



## Introduction to Amphibians



## Amphibians

- Skin (moist) is a lung
- Rapidly gain or lose water
- Complex development
- Water removal kidneys

Lungless Salamanders



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Where are  
the lungs?



Treefrogs

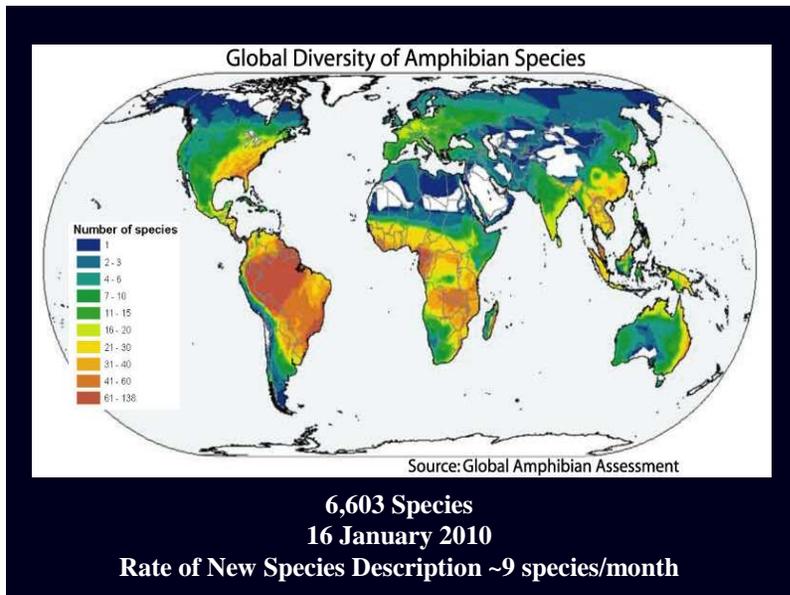
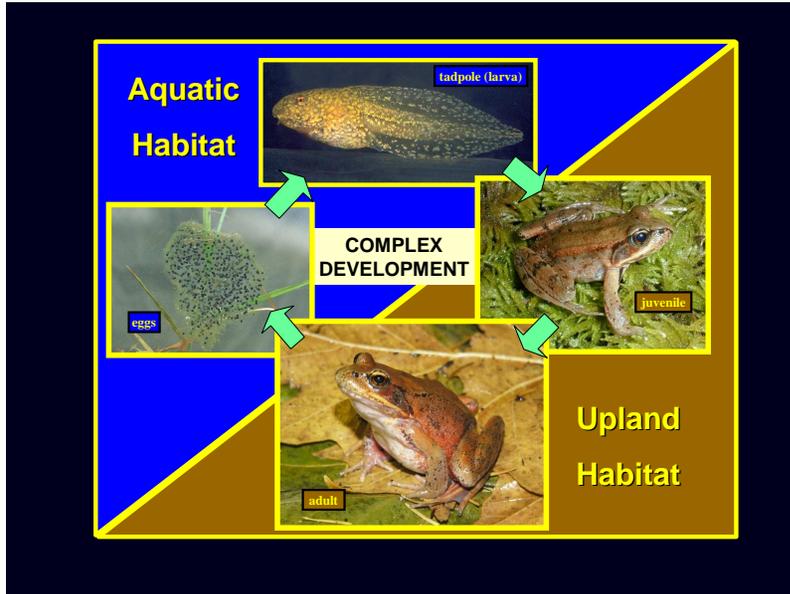
Water is...

gained or...



...lost rapidly.



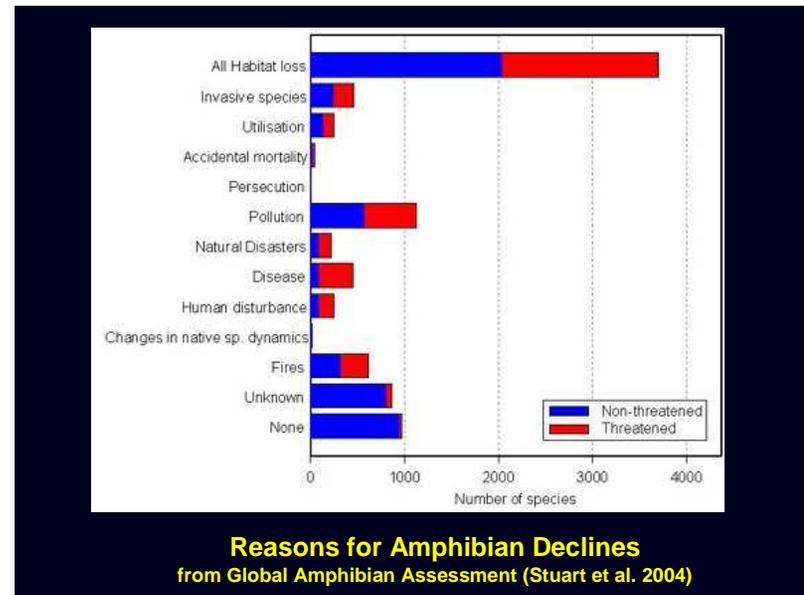




**Amphibian declines?  
How severe?**

“...32.5% of amphibian species globally threatened, compared with 12% of birds and 23% of mammals...”

(Stuart et al. 14 October 2004. Science)



Presumed Extinct  
in the Wild



Kihansi Spray Toad



Kihansi Gorge – Tanzania – East Africa

## Amphibian Species

	Globally	Washington
Caecilians	176	0
Frogs (& Toads)	5,777	13(11)
Salamanders	581	15(15)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,534</b>	<b>28(26)</b>

## Amphibian Groupings

Are based on their reproduction in each of:

Flowing water - 7 species



Uplands - 5 species



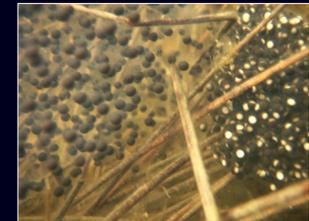
or Stillwater - 13 species



## Stillwater Breeding Amphibians



- eggs laid in exposed locations
- pigmented eggs
- aquatic larval stage
- no parental care
- 4 salamander species and 11 frog and toad species (2 exotic)



## Knowledge Totem



"The frog embodies lessons of the past and hope for the future."

Cowichan First Nation