



CHECKLIST OF EXOTIC SPECIES IN THE PHILIPPINE PET TRADE, I. AMPHIBIANS

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ABSTRACT- Trading exotic amphibians is a cause for concern due to its possible negative effects. A checklist of exotic amphibians in the Philippine pet trade was compiled based on surveys conducted between 2008 and 2013. Thirty five exotic species were documented, including the African Clawed Frog (*Xenopus laevis*), a widely available species in the trade and a known vector of the chytrid fungus. Strict trade restriction and monitoring of *X. laevis* is recommended.

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