



First Record of the Assam Painted Frog, *Uperodon assamensis* (Das, Sengupta, Ahmed, and Dutta 2004) (Anura: Microhylidae), from Manas National Park, Assam

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The Assam Painted Frog (*Uperodon assamensis*) (Microhylidae) was until recently assigned to the genus *Kaloula* (Portik et al. 2023). Like most microhylids, it is a small frog with a round body and a small head with a rounded snout (Fig. 1). Originally described from Majbat, Nameri

Wildlife Sanctuary, Sirajuli, Orang National Park in Assam and from Pakhui National Park in Arunachal Pradesh (Das et al. 2004), this Indian endemic has since been recorded from Bongaigaon, Assam (Talukdar et al. 2007; Nath et al. 2011), the Chilapata Reserve Forest in West Bengal (Paul et al. 2007), and the Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar (Deuti et al. 2012) (Fig. 2).

Sengupta et al. (2009) suggested that the species should be found along the northern bank of the Brahmaputra River, and that the River Brahmaputra acts as a barrier to dispersal. Those authors also proposed that the species could potentially cross the Indo-Bhutan border.

At about 2100 h on 9 April 2022, we encountered an individual *U. assamensis* during heavy rain on a concrete surface of a basement about 0.3 m above the ground in the outskirts of the Bhuyanpara Range of Manas National Park, Assam (26.7582, 91.2119; Fig. 2). This is the first record of the species from Manas National Park and is about 6 km south of the Indo-Bhutan border. A photographic voucher was deposited at the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, National University of Singapore (ZRC(IMG) 1.269) and the identity of the species was confirmed from a photograph by Sanath Bohra.



Figure 1. An Assam Painted Frog (*Uperodon assamensis*) from the Bhuyanpara Range of Manas National Park, Assam, India. Photograph by Edison Basumatary.

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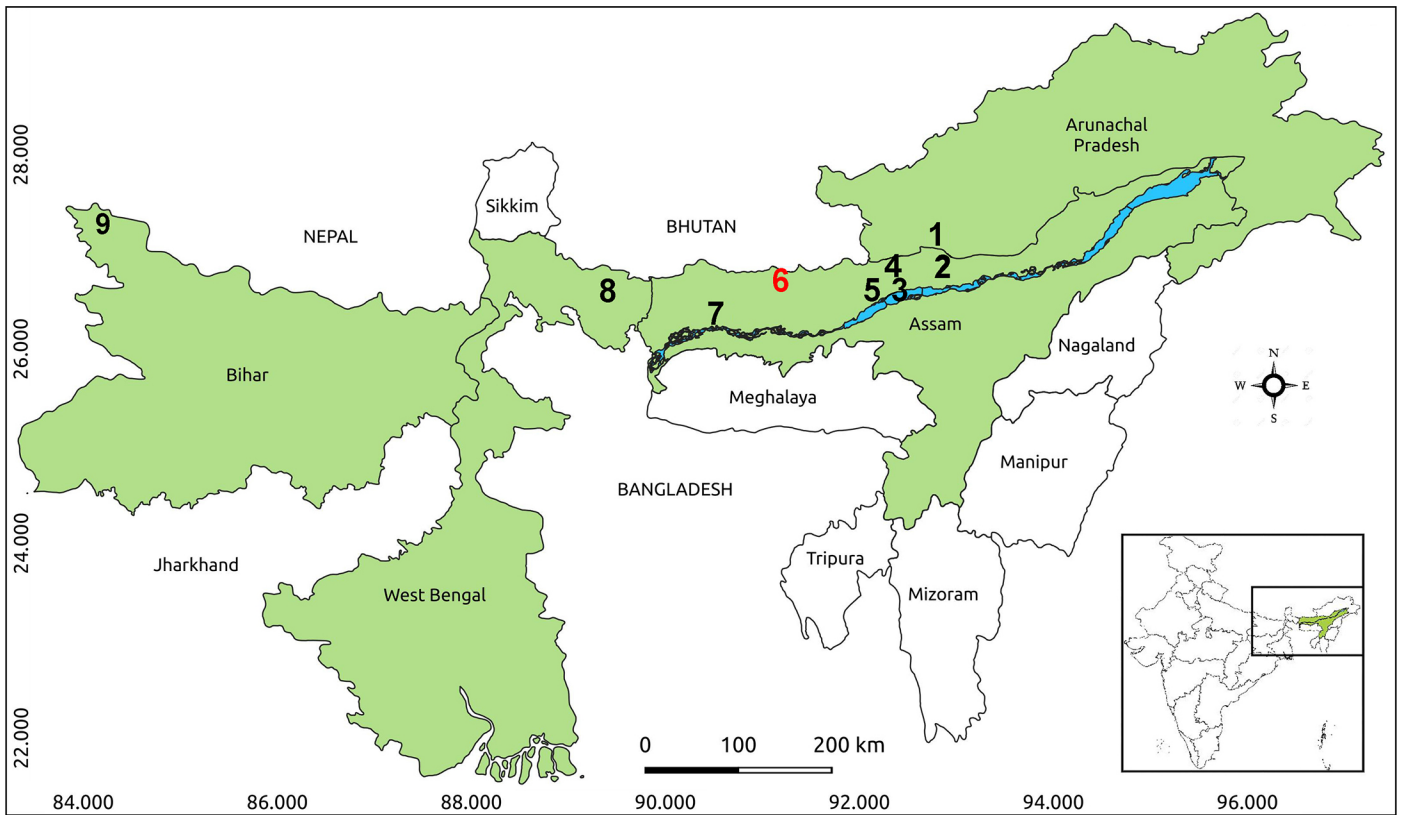


Figure 2. Map of northeastern India showing the distribution of the Assam Painted Frog (*Uperodon assamensis*): 1. Pakke National Park, Arunachal Pradesh; 2. Majbat, Assam; 3. Orang National Park, Assam; 4. Nameri National Park, Assam; 5. Sirajuli, Assam; 6. Manas National Park, Assam (new record); 7. Bongaigaon, Assam; 8. Chilapata Reserve Forest, West Bengal; 9. Balmiki National Park, Bihar. States with records are colored green.

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