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Animal Fact Sheet

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Panamanian Golden Frog

Atelopus zeteki

Atelopus zeteki is not a frog at all in the strict sense: it is a true toad, family Bufonidae, despite the smooth, brilliant yellow skin. It is the national animal of Panama, printed on lottery ticke…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Bufonidae
Habitat: Cloud forests near fast-flowing streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 2-5 grams
Scientific name: Atelopus zeteki

Did you know?

- The Panamanian Golden Frog is believed to be extinct in the wild, with only a few individuals surviving in captive breeding programs and conservation…
- Panamanian folklore held that the toads turned to gold when they died, and a golden frog sighting was a sign of good luck — the figures are still sol…

What I learned

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