

Project Update: May 2011

We have carried out large-scale surveys at all the known ranges of the species especially its southern range at the Krokosua Hills Forest Reserve (KHFR). Despite harder efforts we could not find it. It is known to be active during the peak of the rainy season, July-August, and although we have continued visiting the sites we are hoping to find it especially during this time.

So far we have also carried out educational campaigns at basic schools, Christian churches and one-on-one at communities fringing the KHFR.

Three workshops have also been organised, training locals, students and representatives of conservation-based organisations in general ecology. One workshop was held in the national capital, Accra, focusing on training on amphibian diseases, in particular the deadly amphibian chytrid fungus. Participants from different organisations and institutions across Ghana received training from Professor Andrew Cunningham of the Zoological Society of London and Dr Richard Suu-Ire of the Accra Zoo.

Luckily, the rains have just become intense raising our hopes of locating the target species every now and then.



Left: Professor Andrew Cunningham demonstrating to participants, looking on directly is PI. Middle: Professor Andrew Cunningham interacting with participants after workshop, looking on and beaming is PI. Right: Workshop participants, with Professor Andrew Cunningham and Dr Richard Suu-Ire, both in specs at left and right respectively. PI is 3rd from right.