

Project Update: July 2011

Fieldwork

We have continued fieldwork especially between July to date to maximise our chances of locating the species, *Arthroleptis krokosua*. We have achieved up to 20 complete surveys together with locals and one undergraduate student. Although we did not record the endemic frog unfortunately, we have recorded other endemic and threatened amphibian species including *Amietophrynus togoegies* (Near Threatened), *Phrynobatrachus liberiensis* (Near Threatened), *P. villiersi* (Vulnerable), *P. annulatus* (Endangered) and *Hylarana occidentalis* (Endangered).

Awareness Creation

This time we have specifically directed our education actions to the youth including kids. As a common practice among locals and children in particular, whole juvenile frogs or adult legs are used as baits for fishing. We educated them to understand the consequences of their actions on the long-term persistence of amphibians in the area, using our target frog as a “flagship” species. We used our own developed tools and a “frog-banner” and information cards we got from Dr. Kerry Kriger who is the Founder & Executive Director of SAVE THE FROGS! (www.savethefrogs.com). In addition, we covered 2 local radio programmes with the help of committee members and a vibrant conservation NGO, Rainforest Friends Ghana. So far so good!



Left: Gilbert Adum (in suit) with local kids. Middle: Gilbert Adum with local band. Right: Gilbert Adum (middle) with host and another team member; banner of Save the Frogs being displayed.