

SPOTTED REED FROG

Hyperolius puncticulatus

Pfeffer, 1893



PIERRE DE CHABANNES

CLASSIFICATION

Class: Amphibia

Order: Anura

Family: Hyperoliidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

RARE



ENDANGERED

Identification : Females can reach up to 3.7 cm in length, males are smaller. The species is dark yellow to orange with a row of variable and merging white to clear yellow spots edged with black occurring in front and behind the eyes.

Range: The species is endemic to the western half of the Island of Zanzibar. (Tanzania)

Habitat : It lives in both dry and moist forests, bushy areas and can tolerate a little bit of habitat change as long as its habitat remains « closed ».

Behavior: Males are territorial. They call from the vegetation located around pools.

Status in the wild: The species is locally common within its extremely small breeding range. Habitat clearing for agriculture is the main threat it currently faces.

In captivity: The species was fairly common in European zoos around 2008 but is now only kept in 4 collections and rarely bred. It is also very rare in America and Asia. The species is occasionally imported and sold in reptile shops.