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TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

IMPACT REPORT
2019–2023

FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure as Chair of the Global Council of the Amphibian Survival Alliance to see this magnificent impact report produced by the small but extremely hardworking staff of the ASA. The strength of the network lies in the five dozen or so committed partners who are working to reverse amphibian declines in different parts of the world. The modest but focused support that ASA has been able to extend to these amphibian conservationists and young Future Leaders is commendable. Our partnership with and support of the IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group is a critical part of the alliance.

We are happy this quarter to have welcomed our new Executive Director, the passionate and energetic Gina Della Togna, who has taken over the helm of the ASA Secretariat. I want to wish her all the best, as well as thank Candace Hansen who has transitioned to the post of Programs Director to focus her energies on further developing ASA's programs, and the Partnerships and Communications Director Luis Fernando Marin da Fonte, who has worked hard to keep this partnership engaged.

I wish the ASA much success in implementing the new Strategic Plan that has been developed and will be in operation shortly.

Vivek Menon
Chair, Global Council



Photo: Vivek Menon



Photo: Vivek Menon

WELCOME

As the Executive Director of the Amphibian Survival Alliance, I am pleased to witness the impact of our work in amphibian conservation. Thanks to our dedicated staff, Global Council members, partners, advisors, and grantees, and donors we have made significant strides towards accomplishing our mission.

Our efforts have yielded tangible results, benefiting more than twenty endangered amphibian species in fourteen countries. However, we are aware that much more needs to be done to address the complex challenges facing amphibians and their ecosystems.

We remain committed to working collaboratively with our partners and stakeholders to advance amphibian conservation and promote the value of biodiversity for the benefit of all. We appreciate the support and trust of our donors and supporters, and we look forward to continuing our important work in the years to come. Together, we achieve!

Gina Della Togna, Ph.D.
Executive Director



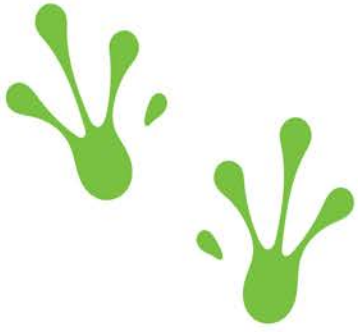
Photo: Gina Della Togna



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"Together We Achieve"
highlights some of our collective
efforts in amphibian
conservation.

It showcases the remarkable
achievements over the past few
years made possible through the
dedication and expertise of our
passionate team, enabling us to
support and empower our
partners, grant recipients and
collaborators.

Together, we are making a
profound impact in conserving
amphibian species worldwide,
and we are dedicated to
achieving so much more.

Thank you for your unwavering
commitment to this vital cause,
and for joining us on this
incredible journey.





Photo: Arnie Chou

The Amphibian Survival Alliance (ASA) conserves amphibians and their habitats through a strong, engaged, and collaborative global partnership.



Photo: epantha



Photo: Maria Ogrzewalska



Photo: Galeanu Mihai

ASA is a dynamic and globally diverse partnership, bringing together leading organizations, researchers and passionate individuals united in the mission to protect amphibians and their habitats.

Guided by a diverse Global Council of renowned experts who provide strategic guidance, ASA's global network of partners collaborates with dedicated core staff and advisors to address the urgent challenges facing amphibians. This collective effort leverages a wide range of expertise, resources, and perspectives to drive impactful conservation actions worldwide.



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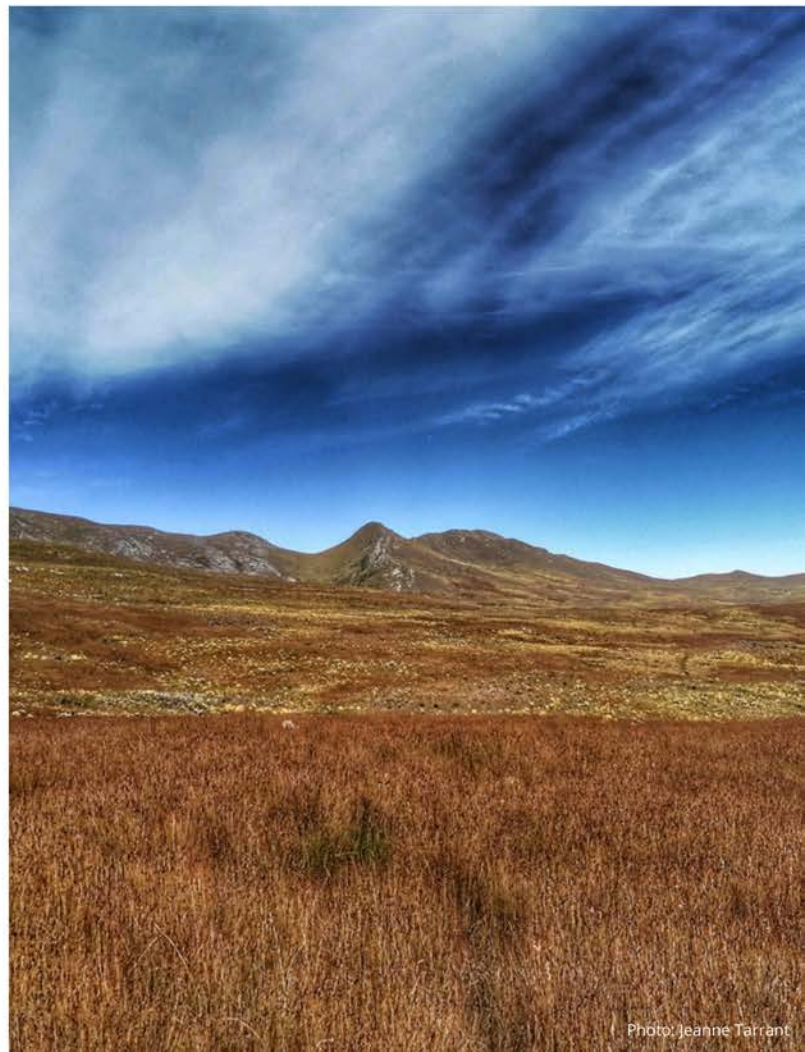


Photo: Jeanne Tarrant



Photo: Luis Castillo Roque

Our commitment to global amphibian conservation is reflected in our wide-reaching efforts, engaging partners in diverse regions and supporting projects across continents. From awarding and mentoring exceptional Future Leaders of Amphibian Conservation to funding impactful initiatives worldwide, our collaborative approach unites passionate individuals and organizations towards a common goal of conserving amphibians and their habitats for generations to come.



Photo: Bivek Gautam



Photo: Jeanne Tarrant



ASA is the key network for connecting amphibian conservation practitioners and researchers globally. In particular, they are highly responsive to supporting communications about Endangered Wildlife Trust's work, and their small grants have been absolutely pivotal in spearheading larger scale projects, for example our work on Western Cape endemic and threatened frogs species in South Africa.

~Jeanne Tarrant, South Africa

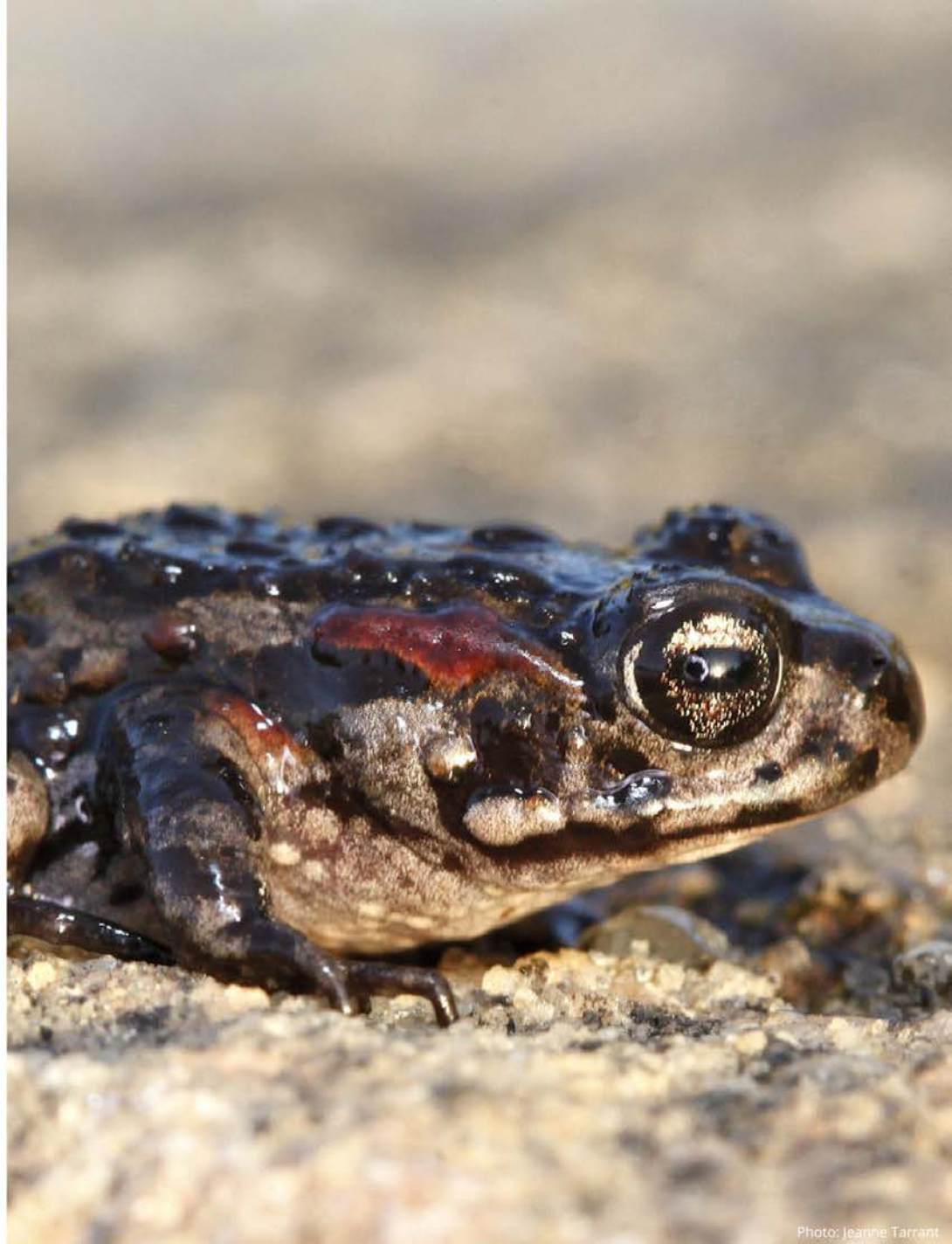


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The ASA team has provided invaluable advice as Synchronicity Earth have grown our Amphibian Programme over the past three years. The expertise within the Secretariat on amphibian conservation priorities, needs, and key actors has meant that we have had access to the information and contacts we needed to effectively deliver support to where it is most needed, and our partners have access to an invaluable network of like-minded organisations.

~Pria Ghosh, United Kingdom



Photo: Pria Ghosh

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TARGET SPECIES

**PLUS DOZENS BENEFITING
IN PROJECTS ASA HAS FUNDED
SINCE 2019**



Photo: Josch13



Photo: Jason Ondreicka

Generous donor contributions have been instrumental in our notable achievements in amphibian conservation. Their support allows us to fund critical initiatives such as the Conservation Start-Up Grants Program and the Future Leaders of Amphibian Conservation scholarship Program, as well as our Infectious Disease Mitigation Grants.



Photo: Patricia Mendoza



Our Conservation Start-Up Grants Program fuels emerging conservationists and grassroots initiatives worldwide.

They catalyze new projects, fostering innovation and broadening participation in the mission to protect amphibians and their habitats.

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GRANTS AWARDED

\$54,895.00

SINCE 2019



ASA has broadened our horizons in amphibian conservation and offered Instituto Curicaca an environment of exchange with other institutions around the world. A Start-up Grant was the starting point to catapult our ideas for the conservation of the Admirable Redbelly Toad involving local communities and agroforest. At first, working for the conservation of amphibians in the south of Brazil felt like an isolated effort, a shooting star whose small and fleeting light seemed insignificant. That changed when, with support from ASA, we felt like part of a huge galaxy of amphibian conservationists from around the world.

~Alexandre Krob, Brazil

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Being awarded an ASA-Start-up Grant allowed us to do much more than only start carrying out the Atelopus project systematically and obtain a lot of information for the highly threatened species Three-colored Harlequin Toad. Starting to implementing the project helped us attract further funding to our activities. Thanks to ASA, we were able to make connections with international organizations that support the Bolivian Amphibian Initiative, such as Synchronicity Earth, and thus be able to work for more amphibian species in need, besides training and encouraging students, and initiating an approach with the communities where threatened amphibians of Bolivia live.

~Patricia Mendoza-Miranda, Bolivia



Photo: Patricia Mendoza



Photo: Teresa Badani

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Thanks to the ASA, I received the Future Leaders scholarship to attend the Amphibian Conservation Research Symposium during the World Congress of Herpetology in New Zealand. This opportunity helped me make connections with experts and become part of new global networks. Since then, the ASA has continued to support me in new projects, exchange funding opportunities, collaborating with other leaders, and has been one of my most important personal and professional supporters in the field of amphibian conservation. *~Teresa Badani, Bolivia*

Our Future Leaders of Amphibian Conservation scholarship program recognizes and nurtures the next generation of conservation leaders. This program provides opportunities to gain mentorship, funding, and resources, empowering them to drive innovative solutions and become ambassadors for amphibian conservation worldwide.



Photo: Joelma Prado

10 FUTURE LEADERS AWARDED SINCE 2019

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The ASA has been fundamental in my career! Through a Future Leader grant I was able to present my work in an international congress in the United States. In addition, I am doing work in Brazil on infectious diseases of threatened amphibians, thanks to the funding made possible by the ASA through an ASA Infectious Disease grant. However, the most valuable support was not only financial, but the recognition of my work and the integration in the international community of young conservationists. ~Joelma Prado, Brazil



Photo: Fortunate Mafeta Bhaka



SUPPORTED
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ACRS CONFERENCES
SINCE 2019

The Amphibian Conservation Research Symposium (ACRS) unites researchers and conservationists globally to share knowledge, foster innovation, and strengthen networks. Prioritizing early-career professionals, ACRS is shaping the future of global amphibian conservation efforts.



Photo: Sethu Parvathy



Photo: Esther Matthew



Photo: Luis Castillo Roque

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Thanks to the support of ASA through the Future Leaders grant, I had the opportunity to participate in the Amphibian Conservation Symposium in England, where I presented my work and got in contact with important players in international amphibian conservation. Later, thanks to funding from ASA through a Start-up Conservation Grant, we started the project "Guardians of the frogs of Lake Junín, Peru". This project involves ten rural communities living in natural protected areas. ASA has allowed me to increase my network of contacts and of Grupo RANA. I believe that their support has been essential for the scaling up of our projects.

~Luis Castillo Roque, Peru

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Without ASA's support, the IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group would not have been able to dedicate staff time to develop the Amphibian Conservation Action Plan (ACAP) Status Review. We will always be grateful to ASA for its support to achieve this important milestone in global amphibian conservation. *~Ariade Angulo, Canada*



Photo: Ariadne Angulo



FUNDED PROJECTS IN

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COUNTRIES

SINCE 2019



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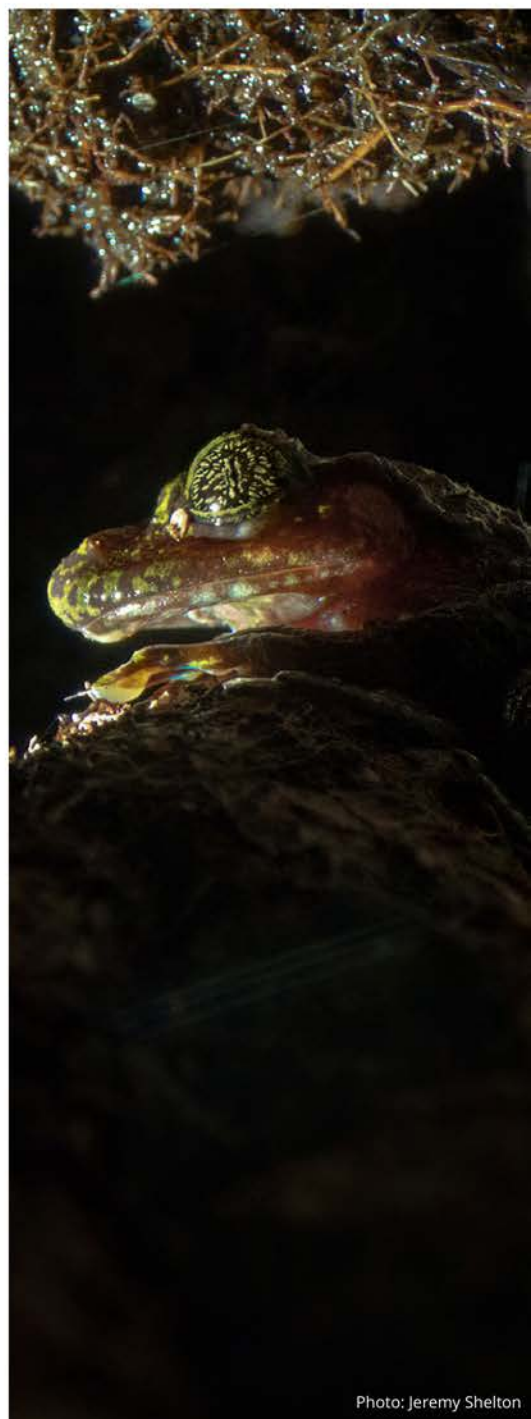


Photo: Jeremy Shelton



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The support from ASA has been fundamental for us. With one of their grants, we initiated a project in Ecuador to conserve the emblematic Jambato (*Atelopus ignescens*). As a result, the Jambato Alliance was born. In less than a year, the alliance has generated collaborative and interdisciplinary work strategies to continue research and conservation of this species. Additionally, there has been impressive participation and commitment from the communities, including local authorities. ~María del Carmen Vizcaíno, Ecuador





Photo: Joelma Prado



Photo: Molly Bletz

ASA's Infectious Disease Mitigation Grants program aims to counter infectious diseases affecting amphibians. We fund innovative projects focused on understanding, prevention, and mitigation of disease spread, safeguarding at-risk amphibians and their ecosystems.

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**DISEASE MITIGATION
PROJECTS FUNDED**

**\$25,000.000
SINCE 2022**

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ASA has been crucial in our development as an organization through professional training spaces, funding Fundación Atelopus projects to conserve amphibians in northern Colombia, and being a link channel to strengthen alliances with international organizations such as Synchronicity Earth, ICFC and Re:wild among others. We have been supported in our proposals, through advice and giving reference to our work through letters of recommendation. ~Jeferson Villalba, Colombia



Photo: Jeferson Villalba



Photo: Bivek Gautam

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With the ASA Start-up grant, Biodiversity Research and Conservation Society carried out critical conservation outreach initiatives, including creating salamander conservation groups, conducting capacity-building workshops, and engaging with local communities and schools. This support has played a significant role in our efforts to raise awareness and promote the conservation of Himalayan Salamanders. We are grateful for the support provided by ASA, which has helped us to make a real difference in salamander conservation. ~Bivek Gautam, Nepal



Photo: Elena Oey

We extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible supporters and donors. Your steadfast commitment and generosity have been instrumental in driving vital amphibian conservation work forward.

We invite individuals and organizations to become partners in our mission and in shaping the future of amphibian conservation.

Together, we are making a lasting impact. Thank you for being champions of amphibian survival, and building a future where amphibians can thrive in nature.

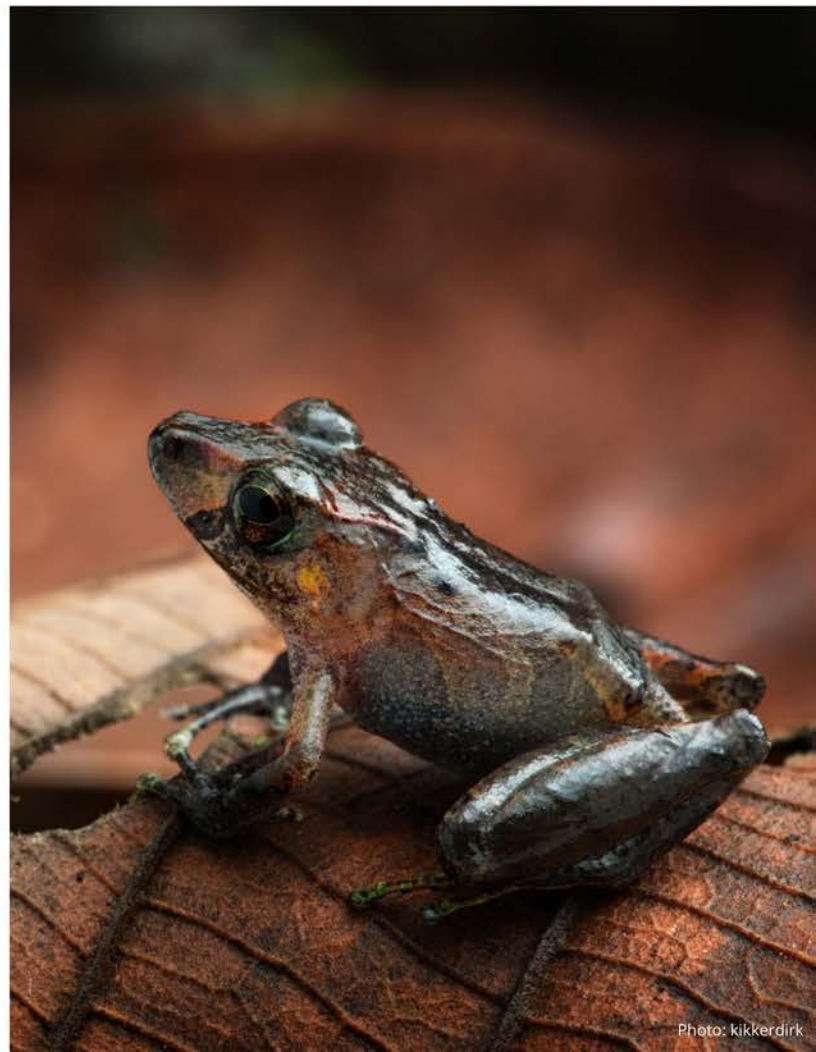


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Now, here are some ways that you can help:

- Donate to support our conservation programs and grants to help amplify our global impact.
- Join ASA as a partner and contribute your expertise and resources to our shared conservation mission.
- Volunteer your time and skills to support ASA's wide-ranging activities.
- Raise awareness for amphibians, share ASA's work, or host events to spread our conservation message.
- Become a member of the LeapFrog Legion.

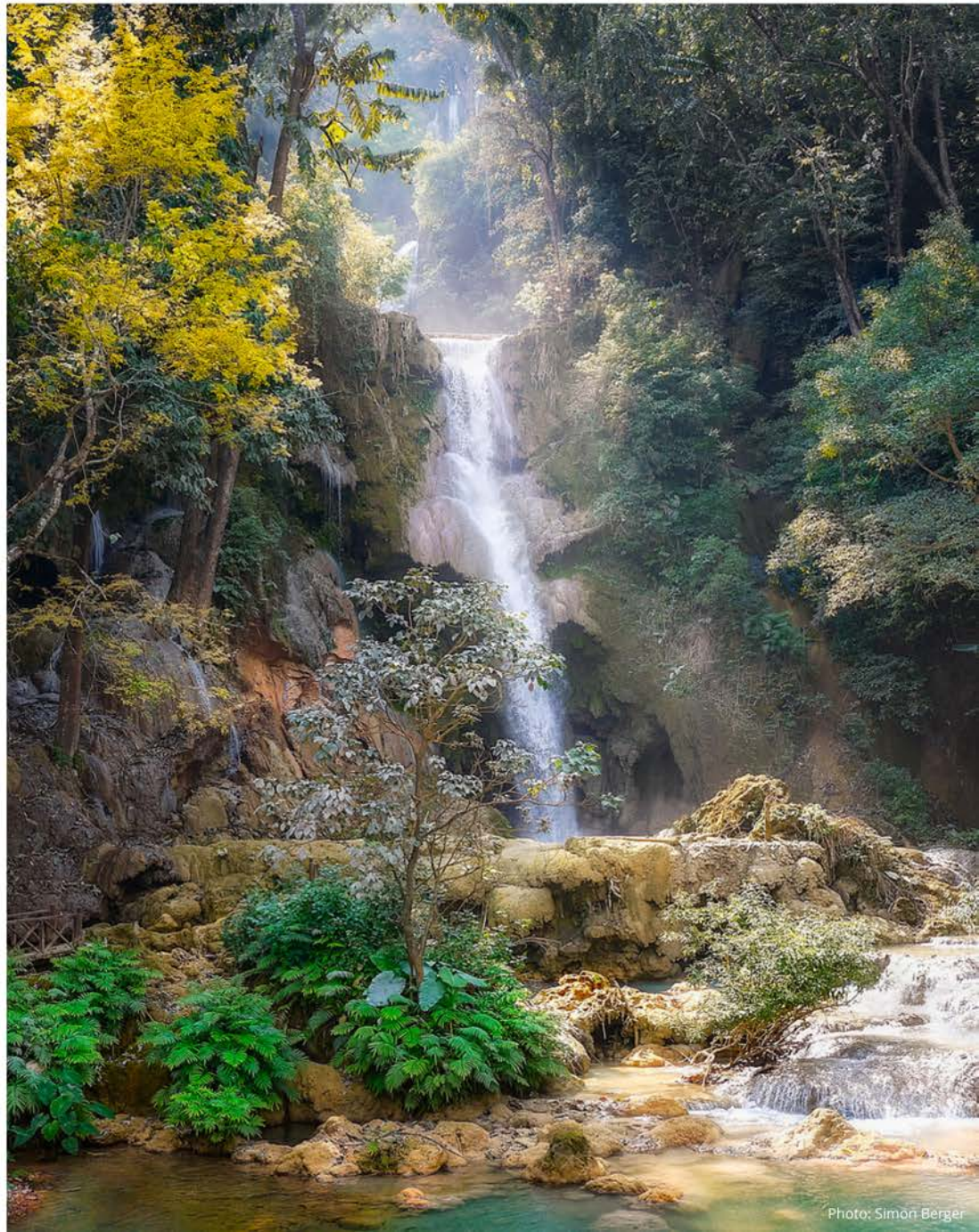
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THANK YOU!



Photo: R. Tee

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Simon Stuart, former Global Council Chair, for his exceptional leadership, guidance, and unwavering commitment to our mission. His invaluable contributions have played a pivotal role in shaping ASA and advancing our conservation efforts. We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Helen Meredith and Candace Hansen, previous Executive Directors, for their dedication, tireless efforts, and instrumental contributions to ASA's growth and success. Their passion for our mission has been truly inspiring, and we are grateful for their unwavering support. Furthermore, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to our primary donors, partners, Global Council members, staff, advisors and the individuals who have generously supported ASA's mission. Your contributions have made a significant impact on our ability to support amphibian conservation. Thank you all for your unwavering support, dedication, and belief in ASA's mission. Your commitment and generosity have been instrumental in our achievements and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.



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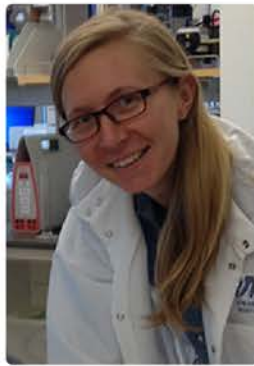


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