

Project Update: December 2010

We have discovered new populations of the Critically Endangered Togo slippery frog, *C. derooi* in additional five locations within the study area. Two of these surveyed sites had about 100 individuals which promise to be the most viable population of this frog within the Atewa Reserve and any known site. The discovery of these new populations springs new hope for the long term conservation of this species.

The team also through community education and house to house interaction has built a strong collaboration with the local community with hopes of achieving a participatory approach to the conservation of this Critically Endangered frog. As a result of this campaign, local communities have shown enthusiasm and passion in protecting this frog, evidenced by the formation of a forest watchdog committee by the communities themselves to see to the protection of the forest.



Left: Putting *C. derooi* in ziplock bag for marking. Middle: *C. derooi* caught in amplexus position.
Right: The Frogging Team.