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DOUGLAS SHERRIFF

Morelet's Treefrog (*Agalychnis moreletii*) at the Chester Zoo.

The "Focus on Conservation" (FOC) in this issue differs somewhat from those in the past. Instead of featuring a program or a project, we present one tool being used to address the global amphibian extinction crisis. "Amphibian Pods" have proven themselves invaluable in establishing assurance colonies of species that are threatened with extinction in the wild — in essence, trying to maintain genetically diverse populations until a cure for chytridiomycosis is found in hopes that these individuals can be used to reestablish or augment wild populations decimated by that infectious fungal disease. In addition, the pods can serve as educational tools in the native ranges of the affected species or to inspire contributions to aid in conservation efforts. Kevin Zippel, Paul Crump, Ron Gagliardo, Richard Gibson, Michael McFadden, and Tara Sprankle all contributed to the FOC. We thank them.

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