

# The amphibians and reptiles of the Lore Lindu National Park area, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia

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**Abstract.** While land-use change is rapid throughout Southeast Asia, the island of Sulawesi (Indonesia) is of pressing conservation concern because of its exceptional number of endemic species. However, a lack of good identification literature for certain taxa such as amphibians and reptiles (apart from snakes) substantially delays ecological research in this region. Here, we compile an illustrated species list based on three years of research in and around the Lore Lindu National Park (LLNP) area and supplement it with data from the literature. In total, our survey and the literature review revealed 25 amphibian and 54 reptile species in five and thirteen families, respectively. Our results highlight the LLNP area as an important herpetological endemism hotspot in the region. Appropriate utilization of species lists like this may facilitate capacity-building of local scientists and provide a knowledge base for local guides working in ecotourism.

Key words. Biodiversity, capacity-building, conservation, ecotourism, species list, Southeast Asia, Sulawesi.

**Abstrak.** Seiring dengan cepatnya konversi lahan di Asia Tenggara, Sulawesi (Indonesia) menjadi kawasan yang sangat penting untuk dikonservasi atas dasar tingginya keaneka-ragaman jenis, terutama untuk jenis yang endemik. Walaupun demikian, ketidaktersediaan kepustakaan yang mutakhir untuk pengenalan jenis (kecuali untuk jenis-jenis ular) menjadi penghambat utama dalam penelitian ekologi di daerah ini. Untuk tujuan tersebut, makalah ini dilengkapi dengan gambar yang dihasilkan dari penelitian selama tiga tahun di dalam kawasan Taman Nasional Lore Lindu maupun daerah sekitarnya dan ditambah dengan informasi dari kepustakaan yang ada. Berdasarkan informasi yang telah dihimpun, 25 jenis amfibi dan 54 jenis reptil dijumpai di dalam kawasan Taman Nasional Lore Lindu, mewakili lima famili katak dan 13 famili reptil. Hasil ini menunjukkan bahwa TNLL merupakan kawasan endemik yang penting untuk Sulawesi. Diharapkan makalah ini dapat bermanfaat untuk memberikan data dasar bagi masyarakat setempat dan juga berguna untuk kepentingan ekoturisme.

## Introduction

Based on deforestation rates, climate change predictions, and the extent of current land-use change, Southeast Asia is a region of high conservation priority (SODHI et al. 2010a, BROOKS et al. 2006). However, ecological research efforts and suitable protection of species naturally depend on the knowledge of species occurrences in a particular area. This information in readily accessible form is lacking for several taxonomic groups and regions in Southeast Asia (SODHI and BROOKS 2006). In order to facilitate arguments to policy makers for the protection and preservation of invaluable conservation areas and informed ecotourism (i.e., knowledgeable local guides), such accessible data is of crucial importance.

The island of Sulawesi (Indonesia) is a hotspot of endemism even on a global scale (WHITTEN et al. 2002), but knowledge about herpetological diversity and identification literature are both very limited (but see DE LANG and VOGEL 2005 for snakes). This is a worrying tendency

as these two taxonomic groups contain many of the most threatened vertebrates on the planet (IUCN 2009, <http://www.iucnredlist.org>) and the ecological impacts of land-use change urgently need to be better understood (SODHI et al. 2010b). Based on three years of collecting survey data and the available literature, we here provide the first herpetological species list with IUCN threat status and information on abundance, habitat use, and maximum elevation range, supplemented with pictures for most species encountered in the Lore Lindu National Park, LLNP, area in Central Sulawesi province. We discuss how studies like this may greatly benefit capacity-building of local scientists and tourism in the LLNP region, one of the largest rainforest national parks in Indonesia.

## Material and methods

We collected our data in and around the LLNP, situated south of Palu, the capital of Central Sulawesi province (Fig.

1). The park covers 230,000 ha of mostly pristine tropical rainforest that partly covers mountain ranges with a maximum altitude of 2356 m above sea level (Mount Nokilalaki). The surroundings are dominated by agricultural land-use, mainly for cacao and coconut plantations, as well as rice cultivation. Native forest diversity is highly threatened by hunting activities and the land-use change of pristine forest into agricultural plantations.

We sampled amphibians and reptiles on 110 m transects with visual and acoustic encounter surveys (HEYER et al. 1994) and a 25-minute time constraint. More than 100 transects in six habitat types (primary and secondary rainforest, two cacao agroforest types, rice paddies, and open areas) were checked up to six times (three times during the day and night each). Our sampling from December 2007 until October 2009 covered wet and dry seasons and an elevational range from 400 to 2300 m above sea level (Mount Nokilalaki).

In addition to our sampling, the species list including abundance, habitat use, and elevation ranges was com-

plemented with data from the literature (for references see Tabs. 1, 2). IUCN status was obtained from the IUCN RedList database (IUCN 2009, <http://www.iucnredlist.org>).

Nomenclature used here follows FROST (2009) for amphibians and MCDIARMID et al. (1999) and DE LANG AND VOGEL (2005) for snakes. For other reptiles, we used the literature sources cited in Table 2.

## Results

We identified 25 amphibian species in five families and 54 reptile species in 13 families (Tab. 1). Reptiles comprised 22 snake, 28 lizard, and four turtle species (Tab. 2). While 32.0 % of all amphibian species found are not yet classified in the IUCN Red List, only four of the reptile species (the turtles) have been assessed until now. Our elevation data suggests that four of the new *Limnonectes* species are potentially high-elevation specialists and one rhacophorid is

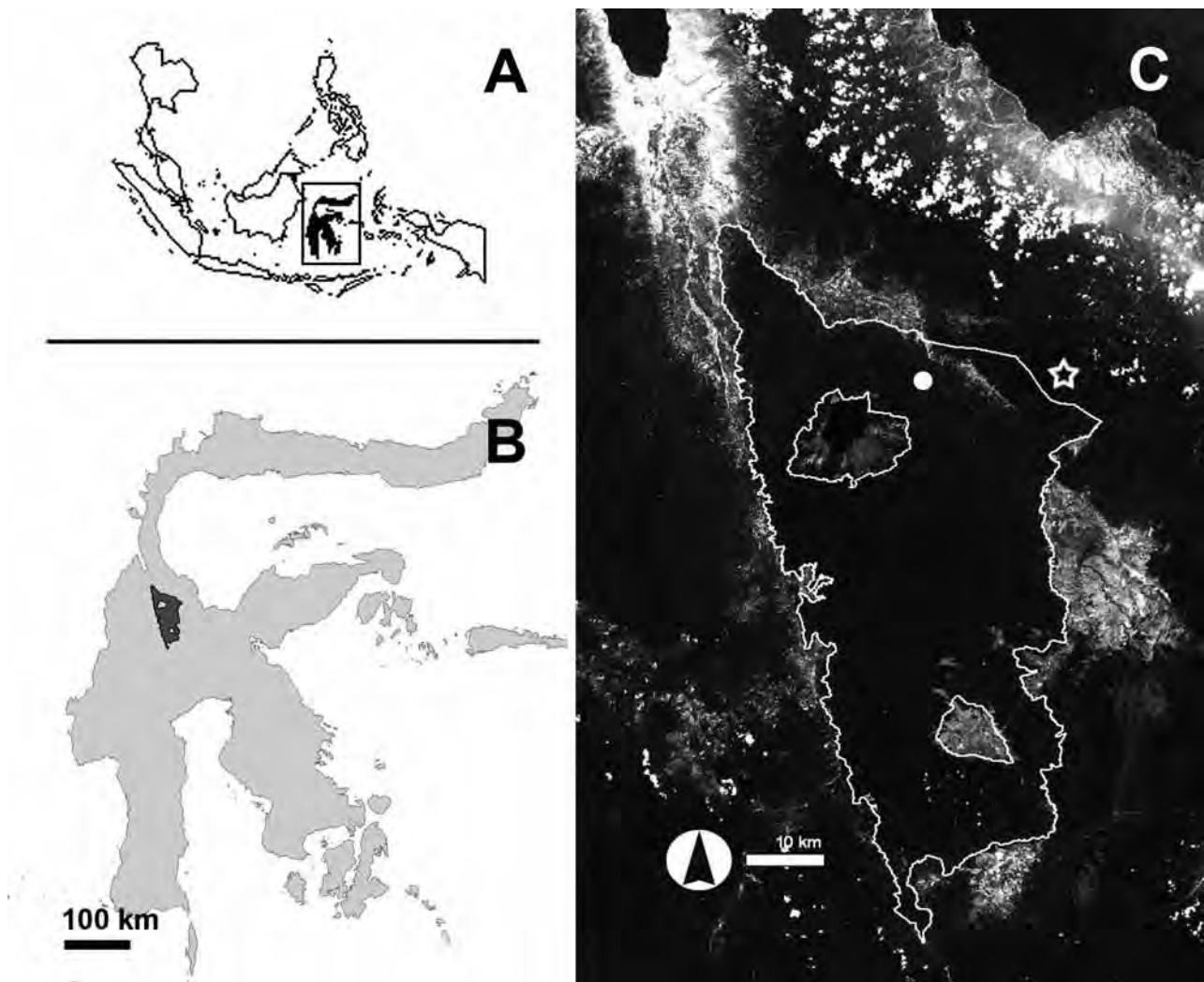


Figure 1. Map of the Lore Lindu National Park (LLNP) area in Sulawesi at three different scales: within Southeast Asia (A); in Sulawesi (B); in Central Sulawesi (C). The map shows the mountainous terrain of Central Sulawesi with the two highest peaks, both inside (Mount Nokilalaki, 2357 m, indicated by a white dot) and outside the LLNP (Mount Rore Katimbu 2610 m, indicated by a star). Land-use change from pristine forest into agricultural areas is evident all around the park, but most prominently in the northern and eastern sections. The park boundary is indicated by a white line; the arrow in (C) indicates north for (A) to (C).

Herpetofauna of Lore Lindu National Park area

Table 1. Amphibian species of the Lore Lindu National Park. Red List classifications follow the criteria of IUCN (IUCN 2009, <http://www.iucnredlist.org>): CE = Critically Endangered; E = Endangered; V = Vulnerable; NT = Near Threatened; LC = Least Concern; DD = Data Deficient; NE = not evaluated by the IUCN; Specialist [Y/N/?] = species considered a pristine-forest specialist/disturbance-tolerant species/not known; Habitat encountered = habitat where we encountered the species during the three-year survey; abbreviations used: PF = Rainforest; SF = secondary forest; AF = Cacao agroforest; CP = Cacao plantation; OA = Open area; RF = Rice paddy. Abundance was classified as C = commonly encountered; R = rare (as mentioned in the literature). Source LLNP = literature source that lists the species for Central Sulawesi Province/Lore Lindu National Park. Note that the studies by WANGER et al. (2009, 2010a) employed the same sampling methods and were conducted over the same time period as this study. Data from Amphibia Web (2009, <http://amphibiaweb.org/>). Elevation = maximum elevation range in metres above sea level given in the Source El reference. If no elevation data could be found in the literature, we present the elevation at which we found the species (indicated with “F” before the figure). The symbols < and > denote occurrence below or above the elevation given, respectively. The word “lowland” is used when it was mentioned that the species would occur in the lowland without giving an elevation in metres. NA = information on the elevation range is not available.

| Amphibian species                       | IUCN Red List | Specialist | Habitat encountered    | Abundance | Source LLNP                             | Elevation | Source El                                 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| <b>Bufo</b>                             |               |            |                        |           |   |           |   |
| <i>Ingerophrynus biporcatus</i>         | LC            | N          |                        | O         | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996                    | <1000     | SODHI et al. 2008                         |
| <i>Duttaphrynus melanostictus</i>       | LC            | N          | AF, CP, HS             | C         | WANGER et al. 2009, This study          | <1800     | SODHI et al. 2008                         |
| <i>Ingerophrynus celebensis</i>         | LC            | N          | PF, SF, AF, CP, OA     | O         | WANGER et al. 2010a, WANGER et al. 2009 | <1000     | SODHI et al. 2008                         |
| <b>Microhylidae</b>                     |               |            |                        |           |   |           |   |
| <i>Callulops</i> sp.                    | NE            | Y          | PF                     | R         | This study                              | F1200     | This study                                |
| <i>Kaloula baleata</i>                  | LC            | N          |                        | C         | Amphibia Web 2009                       | <800      | SODHI et al. 2008; updated from our study |
| <i>Kaloula pulchra</i>                  | LC            | N          | PF                     | C         | WANGER et al. 2010a                     | F800      | This study                                |
| <i>Oreophryne</i> sp. 1                 | NE            | N          | PF, SF                 | R         | WANGER et al. 2010a                     | F800      | This study                                |
| <i>Oreophryne</i> sp. 2                 | NE            | Y          | PF                     | R         | This study                              | F800      | This study                                |
| <b>Ranidae</b>                          |               |            |                        |           |   |           |   |
| <i>Hylarana celebensis</i>              | LC            | N          | PF, SF                 | C         | WANGER et al. 2010a, WANGER et al. 2009 | <800      | SODHI et al. 2008; updated from our study |
| <i>Hylarana erythraea</i>               | LC            | N          |                        | C         | Amphibia Web 2009                       | <1200     | SODHI et al. 2008                         |
| <i>Hylarana macrops</i>                 | NT            | Y          | PF, SF                 | R         | Amphibia Web 2009, This study           | <1000     | SODHI et al. 2008                         |
| <i>Hylarana mocquardii</i>              | LC            | N          | PF, SF, AF, CP, OA     | C         | INGER et al. 2009, This study           | <1000     | SODHI et al. 2008                         |
| <b>Dicroglossidae</b>                   |               |            |                        |           |   |           |   |
| <i>Fejervarya cancrivora</i>            | LC            | N          | PF, SF, AF, CP, OA, RF | C         | This study                              | <400      | SODHI et al. 2008; updated from our study |
| <i>Fejervarya limnocharis</i>           | LC            | N          | PF, SF, AF, CP, OA, RF | C         | This study                              | <2000     | SODHI et al. 2008                         |
| <i>Limnonectes modestus</i>             | LC            | N          |                        | C         | Amphibia Web 2009                       | <1550     | SODHI et al. 2008; updated from our study |
| <i>Limnonectes</i> cf. <i>arathooni</i> | NE            | Y          | PF                     | R         | WANGER et al. 2010a, WANGER et al. 2009 | F2300     | This study                                |
| <i>Limnonectes</i> cf. <i>modestus</i>  | NE            | N          | PF, SF                 | R         | WANGER et al. 2010a, WANGER et al. 2009 | F1400     | This study                                |
| <i>Limnonectes</i> cf. <i>heinrichi</i> | NE            | Y          | AF                     | R         | WANGER et al. 2010a                     | F1600     | This study                                |
| <i>Limnonectes</i> sp. (medium 3)       | NE            | Y          | PF                     | R         | WANGER et al. 2009                      | F1550     | This study                                |
| <i>Occidozyga celebensis</i>            | LC            | N          |                        | C         | Amphibia Web 2009                       | <1550     | SODHI et al. 2008; updated from our study |
| <i>Occidozyga semipalmata</i>           | LC            | Y          | PF                     | C         | This study                              | <1550     | SODHI et al. 2008; updated from our study |
| <b>Rhacophoridae</b>                    |               |            |                        |           |   |           |   |
| <i>Polypedates leucomystax</i>          | LC            | N          | PF, SF, AF, CP, OA     | C         | Amphibia Web 2009, This study           | <1550     | SODHI et al. 2008                         |
| <i>Rhacophorus edentulus</i>            | DD            | ?          |                        | ?         | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996                    | <1000     | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996                      |
| <i>Rhacophorus monticola</i>            | NT            | Y          |                        | C         | Amphibia Web 2009                       | >1000     | SODHI et al. 2008                         |
| <i>Rhacophorus</i> sp.                  | NE            | ?          | PF, SF                 | C         | J.A. MCGUIRE, pers. comm.               | <300      | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996; this study          |

Table 2. Reptile species of the Lore Lindu National Park. For a detailed column header and explanation of abbreviations used see legend of Tab.1. Further abbreviations: + D.T. ISKANDAR noted that *Rhabdophis chrysargoides* does not occur in Sulawesi, despite the record in DE LANG & VOGEL (2005); ++ we noted indications that shops were selling specimens collected in the Lore Lindu area; this was confirmed by locals. Note that the works by WANGER et al. (2009, 2010a) were also based on this three-year sampling survey and consequently employed the same sampling methods. \$: contains a key to the *Cyrtodactylus* species of Sulawesi.

|  | IUCN<br>Red List | Specia-<br>list | Habitat<br>encountered    | Abun-<br>dance | Source LLNP                                   | Elevation | Source El                   |
|--|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|---|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Snake species</b>                   |                  |                 |                           |                |   |           |                             |
| <b>Colubridae</b>                      |                  |                 |                           |                |   |           |                             |
| <i>Ahaetulla prasina</i>               | NE               | N               | SF, AF, CP                | C              | WANGER et al. 2009                            | < 1300    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Boiga dendrophila gemmicincta</i>   | NE               | Y               |                           | C              | DELANG & VOGEL 2005                           | Lowland   | DE ROOIJ 1917               |
| <i>Boiga irregularis</i>               | NE               | N               | AF                        | C              | WANGER et al. 2010a                           | < 1400    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Calamaria nuchalis</i>              | NE               | N               |                           | C              | DELANG & VOGEL 2005                           | < 610     | DE ROOIJ 1917               |
| <i>Calamaria</i> sp.                   | NE               | N               | SF                        | C              | This study                                    | F800      | This study                  |
| <i>Calamaria virgulata</i>             | NE               | N               |                           | C              | DELANG & VOGEL 2005                           | NA        | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Chrysopelea paradisi celebensis</i> | NE               | N               |                           | C              | DELANG & VOGEL 2005                           | < 1300    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Dendrelaphis pictus pictus</i>      | NE               | N               | AF, CP                    | C              | WANGER et al. 2009                            | < 1400    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Elaphe erythrura celebensis</i>     | NE               | N               |                           | C              | DELANG & VOGEL 2005                           | < 1100    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Gonyosoma janseni</i>               | NE               | N               |                           | R              | DELANG & VOGEL 2005                           | < 1000    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Lycodon stormi</i>                  | NE               | Y               | PF, SF, AF                | R              | This study                                    | F820      | This study                  |
| <i>Oligodon waandersi</i>              | NE               | Y               |                           | C              | DELANG & VOGEL 2005                           | < 1200    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Rabdion forsteni</i>                | NE               | N               | SF                        | C              | This study                                    | < 1830    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Rhabdophis callistus</i>            | NE               | N               | SF                        | R              | WANGER et al. 2009,<br>WANGER et al. 2010a, + | < 1200    | This study                  |
| <i>Psammodynastes pulverulentus</i>    | NE               | N               | SF                        | C              | WANGER et al. 2010a                           | < 2000    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Ptyas dipsas</i>                    | NE               | N               | PF, SF, AF,<br>CP, OA     | R              | This study                                    | < 1100    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <i>Xenochrophis trianguligerus</i>     | NE               | N               | PF, SF, AF,<br>CP, OA, RF | C              | This study                                    | < 1400    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <b>Cylindrophiiidae</b>                |                  |                 |                           |                |   |           |                             |
| <i>Cylindrophis melanotus</i>          | NE               | Y               |                           | C              | DELANG & VOGEL 2005                           | < 1200    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <b>Elapidae</b>                        |                  |                 |                           |                |   |           |                             |
| <i>Ophiophagus hannah</i>              | NE               | N               | PF, SF, AF,<br>CP, OA, RF | R              | This study; ++                                | < 1800    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <b>Pythonidae</b>                      |                  |                 |                           |                |   |           |                             |
| <i>Python reticulatus reticulatus</i>  | NE               | N               |                           | C              | DELANG & VOGEL 2005                           | < 1300    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <b>Viperidae</b>                       |                  |                 |                           |                |   |           |                             |
| <i>Tropidolaemus subannulatus</i>      | NE               | N               |                           | C              | DELANG & VOGEL 2005;<br>VOGEL et al. 2007     | < 1300    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <b>Xenopeltidae</b>                    |                  |                 |                           |                |   |           |                             |
| <i>Xenopeltis unicolor</i>             | NE               | N               | AF, CP                    | C              | WANGER et al. 2009,<br>WANGER et al. 2010a    | < 1300    | DELANG & VOGEL 2005         |
| <b>Lizard species</b>                  |                  |                 |                           |                |   |           |                             |
| <b>Agamidae</b>                        |                  |                 |                           |                |   |           |                             |
| <i>Bronchocela celebensis</i>          | NE               | N               | PF, SF, AF, CP            | C              | WANGER et al. 2009                            | < 1200    | This study                  |
| <i>Bronchocela cristatella</i>         | NE               | N               | PF, SF, SF, CP            | C              | This study                                    | < 1600    | MANTHEY &<br>GROSSMANN 1997 |
| <i>Draco spilonotus</i>                | NE               | ?               |                           | ?              | McGUIRE et al. 2007                           | < 1016    | McGUIRE et al. 2007         |
| <i>Draco walkeri</i>                   | NE               | ?               |                           | ?              | McGUIRE et al. 2007                           | < 1840    | McGUIRE et al. 2007         |
| <b>Gekkonidae</b>                      |                  |                 |                           |                |   |           |                             |
| <i>Cyrtodactylus spinosus</i>          | NE               | ?               | ?                         | ?              | WANGER et al. 2009                            | ~ 600     | LINKEM et al. 2008          |
| <i>Cyrtodactylus wallacei</i>          | NE               | ?               |                           | ?              | HAYDEN et al. 2008, \$                        | NA        | HAYDEN et al. 2008          |
| <i>Cyrtodactylus jellesmae</i>         | NE               | Y               | SF, AF                    | R              | WANGER et al. 2009                            | < 850     | WANGER et al. 2009          |
| <i>Gekko gecko</i>                     | NE               | Y               | CP, OA                    | C              | This study                                    | < 900     | MANTHEY &<br>GROSSMANN 1997 |
| <i>Gekko monarchus</i>                 | NE               | N               | PF, SF, AF, CP,<br>OA     | O              | This study                                    | < 1500    | MANTHEY &<br>GROSSMANN 1997 |



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|  | IUCN Red List | Specialist | Habitat encountered | Abundance | Source LLNP                             | Elevation | Source El                    |
|--|---------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|---|-----------|------------------------------|
| <i>Gehyra mutilata</i>                     | NE            | N          |                     | C         | WHITTEN et al. 2002                     | < 1500    | MANTHEY & GROSSMANN 1997     |
| <i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>               | NE            | N          | OA                  | C         | This study                              | < 1600    | MANTHEY & GROSSMANN 1997     |
| <i>Hemidactylus platyurus</i>              | NE            | N          |                     | C         | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996                    | < 1200    | DE ROOIJ 1915                |
| <b>Scincidae</b>                           |               |            |                     |           |   |           |                              |
| <i>Sphenomorphus celebensis</i>            | ?             | ?          |                     | ?         | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996                    | < 1200    | DE ROOIJ 1915                |
| <i>Emoia atrocostata</i>                   | NE            | Y          |                     | O         | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996                    | Lowland   | DE ROOIJ 1915                |
| <i>Emoia caeruleocauda</i>                 | NE            | Y          |                     | C         | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996                    | < 920     | DE ROOIJ 1915                |
| <i>Eutropis</i> sp.                        | NE            | N          | SF, AF, CP, OA      | C         | WANGER et al. 2009, WANGER et al. 2010a | < 900     | This study                   |
| <i>Eutropis multifasciatus</i>             | NE            | Y          | CP, OA              | C         | WANGER et al. 2009, WANGER et al. 2010a | < 1800    | MANTHEY & GROSSMANN 1997     |
| <i>Eutropis rudis</i>                      | NE            | N          | PF, SF, AF, CP      | C         | WANGER et al. 2009, WANGER et al. 2010a | < 900     | This study                   |
| <i>Lamprolepis smaragdina</i>              | NE            | ?          |                     | ?         | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996                    | < 300     | DE ROOIJ 1915                |
| <i>Parvosцинus</i> sp.                     | NE            | ?          | PF, SF, AF, CP      | ?         | WANGER et al. 2009, WANGER et al. 2010a | < 850     | This study                   |
| <i>Lipinia inconspicua</i>                 | NE            | ?          | ?                   | ?         | WANGER et al. 2009, WANGER et al. 2010a | < 1200    | DE ROOIJ 1915                |
| <i>Sphenomorphus</i> cf. <i>textus</i>     | NE            | ?          | PF, AF, CP, OA      | ?         | WANGER et al. 2009, this study          | < 900     | This study                   |
| <i>Sphenomorphus nigrilabris</i>           | NE            | Y          | PF, SF, AF, CP      | ?         | WANGER et al. 2009, WANGER et al. 2010a | < 900     | This study                   |
| <i>Sphenomorphus tropidonotus</i>          | NE            | ?          |                     | ?         | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996                    | < 900     | This study                   |
| <i>Sphenomorphus</i> cf. <i>variegatus</i> | NE            | N          | PF, SF, AF, OA      | ?         | WANGER et al. 2009, WANGER et al. 2010a | < 900     | This study                   |
| <i>Tropidophorus baconi</i>                | NE            | ?          |                     | ?         | HIKIDA et al. 2003                      | < 1000    | This study                   |
| <b>Dibamidae</b>                           |               |            |                     |           |   |           |                              |
| <i>Dibamus celebensis</i>                  | NE            | ?          |                     | R         | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996                    | < 1400    | DE ROOIJ 1915                |
| <b>Varanidae</b>                           |               |            |                     |           |   |           |                              |
| <i>Varanus salvator</i>                    | NE            | N          |                     | C         | ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996, this study        | < 1200    | MCKAY 2006                   |
| <b>Turtle species</b>                      |               |            |                     |           |   |           |                              |
| <b>Geoemydidae</b>                         |               |            |                     |           |   |           |                              |
| <i>Cuora amboinensis</i>                   | V             | N          |                     | C         | D.T. ISKANDAR, pers. observ.            | Lowland   | MANTHEY & GROSSMANN 1997     |
| <i>Leucocephalon yuwonoi</i>               | CE            | ?          |                     | R         | IVES et al. 2008                        | Lowland   | D.T. ISKANDAR, pers. observ. |
| <b>Testudinidae</b>                        |               |            |                     |           |   |           |                              |
| <i>Indotestudo forstenii</i>               | E             | ?          |                     | R         | IVES et al. 2008                        | Lowland   | DE ROOIJ 1915                |
| <b>Trionychidae</b>                        |               |            |                     |           |   |           |                              |
| <i>Amyda cartilaginea</i>                  | V             | ?          | ?                   | ?         | KOCH et al. 2008                        | Lowland   | DE ROOIJ 1915                |

adapted to lower elevations. The remaining amphibians occur in the lowland or within a broad elevation range. None of the reptiles seem to be high-elevation specialists. For pictures of most of the encountered amphibian and lizard species see the Appendices. Photographs of most snakes of Sulawesi can be found in DE LANG and VOGEL (2005).

### Discussion

Due to its geological past, Sulawesi's herpetofaunal diversity is lower compared to the neighbouring islands such as Borneo, the Moluccas or Papua (e.g., Whitten et al. 2002).

Being a global endemism hotspot, our species list supports the notion of ISKANDAR and TJAN (1996) that Central Sulawesi is a very valuable area for the herpetofauna of the island. However, many areas in the region have not yet been covered by herpetological surveys – and the fact that dozens of species are awaiting formal description suggests that many more are likely to be discovered (D.T. ISKANDAR, pers. obs.). Our current result of few high-elevation specialist amphibian and no such reptile species may just reflect an under-sampling of mountainous habitats. A better estimate of an approximate number of elevation specialists is crucial, however, because these species will be most severely affected by climate change.

During this survey, we did not encounter some of the species found during previous surveys. One reason for this could be that species have declined in numbers or became locally extinct due to the rapidly progressing deforestation. This development is evident in the northeastern parts of the park (the Dongi-Dongi area), where immigrants from South Sulawesi, but also other parts of Indonesia, rapidly convert the forest into cacao plantations (WEBER et al. 2007). As, for example, one of the study areas of the cited studies (ISKANDAR & TJAN 1996) focused in parts on this particular site, several species are likely to have since become at least locally extinct. In addition, the present study has not exhaustively sampled the area, even though most relevant habitat types were covered. We did not use pitfall traps because the effort required to maintain these setups are cost- and labour-intensive, but may not trade off well in terms of what they add to the species list. The penalty is that we are likely to have missed several secretive and fossorial species such as *Dibamus* spp., *Calamaria* spp., *Pseudorabdion* spp., and small skinks. The high herpetological diversity we found within this endemic hotspot is, however, severely threatened by the rapid forest conversion for cacao plantation; already one million ha of Sulawesi's land surface have been converted into these plantations to serve the global demand for cocoa (Direktorat Jenderal Perkebunan 2008).

Recently, two ecological studies explicitly investigated the effects of land-use change on amphibians and reptiles in the Lore Lindu National Park (WANGER et al. 2009, 2010). Results indicated clearly that amphibians will be severely impacted by forest conversion, most likely due to their sensitivity to desiccation. For these animals, extensive pristine forest coverage is crucial for survival. Many reptiles, however, may benefit from agricultural habitats, as their life histories in general are more dependent on thermoregulation in open canopy spots (HUEY et al. 2009, WANGER et al. 2010a). The sensitivity of both groups to climatic alterations (POUNDS et al. 2006, HUEY et al. 2009, WANGER et al. 2009) can – to a certain extent – be made allowance for by a considerate structural management of these agricultural habitats. Cacao plantations with sufficient canopy cover, leaf litter thickness, and heaps of branches have a likely potential for sustaining greater herpetofaunal species richness and abundance than heavy-handedly managed, cleared lands. However, the main beneficiaries will certainly be common and “robust” species such as the Celebes toad (*Ingerophrynus celebensis*), the common sun skink (*Eutropis multifasciatus*), and a common but as yet undescribed skink species (*Eutropis* sp.).

Besides supporting conservation arguments with data (i.e., giving rough figures of how many species occur in an area), such species lists may greatly facilitate capacity-building of local researchers and field guides for ecotourism. For local researchers, learning the members of a local fauna by their scientific names is an important means for conducting sound scientific projects. Moreover, if ecotourists come to remote places to see wildlife, amphibians are often the only vertebrates they get to see. It is beneficial if local guides can then name a ‘Celebes Toad’ on the basis of a brochure instead of referring to it as ‘Tete’ (i.e., the species’ name in the local language [Bahasa Toro]). Booklets for tourists will in addition provide financial support for

the national park bureau to fund the paying of often insufficient salaries for local rangers.

Future research efforts should target an extensive and complete coverage of the herpetofauna of Sulawesi (D.T. ISKANDAR et al., unpubl.) based on genetic and morphological analyses of species, many of which have so far remained undescribed. Simultaneously, explorative surveys in the region should continue in particular in remote mountainous areas where no herpetofaunistic sampling has so far been conducted. More ecological studies are needed to assess the effects of pesticides on amphibians and reptiles as well as biodiversity in general as forest is converted into plantation habitats (WANGER et al. 2010b). Conservation value assessments may provide guidelines of how to make secondary habitats more hospitable to biodiversity. However, this will only work if we can take potentially detrimental pesticide effects into account.

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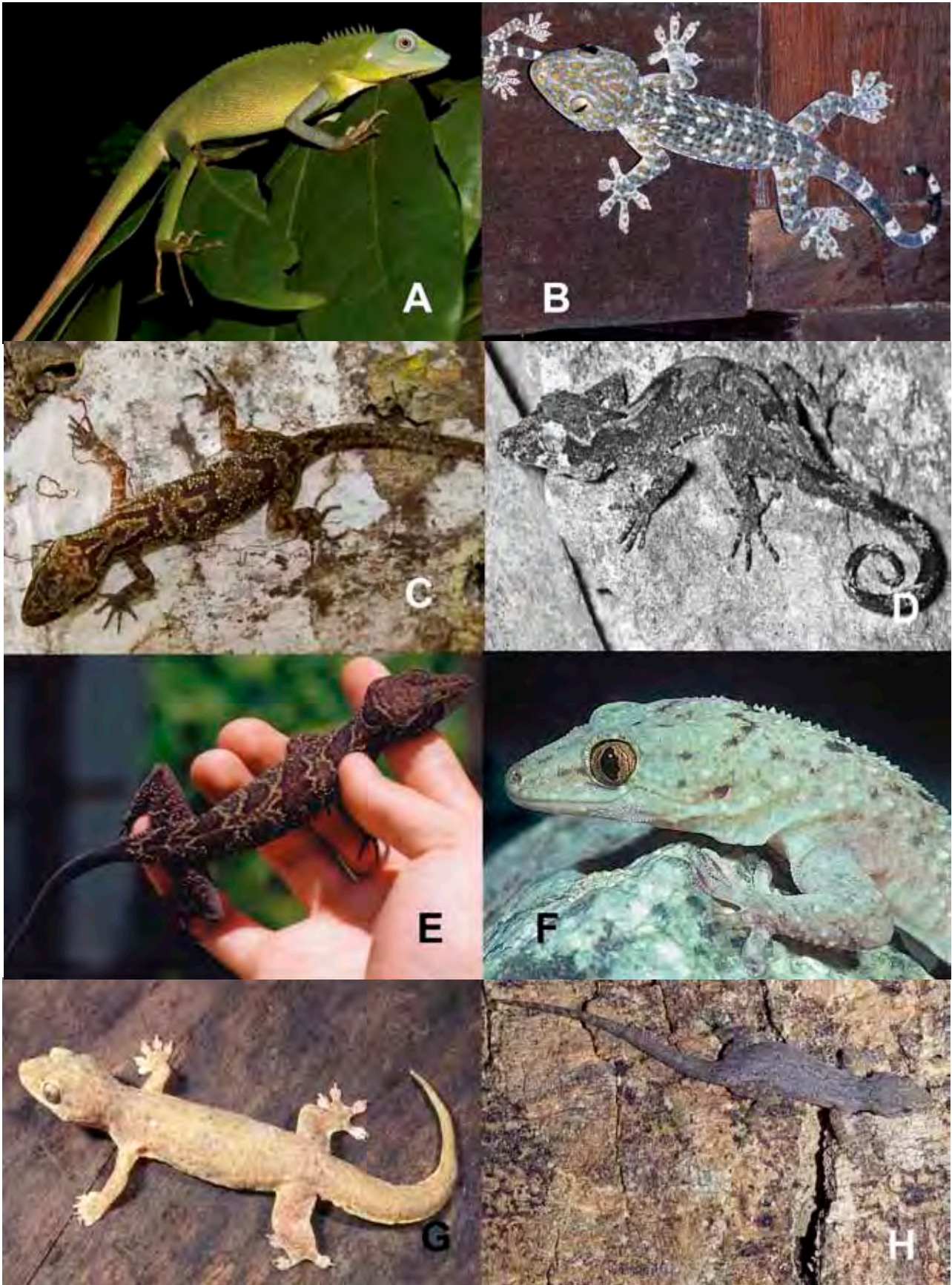
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Appendix 1. Agamidae: A = *Bronchocela celebensis*; Gekkonidae: B = *Gekko gecko* (West Malaysia; Photo by U. MANTHEY); C = *Cyrtodactylus jellesmae*; D = *Cyrtodactylus spinosus* (reproduced with permission from the authors and Allen Press); E = *Cyrtodactylus wallacei* (reproduced with permission from the authors and Allen Press); F = *Gekko monarchus* (West Malaysia; Photo by U. MANTHEY); G = *Gehyra mutilata* (Photo by G. GILLESPIE); H = *Hemidactylus frenatus* (Thailand; Photo by U. MANTHEY).





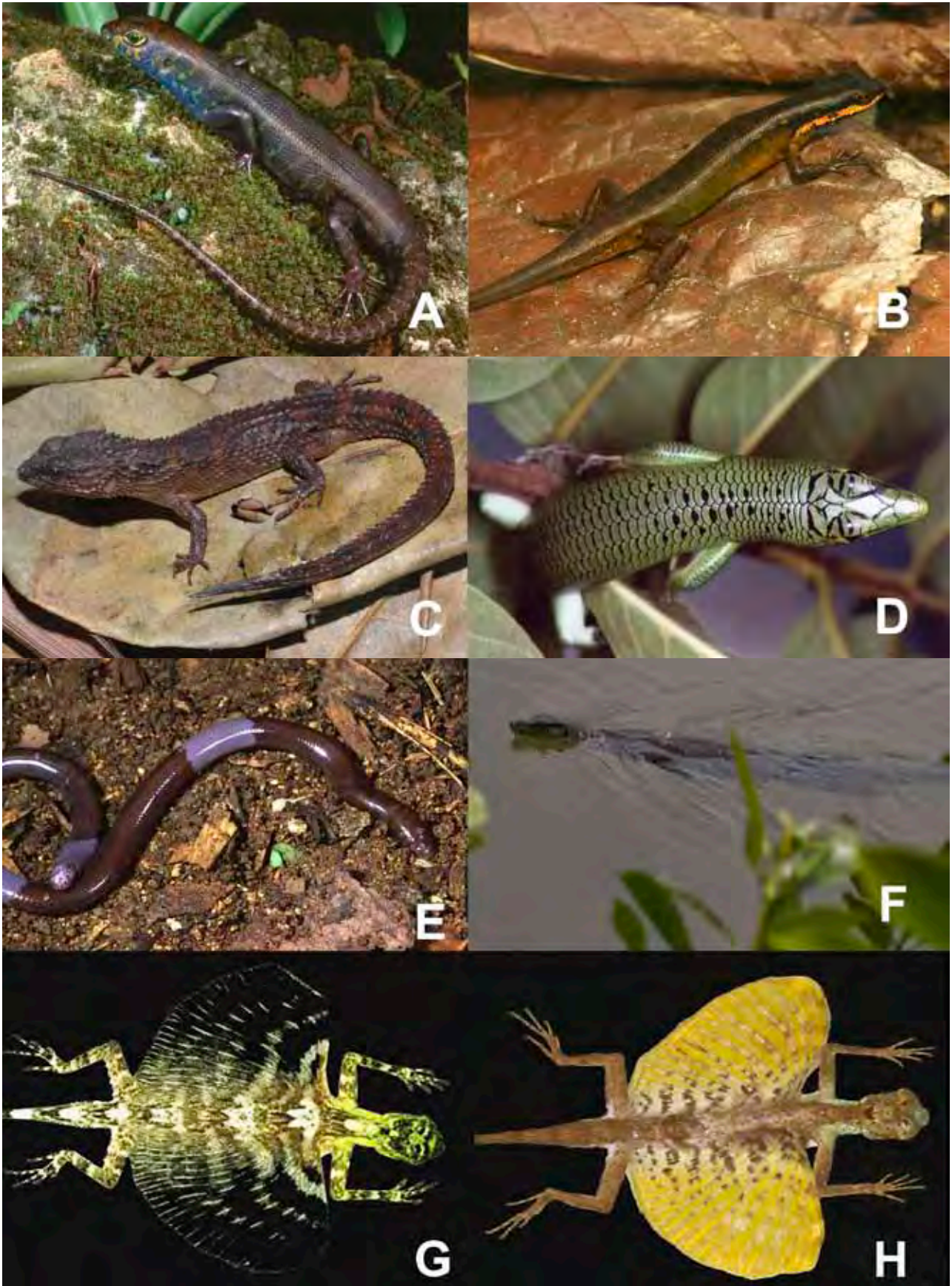
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Appendix 2. Gekkonidae: A = *Hemidactylus platyurus* (Thailand; Photo by U. MANTHEY); Scincidae: B = *Emoia atrocostata* (Photo by G. GILLESPIE); C = *Eutropis* n. sp.; D = *Eutropis multifasciatus*; E = *Eutropis rudis*; F = *Parvosцинus* sp.; G = *Sphenomorphus* cf. *textus*; H = *Sphenomorphus nigrilabris*.





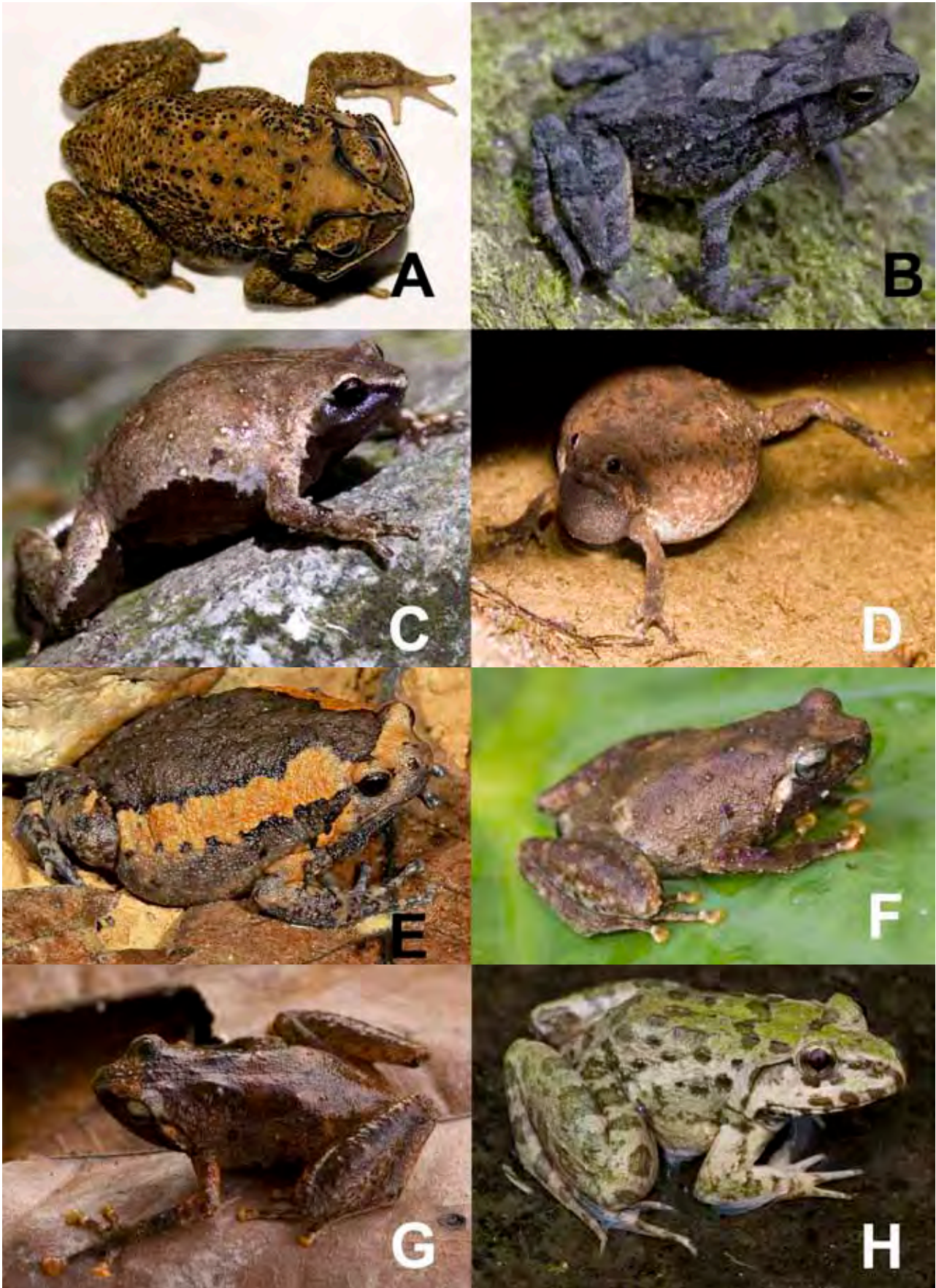
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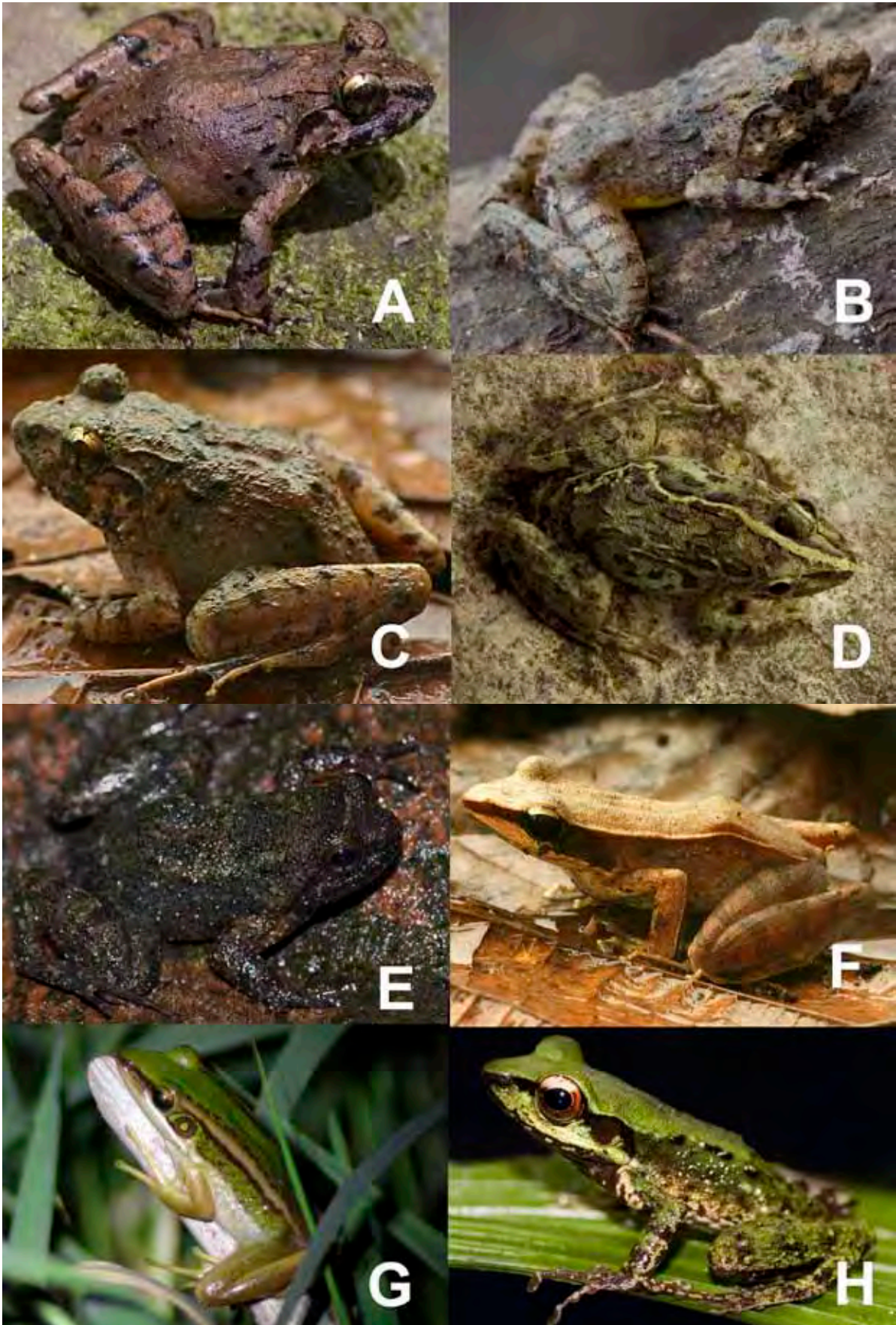
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Appendix 4. Bufonidae: A = *Duttaphrynus melanostictus*; B = *Ingerophrynus celebensis* (juvenile); Microhylidae: C = *Callulops* n. sp.; D = *Kaloula baleata*; E = *Kaloula pulchra* (West Malaysia; Photo by U. MANTHEY); F = *Oreophryne* n. sp.1; G = *Oreophryne* n. sp.2; Dicroglossidae: *Fejervarya cancrivora*





Appendix 5. Dicroglossidae: A = *Limnonectes* cf. *modestus*; B = *Limnonectes* cf. *arathooni*; C = *Limnonectes* cf. *heinrichi*; D = *Fejervarya limnocharis*; E = *Occidozyga semipalmata*; Ranidae: F = *Hylarana celebensis*; G = *Hylarana erythraea*; H = *Hylarana macrops*.



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Appendix 6. Ranidae: A = *Hylarana mocquardii*; Rhacophoridae: B = *Polypedates leucomystax*; C = *Rhacophorus* sp. (Photo by J. A. MCGUIRE)

