

Project Update: May 2012

Habitat mapping of amphibians of Punakha Wangdiphodrang valley is completed and the species recorded include:

1. Himalayan salamander/crocodile newt, *Tylototriton verrucosus* Anderson, 1871
2. Himalayan toad, *Duttaphrynus himalayanus* (Günther, 1864)
3. Common Asian toad, *Duttaphrynus melanostictus* (Schneider, 1799)
4. *Duttaphrynus* cf. *stuarti* (Smith, 1929)
5. Himalayan tree frog *Polypedates* cf. *himalayensis* (Annandale, 1912)
6. Nankiang horned toad *Xenophrys* cf. *nankiangensis* (Liu & Hu, 1966)
7. Mountain cascade frog, *Amolops* cf. *monticola* (Anderson, 1871)
8. Liebig's mountain frog, *Nanorana liebigii* (Guenther, 1860)
9. *Nanorana* species

However, the standout package of the study has been the *Nanorana* species (Serial # 9) which is apparently new to biology. Further study is required for the species to be confirmed so that if it turns out to be new, a new name can be given. Images of the species discovered and the study area below.

