

# Bombina pachypus

Taxonomic Authority: (Bonaparte, 1838)

Synonyms:

Region: 10

Common Names:

Appenine Yellow-bellied Toad English  
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Order: Anura

Family: Bombinatoridae

Notes on taxonomy: A number of authors consider Bombina pachypus to be a subspecies of Bombina variegata (Bologna et al. 2000; Bologna et al. 2003; Ohler 1997). The taxon was elevated to species level by Lanza and Vanni (1991) mainly through the use of preliminary electrophoretic data published in the form of a congress summary (Nascetti et al. 1982) and also on the basis of old morphological evidence (Vaccaneo 1931).

## General Information

Biome  Terrestrial  Freshwater  Marine

### Geographic Range of species:

This species is endemic to Italy, where it occurs south of the Po Valley, through the Appenine region, south to the southern tip of the Italian mainland. It ranges from 20m up to almost 1,700m asl (in Latium).

### Habitat and Ecology Information:

The species occurs in shallow, unshaded pools in forests and open areas. Spawning and larval development takes place in these pools. It also occurs in modified habitats, such as low-intensity farmland, pastureland, ditches, irrigations areas, and ponds.

### Conservation Measures:

This species is listed on Appendix II of the Berne Convention, and on Annexes II and IV of the EU Natural Habitats Directive, in both cases under Bombina variegata. It is known to occur in Parco Nazionale d'Abruzzo, Parco Nazionale Pollino and Parco Nazionale del Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga and is present in other protected areas.

### Threats:

Threats to this species are presumed to include loss of wetland habitat to drainage for intensive agricultural purposes. In some places it may have very small populations (10 to 12 individuals), with a slight predominance of males; these small populations are highly subject to stochastic extinctions. This species might also be threatened with chytridiomycosis (Stagni et al., 2002), and further research into the possible impacts of this disease on populations of this species is needed. However, overall this species does not appear to be significantly threatened.

### Species population information:

It is common in suitable habitat.

## Country Distribution

Italy  Native - Presence Confirmed  Native - Presence Possible  Extinct  Reintroduced  Introduced  Vagrant

## FAO Marine Habitats

Native - Presence Confirmed  Native - Presence Possible  Extinct  Reintroduced  Introduced

## Major Lakes

## Major Rivers

## Upper Level Habitat Preferences

Score

1.4 Forest - Temperate	1
4.4 Grassland - Temperate	1
5.4 Wetlands (inland) - Bogs, Marshes, Swamps, Fens, Peatlands	1
5.7 Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Freshwater Marshes/Pools (under 8ha)	1
5.8 Wetlands (inland) - Seasonal/Intermittent Freshwater Marshes/Pools (under 8ha)	1
11.1 Artificial/Terrestrial - Arable Land	2
11.2 Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	1
12.2 Artificial/Aquatic - Ponds (below 8ha)	1
12.5 Artificial/Aquatic - Excavations (open)	1
12.7 Artificial/Aquatic - Irrigated Land (includes irrigation channels)	1
12.8 Artificial/Aquatic - Seasonally Flooded Agricultural Land	2

## Lower Level Habitat Preferences

Score

## Major threats

Code	Description of threat	Past	Present	Future
1	Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Conservation Measures

Code	Conservation measures	In place	Needed
1	Policy-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.1	Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2	Legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1	Crops	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1	Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1.3	Agro-industry farming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.1.1	International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1.4	Livestock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2	Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1.4.3	Agro-industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.2.2.1	International level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Changes in native species dynamics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	Research actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8.5	Pathogens/parasites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.1	Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Intrinsic factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.2	Population numbers and range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9.1	Limited dispersal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.3	Biology and Ecology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					3.4	Habitat status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					3.5	Threats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					3.8	Conservation measures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					3.9	Trends/Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					4	Habitat and site-based actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					4.1	Maintenance/Conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					4.4	Protected areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					4.4.2	Establishment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					4.4.3	Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					5	Species-based actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					5.5	Disease, pathogen, parasite management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Utilisation of Species

Purpose/Type of Use	Subsistence	National	International	Other purpose:	
Primary forms removed from the wild	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50% <25%	<i>Other forms removed from the wild:</i>
Source of specimens in commercial trade	100%	>75%	51-75%	26-50% <25%	<i>Other source of specimens:</i>
<b>Trend in wild offtake/harvest in relation to total wild population numbers over last five years:</b>					
<b>Trend in offtake/harvest produced through domestication/cultivation over last five years:</b>					
CITES: Not listed					

### Red Listing

**Red List Assessment:** Least Concern (LC)  Possibly Extinct

#### Red List Criteria:

**Rationale for the Red List Assessment:** Listed as Least Concern in view of its relatively wide distribution, presumed large population, it occurs in a number of protected areas, and because it is unlikely to be declining fast enough to qualify for listing in a more threatened category.

**Current Population Trend:** Stable

**Date of Assessment:** 12/17/2004

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#### Notes on Red listing:

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