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## Amazing Species: Summers' Poison Frog

The **Summers' Poison Frog**, *Ranitomeya summersi*, is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This species is native to Peru, where it has a very restricted range known only from nine geographic localities in the central Huallaga Canyon.

Illegal collection for the pet trade and extensive habitat loss present the greatest threat to the Summers' Poison Frog. Driven by a variety of economic and social pressures, urban settlements continue to expand into native forests (and encroaching on the frog's habitat) largely for conversion for pasture and arable land for feed crops. Additionally, in the past 30 years, subpopulations have experienced local dramatic decline where smuggling operations have taken place. In 2001 the species started to be legally exported, but almost all frogs currently in the pet trade are of illegal origin.

The Summers' Poison Frog is not known to occur in any protected areas and receives protection through the strict control of international trade under its listing on Appendix II of the Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). To ensure the conservation of this species, more information is urgently needed.

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