

Amathole Toad

Vandijkophrynus amatolicus

Critically Endangered



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The Threatened Amphibian Programme (TAP) is the latest initiative by the EWT aimed at addressing a growing need in South Africa for the involvement of the NGO sector in amphibian conservation:

1. Implementing specific conservation actions to address direct threats to amphibian species and protect critical amphibian habitat,
2. Supporting relevant research projects focussed on critical knowledge gaps in amphibian conservation and biology,
3. Raising awareness through education and public initiatives regarding amphibians in a South African context.

Have you seen this toad ?

The Amathole Toad is a small toad (up to 40 cm), restricted to the montane grasslands of the Winterberg and Amathole mountains. It is listed as Critically Endangered based on how scarce it appears to be becoming. The species has only been seen twice in 26 years. It breeds in temporary pools and seepages in upland grasslands during heavy rains between September and January.

Description: Colouring is brown – grey, usually with a pale vertebral line. The skin is very warty. The call is a nasal squawk.

With the support of the **Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund**, the Hogsback Threatened Frogs Project is implementing conservation actions for this species in the Hogsback area.

For more information If you know of any localities or have any sightings of the Amathole Toad

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