semimarmorata	1	
Plethodon petraeus	1	
Oreophrynella quelchii	1	
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Cochranella spinosa	1	
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Phrynobatrachus acutirostris	1	
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Mantidactylus zipperi	1	
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Bufo juxtasper	1	
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Bufo divergens	1	
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Charadrahyla taeniopus	1	
Plethodontohyla inguinalis	1	
Stumpffia tridactyla	1	
Centrolene ilex	1	
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Rhombophryne savaka	1	
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Brachycephalus nodoterga	1
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Theloderma gordoni	1
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Boophis quasiboehmei	1
Gephyromantis salegy	1
Xenopus tropicalis	1
Ptychadena bibroni	1
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Leptobrachella isos	1
Stumpffia species	1
Aglyptodactylus species	1
Hyla arenicolor	1
Dicamptodon ensatus	1
Leptolalax ventripunctatus	1
Leptolalax eos	1
Ameerega simulans	1
Amiertophrynus pantherinus	1
Brachycephalus margaritatus	1
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Hypsiboas rosenbergi	1
Atelopus pulcher/spumarius	1
Discoglossus pictus	1
Euphlyctis species	1
Mixophyes species	1
Mannophryne olmonae	1
Crepidophryne epiotica	1
Liuixalus romeri	1
Hyperolius sylvaticus	1
Kassina arboricola	1
Leptopelis occidentalis	1
Pseudopaludicola species	1
Brachycephalus alipioi	1
Brachycephalus pulex	1
Brachycephalus hermogenesi	1
Phrynobatrachus alleni	1
Dermatonotus muelleri	1
Discoglossus jeanneae	1
Amolops viridimaculatus	1
Leptopelis modestus	1
Dendrobates species	1
Plethodon dunni	1
Bufo tuberosus	1
Phrynobatrachus intermedius	1
Sylvirana cubitalis	1
Hyla debilis	1
Opisthodon ornatus	1
Oreolalax lichuanensis	1
Phrynobatrachus parvulus	1
Rana aurora	1
Atelopus zeteki	1
Batrachuperus species	1
Pseudacris streckeri	1
Guibemantis methueni	1
Guibemantis punctatus	1
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Dendropsophus riveroi	1
Leptodactylus longirostris	1
Odontophrynus americanus	1
Lyciasalamandra helverseni	1

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Bufo luetkenii	1
Eleutherodactylus diastema	1
Eleutherodactylus bransfordii	1
Eleutherodactylus crassidigitus	1
Phyllomedusa tarsius	1
Lysapsus laevis	1
Ranitomeya cyanovittata	1
Ranitomeya defleri	1
Ranitomeya toraro	1
Herpele species	1
Parvicaecilia nicefori	1
Hypsiboas boans	1
Hypsiboas crepitans	1
Ranoidea maini	1
Hyalinobatrachium valerioi	1
Rhacophorus gauni	1
Bufo bankorensis	1
Rana adenopleura	1
Ecnomiohyla sukia	1
Staurois latopalmatus	1
Bufo brongersmai	1
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Sylvirana guentheri	1
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Litoria nasuta	1
Typhlomolge rathbuni	1
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Xenopus amieti	1
Fejervarya moodiei	1
Raorchestes parvulus	1
Sylvirana nigrovittata	1
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Occidozyga martensii	1
Ptychadena nilotica	1
Limnonectes taylori	1
Leptobrachium smithi	1
Limnonectes doriae	1
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Pristimantis unistrigatus	1
Felihyla hansenae	1
Chalcorana eschatia	1
Ansonia inthanon	1
Brachytarsophrys carinensis	1
Megaphrys intermedia	1
Kurixalus species	1
Leptobrachium leucops	1
Leptobrachium pullum	1
Bufo boreas	1
Chiropterotriton species	1
Ophryophryne pachyproctus	1
Amolops marmoratus	1
Telmatobius species	1
Litoria bicolor	1
Ameerega cainarachi	1
Rana daemeli	1
Schistometopum species	1
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Cornufer species	1
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Chalcorana raniceps	1
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Pulchrana picturata	1
Boophis ulftunni	1
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Boophis sambirano	1
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# Annex 4. Suggested topics for potential consideration and discussion at the amphibian trade workshop.

## General topics:

- 1. Conversion factors of amphibians reported in units of mass versus units of number.
  - a. Challenge identified: How many animals were traded?
    - i. This largely pertains to amphibians traded in high volume shipments for the food (e.g. kilograms of frog meat and frog legs) and scientific trade (e.g. kilograms of bodies of amphibians).
    - ii. Is it possible to agree on a standardized method of reporting?
    - iii. Is it not feasible to report trade by the actual (even if estimated) number of animals traded to provide less ambiguity?
    - iv. Can exporting nations provide a conversion factor for the approximate mass of individual animals traded for species reported by mass?
- 2. Use of trade terms and variability in interpretation.
  - a. Challenge identified: How many animals were traded and in what condition?
  - b. When is it most appropriate to use each different code to describe amphibians traded as meat/food: LEG, MEA, LIV
    - i. Is it possible to agree on a standardized method of reporting and interpretation?
  - c. When is it most appropriate to use each different code to describe amphibians traded as scientific specimens: SPE, BOD, LIV
    - i. Is it possible to agree on a standardized method of reporting and interpretation?
- Anomalous reporting of amphibian countries/regions of origin and/or sources.
  - a. Challenge identified: What is the accurate source and origin of highly traded amphibians?
  - b. The present study has demonstrated that traded amphibians have been reported as collected from the wild in countries/regions of origin where populations in the wild have not been documented.
    - i. Is it possible to improve traceability along the amphibian supply chain?
    - ii. Is it possible to strengthen detection of anomalous information provided on import/export documents?
    - iii. Do any of the species-specific anomalies presented in this report raise concerns about potential violations of national legislation, either at the point of import, export, or re-export?
- 4. Incorrect species identification of traded amphibians.
  - a. Challenge identified: Which species of amphibians are traded?
  - b. Studies have shown that amphibians traded in high volumes (i.e. for the frog leg trade) have entered commerce labelled with incorrect species descriptions.
    - i. Can the process of wildlife trade enforcement be strengthened to identify amphibians fraudulently documented prior to exportation either through improved traceability or DNA sampling?
    - ii. Do any of the species-specific anomalies presented in this report raise concerns about potential violations of national legislation, either at the point of import, export, or re-export?

- 5. Spread of emerging infectious diseases through the international trade in amphibians.
  - a. Challenge identified: The spread of amphibian chytrid fungi (*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* and *B. salamandrivorans*) and ranavirus is contributing towards global amphibian population declines and extinctions.
  - b. Some nations and regions have established national legislation to control the spread of pathogens through a variety of trade prohibition and permitting frameworks, but certain high-risk trade activities continue in the absence of biosecurity control measures.
    - i. What available biosecurity measures would be feasible to implement among sectors of high-volume amphibian trade to reduce the spread of these pathogens?
      - 1. Among amphibians traded for use as food, what approaches would maintain animal welfare, effectively reduce the presence of viable pathogens, and allow for the trade in amphibians safe for human or animal consumption?
      - 2. Among amphibians traded for any purpose, is it feasible to pack and transport animals in lower densities both to reduce stress and prevent increased disease transmission through direct physical contact?
    - ii. Information to guide the development of science-based species-specific disease control regulations is lacking due to the low amount of surveillance that has been performed to quantify pathogen presence among different types, purposes, and origins of traded amphibians.
      - Are there any national wildlife trade enforcement authorities present at this workshop that possess authority to perform or allow (through collaborations) non-invasive screening for pathogens among traded amphibians?
      - 2. Among those with necessary authority, are there any national wildlife trade enforcement authorities that would like to perform or facilitate screening? The purpose of such activities would be to create scientific information that can help guide development of trade protocols to ensure trade in amphibians is safer both for both species in trade and native species which can be indirectly affected.

# **Species-specific topics:**

- 1. Ceratophrys ornata
  - a. Question: Is the volume of trade in *C. ornata* eggs occurring at levels that would be cause for conservation concern?
  - b. Background information: The IUCN Red List assessment for this species stated that C. ornata is, "...collected for the international pet trade and its eggs are sold internationally for scientific research." Among the data available for this study, international trade in eggs of C. ornata was not identified. All trade was recorded in LEMIS as either live adult frogs or scientific specimens. It is possible that trade not captured in LEMIS, between other trading partners, may involve eggs of this species and warrant attention.

#### 2. Cynops pyrrhogaster

- a. Question: Does the trade in *C. pyrrhogaster* between countries or regions outside the United States of America (e.g. the European Union) involve mostly wild collected animals?
- b. Background information: The IUCN assessment for this species stated that, "Individuals from the wild are constantly being traded on the internet as a pet. Only a small number are bred in captivity for research only." It also stated that, "Numerous newts are collected for sale and export to Europe for the pet trade, and this is considered a threat to the species." According to the US LEMIS data, most of the animals traded by the United States of America involved animals bred in captivity and most trade occurred prior to 2016. It is possible that trade not captured in LEMIS, between other trading partners, may involve animals collected from the wild and warrant attention.

## 3. Bolitoglossa dofleini

#### a. Questions:

- i. Does Honduras and/or Guatemala allow commercial international trade in *B. dofleini*?
  - 1. If yes, then are collection and export permits required?
  - 2. If yes, then have these permits been granted previously?
- ii. Has *B. dofleini* been successfully bred in captivity in Nicaragua for commercial purposes?
- iii. From which range State did the parental stock of animals reportedly bred in captivity in Nicaragua originate?
- iv. How many facilities in Nicaragua are currently breeding B. dofleini?
  - 1. How many adult reproductive females are currently held in captivity by these facilities?
- v. Is *B. dofleini* exported by Nicaragua to countries other than the United States of America?
  - 1. If yes, then in what quantities?
- b. Background information: This species has a remarkably slow reproductive cycle in which animals require nearly 10 years before they reach sexual maturity and begin to reproduce. A notable shift in reported sources was identified in the trade of this species exported from Nicaragua. Nearly all animals traded during the study period (2015-2020) were reported as bred in captivity but in years prior, most reported trade involved animals described as collected from the wild in Honduras and Guatemala, the only two range States for this species, and then re-exported from Nicaragua. The observed shift in source codes of traded animals from primarily wild-collected to exclusively bred in captivity occurred after 2010 when two organizations recommended that the United States of America propose *B. dofleini* for inclusion in CITES Appendix II at CoP15. Due to the lack of available information about this species, the United States of America did not propose its listing.