

Species of the Month 12/2023 || Crab-eating Frog

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The Crab-eating Frog lives up to its name as those found in the mangroves have a preference for crabs 🦀🦀 and other small crustaceans!

Unlike most frogs which prefer the freshwater environment, it also has the unique ability to tolerate salt water.

Find out more about this interesting amphibian below! 🐸👉

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CRAB-EATING FROG

Fejervarya cancrivora

APPEARANCE

- This species has varying patterns and colouration, with some even possessing a vertebral stripe.
- They possess extensive webbing on their hind feet, while their front feet have none. This distinguishes them from another similar-looking species, the Field Frog, whose hind feet have less extensive webbing.

HABITAT

- The Crab-eating Frog can be found in a variety of habitats, including mangroves due to their unique ability to tolerate brackish water.
- It is common to see one hopping around after an evening of heavy rain!

DIET

- In urban areas, these frogs are known to feed on insects.
- However, those found in mangrove areas have a preference for crabs and other small crustaceans!

FUN FACT

These are one of three frogs that you can actually keep as a pet in Singapore! They are sometimes sold in fish shops as feeder animals for large fish. The legs of these frogs are also consumed as a delicacy in other parts of Southeast Asia.

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