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Animal Fact Sheet

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Lake Titicaca Frog

Telmatobius culeus

Telmatobius culeus lives entirely underwater in Lake Titicaca, 3,800 m up on the Peru-Bolivia border, where the air holds barely two-thirds the oxygen of sea level and the water is cold year-round. I…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Telmatobiidae
Habitat: Freshwater lakes and streams at high altitudes
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 5-15 years
Weight: 250-1,000 grams
Scientific name: Telmatobius culeus

Did you know?

- The Lake Titicaca Frog is so uniquely adapted to its environment that it can suffocate if taken out of water for too long.
- Jacques Cousteau's 1969 expedition to Lake Titicaca reported enormous numbers of these frogs at depth, some estimated at over 50 cm with legs extende…

What I learned

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