

Hoplobatrachus occipitalis

Taxonomic Authority: (Gunther, 1858)

Synonyms:

Order: Anura

Notes on taxonomy: This species is believed to consist of at least two species (Bogart and Tandy 1981), with tetraploid populations known from the islands of Lake Victoria and from Liberia. These have not yet been formally distinguished.

Region: 10

Common Names:

Crowned Bullfrog English

General Information

Biome

Terrestrial

Freshwater

Marine

Geographic Range of species:

This species of the African savannah zone ranges from southern Mauritania to Ethiopia, south through East Africa to northern Zambia, southern and western Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, and coastal Congo and Gabon. There are isolated populations in southwestern Libya, southeastern Western Sahara and nearby Mauritania, the Air mountains of Niger, and northern Mali [Adrar de Iforas].

Conservation Measures:

It occurs in many protected areas.

Habitat and Ecology Information:

It lives in many habitats from dry savannahs to disturbed forest, using logging roads and rivers to penetrate deep into lowland forest. It breeds in small to medium-sized temporary waters, but not in permanent waters, since it cannot compete with fish.

Threats:

Human consumption is a problem locally, especially in West and Central Africa. However, it is an adaptable species, and overall it is not significantly threatened.

Species population information:

It is widespread and common over much of its range, with relict isolated populations in oases and wells in the Sahelian and Saharan regions.

<u>Country Distribution</u>	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced	Vagrant
Algeria	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Angola	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Benin	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Burkina Faso	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Burundi	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Cameroon	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Central African Republic	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Chad	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Congo	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Côte D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Equatorial Guinea	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Ethiopia	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Gabon	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Gambia	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Ghana	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Guinea	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Guinea-Bissau	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Kenya	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Liberia	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Mali	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Mauritania	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Morocco	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Niger	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Nigeria	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Rwanda	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Senegal	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Sierra Leone	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Sudan	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Tanzania	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Togo	✓	■	■	■	■	■

Uganda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Western Sahara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Zambia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

FAO Marine Habitats	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced

Major Lakes

Major Rivers

Upper Level Habitat Preferences	Score	Lower Level Habitat Preferences	Score
1.6 Forest - Subtropical/Tropical Moist Lowland	1	Broadleaf Crops	1
2.1 Savanna - Dry	1	Cool Fields and Woods	1
2.2 Savanna - Moist	1	Cool Irrigated Cropland	1
3.5 Shrubland - Subtropical/Tropical Dry	1	Corn and Beans Cropland	1
3.6 Shrubland - Subtropical/Tropical Moist	1	Crops, Grass, Shrubs	1
4.5 Grassland - Subtropical/Tropical Dry	1	Dry Tropical Woods	1
4.6 Grassland - Subtropical/Tropical Seasonally Wet/Flooded	1	Dry Woody Scrub	1
5.1 Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Rivers/Streams/Creeks (includes waterfalls)	1	Fields and Woody Savanna	1
5.2 Wetlands (inland) - Seasonal/Intermittent/Irregular Rivers/Streams/Creeks	1	Grass Crops	1
5.5 Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Freshwater Lakes (over 8ha)	2	Hot Irrigated Cropland	1
5.6 Wetlands (inland) - Seasonal/Intermittent Freshwater Lakes (over 8ha)	1	Irrigated Grassland	1
5.7 Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Freshwater Marshes/Pools (under 8ha)	2	Savanna (Woods)	1
5.8 Wetlands (inland) - Seasonal/Intermittent Freshwater Marshes/Pools (under 8ha)	1	Seasonal Tropical Forest	1
5.9 Wetlands (inland) - Freshwater Springs and Oases	1	Semi Desert Shrubs	1
8.4 Desert - Semi-Desert (no trees present)	1	Succulent and Thorn Scrub	1
11.1 Artificial/Terrestrial - Arable Land	1	Tropical Degraded Forest	1
11.2 Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	1	Tropical Rainforest	1
11.4 Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens	1	Woody Savanna	1
11.6 Artificial/Terrestrial - Subtropical/Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest	1		
12.2 Artificial/Aquatic - Ponds (below 8ha)	1		

Major threats

Code	Description of threat	Past	Present	Future	Code	Conservation measures	In place	Needed
1	Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	Research actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1	Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.1	Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1	Crops	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.2	Population numbers and range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1.1	Shifting Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.3	Biology and Ecology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1.2	Small-holder farming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.4	Habitat status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.4	Livestock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.5	Threats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.4.1	Nomadic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.6	Uses and harvest levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.4.2	Small-holder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.9	Trends/Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.4	Infrastructure development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	Habitat and site-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4.2	Human settlement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.1	Maintenance/Conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Harvesting (hunting/gathering)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.4	Protected areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.1	Food	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.4.2	Establishment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.1.1	Subsistence use/local trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.4.3	Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Pollution (affecting habitat and/or species)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
6.3	Water pollution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
6.3.1	Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
6.3.2	Domestic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Utilisation of Species

Purpose/Type of Use	Subsistence	National	International	Other purpose:
1. Food - human	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Primary forms removed from the wild	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50%
1. Whole animal/plant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Source of specimens in commercial trade	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50%
			<25%	Other forms removed from the wild:
				Other source of specimens:

Trend in wild offtake/harvest in relation to total wild population numbers over last five years: Unknown

Trend in offtake/harvest produced through domestication/cultivation over last five years:

CITES: Not listed

Red Listing

Red List Assessment: Least Concern (LC) Possibly Extinct

Red List Criteria:

Rationale for the Red List Assessment: Listed as Least Concern in view of its wide distribution, tolerance of a wide variety of habitats, presumed large population, and because it is unlikely to be declining fast enough to qualify for listing in a more threatened category.

Current Population Trend: Decreasing **Date of Assessment:** 12/17/2004

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Notes on Red listing:

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