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## Amazing Species: Purple Frog

The **Purple Frog**, *Nasikabatrachus sahyadrensis*, is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This recently discovered burrowing frog is the sole surviving member of an ancient family of frogs (Nasikabatrachidae) that diverged from their closest relatives some 130 million years ago. It is endemic to the Western Ghats of India where it is currently known from just five localities.

The main threat to this species is the loss of its forest habitat to encroaching agriculture, often to coffee, cardamom, ginger and other cultivated crops. The potential for dam developments to inundate its remaining habitat also mean that the status of the Purple Frog is extremely precarious.

It is hoped that with the involvement of local communities, this distinctive frog could become a flagship species for conservation in the region. The Purple Frog is currently benefitting from studies on its ecology and threats, but as it is not known to occur in any protected areas, reserves must be created or extended to encompass its range.

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