

SOLOMON ISLAND LEAF FROG

Cornufer guentheri

Boulenger, 1884



CLASSIFICATION

Class: Amphibia

Order: Anura

Family: Ceratobatrachidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

RARE



LEAST CONCERN

Identification : Males are up to 10 cm in length, females are smaller. Unmistakable species with triangular shaped head. Coloration beige to clear grey with indefinite mottling and fading lines, making this frog look like a dead tree leaf.

Range: The species occurs in the Solomon Islands archipelago and also on Bougainville and Buka Islands in Papua New Guinea.

Habitat : Forest floor in rainforests and secondary forests, up to 700 meters.

Behavior: Mostly nocturnal, ambush predator feeding on insects, invertebrates, small reptiles and amphibians. No tadpole stage, the species is born as tiny froglets.

Status in the wild: The species is very common throughout its range and can tolerate habitat changes. It faces no imminent threats and its populations are stable so far.

In captivity: The species is commoner in American zoos than it is in Europe. Only a single European zoo currently displays the species. In America, it's bred on regular basis. Globally more often kept in private collections than in zoos.