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Animal Fact Sheet

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African Clawed Frog

Xenopus laevis

Xenopus laevis is a frog built for a life entirely in water: it has no tongue, no eardrum and no visible ears, and it shovels food into its mouth with its hands. Along its flanks run rows of stitch-l…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Pipidae
Habitat: Freshwater ponds, lakes, and slow-moving streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 60-200 grams
Scientific name: Xenopus laevis

Did you know?

- African Clawed Frogs were once widely used in human pregnancy tests because their hormones cause them to lay eggs when exposed to a pregnant woman's …
- Xenopus eggs are large, hardy and develop outside the mother, which made this frog one of the founding model organisms of developmental biology; its …

What I learned

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