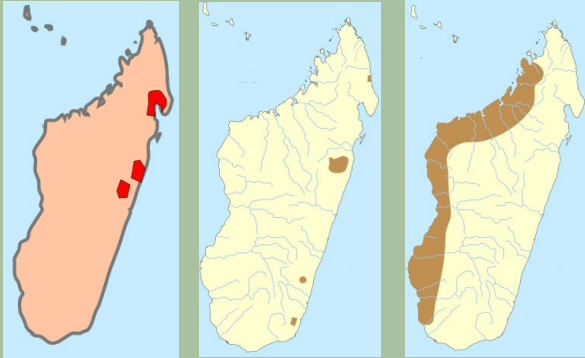


Vegetable, Fruit or Frog?: The Tomato Frog

Habitat

There are three species of Tomato frogs. They are among more than 300 known frog species found in Madagascar.



Habitat range. Pictured above from left to right:
True Tomato Frog (*Dyscophus antongilii*), Sambava Tomato Frog (*Dyscophus guineti*), Antsouhy Tomato Frog (*Dyscophus insularis*)

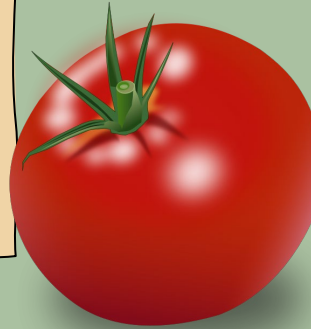


Pictured above from left to right:
True Tomato Frog, Sambava Tomato Frog, and Antsouhy Tomato Frog

What's in a name?

Tomato frogs get their name from their striking resemblance to tomatoes, due to their yellow to red coloration.

These frogs are popular in the pet trade as they are attractive and moderately easy to care for.



Toxic Tomato

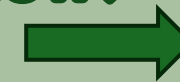
Tomato frogs discourage predators by inflating themselves with air to double in size (pictured above). They also secrete a very sticky and slightly poisonous substance, which makes them a very unpleasant snack.

Built Different

Tomato frogs do not have webbed hind legs and are poor swimmers. These frogs prefer to stay semi-buried in dirt and leaves and wait for prey to come to them before they ambush.



Did you
know?



Female tomato frogs lay 1000-1500 eggs at a time! The eggs hatch into tadpoles in 36 hours and become tiny froglets in just 45 days.



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more!

Audience:

The audience I am targeting is the average person who may be viewing tomato frogs in captivity. I wanted the writing to be accessible to laypersons and kept the verbiage below an 8th grade level.

Specific Purpose:

The specific purpose of my artifact is to provide fun facts about the tomato frog, and to encourage interest in the species.

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