

# SURINAM HORNED FROG

*Ceratophrys cornuta*  
Linnaeus, 1758



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## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Amphibia

**Order:** Anura

**Family:** Ceratophryidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

UNCOMMON



## LEAST CONCERN

**Identification :** One of the largest species of its genus, reaching a body length of 20 cm. Very large flat head with huge mouth and distinctive horn-like projections over eyes. Coloration usually cream to beige with faint darker banding on flanks and head.

**Range:** The species occurs in South America, from central Colombia to Peru and north Bolivia, east to Venezuela, Guianas and Brazil.

**Habitat :** Humid tropical rainforests, close to rivers and lakes.

**Behavior:** The species is solitary, territorial and potentially cannibalistic. Feeds on any small animal it can swallow. Eggs are laid around aquatic vegetation.

**Status in the wild:** The species is fairly rare, only locally common but it has a huge range and can tolerate a certain degree of habitat modification. Not threatened so far.

**In captivity:** This species is less common than *C. cranwelli* and *C. ornata* in captivity as it is less often imported, especially in Europe. It is generally commoner in private hands than in zoos. At the moment, kept in 6 European zoos, very rarely bred.