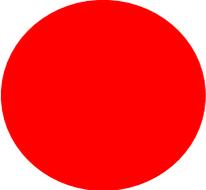


Value Save Study



# Frogs

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## Frogs are in peril!

They have stop singing but are weeping now!

Frogs are increasingly being disappeared from earth. We have destructed their habitat, added pollutants to their surroundings and threatened their lives.

Global warming has caused their surroundings warm to which they can't get adapted to. They are going extinct !!

Helping frogs is helping life .....

We have to do something before its too late.

- ✕ Enrich frog habitats: Plant a tree and build a pond in your backyard, Stop destroying their habitats.
- ✕ Avoid releasing toxic chemicals to the environment.
- ✕ Share your concerns: Spread the message of conservations. Create awareness in the society. Join an environmental club or even you can create one.

Observe. Make records :they are interesting animals to study.



# Protect

Our



Wild

Friends

# Frogs

## Know your frogs



▼ Frogs are fascinating animals. They are the first to come from water to land. They lead an amphibious life - both in water and on land. They lay eggs in water.

▼ Eggs hatch into tadpoles. They spend their early years in the water, breathing through gills in the side of their head in much the same way as fish do. In many ways they resemble fish: they

have no legs, and swim by wriggling their tail.

▼ As they mature, frogs will usually lose their gills and develop legs.

▼ Frogs have smooth skin, and long legs to help them leap. Toads have drier warty skin and short legs'

▼ Adult frogs breathe with lungs, but also absorb oxygen through their skin.

▼ They sing for us indicating rains.

## Did you know ?

√ Some frogs can jump as much as 20 times their own length.

√ Most frogs can change their color somewhat to match the environment they live.

√ Some tree frogs live their whole lives in the trees. They even lay their eggs in the tree branches or on leaves.



## Froggies are our friends!!

Frogs play a key role as prey as well as predators. They eat insects and help to eliminate pests and mosquitoes that cause diseases.

Frogs have been used in scientific experiments to understand life processes. Some of these studies have won Nobel prize!

Their sensitive skin make them vulnerable to environmental contaminants.

Hence frogs are regarded as indicator species.

## Frogs overseas ---

Lucky frogs :In Japan frogs are symbols of good luck and wealth. Native American and Australian aborigines believed frogs brought rain.

In China it wasn't the Man in the Moon but the Frog in the Moon. In a lunar eclipse the frog swallowed the moon!

## Meet Sri Lankan friends

Sri Lanka is a frog" hot spot". We have a large number of frogs per a square kilo meter.

We have 104 frog species living in the island.

Most are endemic !!