<b>Ptychadena</b>	mascareniensis	

Taxonomic Authority	r: (Dumeril and Bibron, 1841)		
Synonyms:		Common Names:	
Ptychadena hylaea	Schmidt and Inger, 1959	Mascarene Grass Frog	English
		Mascarene Ridged Frog	English
Order: Anura		Family: Ranidae	
Notes on taxonomy:	This very widely distributed species is a compl (2004) suggests that the populations of this sp Madagascar. However, the animals on Madaga	ecies on the Seychelles and the Mas	carene islands were introduced from

Region:

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### **General Information**

#### Biome

Freshwater

Marine

Habitat and Ecology Information:

#### Geographic Range of species:

This very widely but patchily distributed species occurs from Senegal, west to Ethiopia, south to South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Angola. It occurs on Mafia Island (Tanzania). In West African it occurs mainly in the forest zone, but in most of the rest of the continent it is more closely tied to the humid savannah zone. There appear not to be published records from Benin, Togo, Chad, Burundi, Uganda, and Congo, though it presumably occurs in these countries. Earlier reports from Eritrea have proved to be incorrect. There are additional populations in the Nile regions of Egypt and Sudan; on Madagascar; on the Sevchelles; and on the Mascarene Islands. In Egypt it occurs along the Nile Valley and throughout the Nile Delta, east to Port Said and Suez, and west to Alexandria. It is widely distributed through the whole of Madagascar. On the Seychelles, where it is probably introduced (Vences et al. (2004), it has the widest distribution of all amphibian species known from those islands, being recorded from: Cerf, Curieuse, Félicité, Fregate, Grand Souer, La Digue, Mahé, Praslin, and Silhouette. Populations on the Mascarene Islands (Mauritius and Réunion) are introduced. It has a very wide altitudinal range, occurring from sea level to over 2,000m asl.

Terrestrial

In Africa it lives in agricultural areas, rice fields, secondary vegetation with tall herbs and marshy areas, and is often found near large lakes, rivers and other wetland habitats (including irrigation canals). It does not normally live in forest, but spreads rapidly along roads in forested areas. It breeds in puddles, ditches and ruts, and in West Africa it is found mainly in rice fields and savannah. In Madagascar and the Seychelles, it lives in extremely varied habitats, including rainforest (marginally), dry forest, fields, savannahs, grassland, and urban areas. It breeds in all still and slow-flowing water types.

#### Threats:

It is a very adaptable species that is not facing any significant threats, except in localised situations.

#### **Conservation Measures:**

It occurs in many protected areas.

#### Species population information:

It is patchily distributed in many parts of Africa, but is often hugely abundant where it does occur. It is a very abundant species on Madagascar and the Seychelles, and is said to be numerous throughout the Nile Delta and nearby areas in Egypt.

Country Distribution	Native - Presence Confirmed	Native - Presence Possible	Extinct	Reintroduced	Introduced	Vagrant
Angola	$\checkmark$					
Botswana						
Cameroon	$\checkmark$					
Central African Republic						
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the						
Côte D'ivoire (Ivory Coast)	$\checkmark$					
Egypt	$\checkmark$					
quatorial Guinea	$\checkmark$					
thiopia	$\checkmark$					
abon	$\checkmark$					
hana	$\checkmark$					
uinea	$\checkmark$					
uinea-Bissau	$\checkmark$					
enya	$\checkmark$					
beria	$\checkmark$					
ladagascar	$\checkmark$					
1alawi	$\checkmark$					
lauritius					$\checkmark$	
lozambique	$\checkmark$					
lamibia	$\checkmark$					
ligeria	$\checkmark$					

	Native -	Native -			
abwe	$\checkmark$				
pia	$\checkmark$				
ania	$\checkmark$				
in	$\checkmark$				
h Africa	$\checkmark$				
a Leone	$\checkmark$				
helles				$\checkmark$	
egal	$\checkmark$				
nda	$\checkmark$				
nion				$\checkmark$	

Native -Presence

Presence Confirmed Possible

Extinct Reintroduced Introduced

# FAO Marine Habitats

## Major Lakes

### Major Rivers

Up	per Level Habitat Preferences S	core	Lower Level Habitat Preferences	Score
1.5	Forest - Subtropical/Tropical Dry	1	Broadleaf Crops	1
1.6	Forest - Subtropical/Tropical Moist Lowland	2	Broadleaf Forest	2
1.8	Forest - Subtropical/Tropical Swamp	1	Conifer Forest	1
1.9	Forest - Subtropical/Tropical Moist Montane	2	Cool Crops and Towns	1
2.1	Savanna - Dry	1	Cool Fields and Woods	1
2.2	Savanna - Moist	1	Cool Grasses and Shrubs	1
3.5	Shrubland - Subtropical/Tropical Dry	1	Cool Irrigated Cropland	1
3.6	Shrubland - Subtropical/Tropical Moist	1	Corn and Beans Cropland	1
3.8	Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation	1	Crop and Water Mixtures	1
4.5	Grassland - Subtropical/Tropical Dry	1	Crops and Towns	1
4.6	Grassland - Subtropical/Tropical Seasonally Wet/Flooded	1	Crops, Grass, Shrubs	1
4.7	Grassland - Subtropical/Tropical High Altitude	1	Deciduous Tree Crops	1
5.1	Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Rivers/Streams/Creeks	1	Dry Tropical Woods	2
	(includes waterfalls)		Dry Woody Scrub	1
5.2	Wetlands (inland) - Seasonal/Intermittent/Irregular	1	Evergreen Broadleaf Forests	1
52	Rivers/Streams/Creeks	1	Evergreen Forest and Fields	1
	Wetlands (inland) - Shrub Dominated Wetlands		Evergreen Tree Crops	1
	Wetlands (inland) - Bogs, Marshes, Swamps, Fens, Peatland		Fields and Woody Savanna	1
	Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Freshwater Lakes (over 8ha)	1	Forest and Field	1
5.0	Wetlands (inland) - Seasonal/Intermittent Freshwater Lakes (over 8ha)	1	Grass Crops	1
5.7	Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Freshwater Marshes/Pools	1	Hot and Mild Grasses and Shrubs	1
	(under 8ha)		Hot Irrigated Cropland	1
5.8	Wetlands (inland) - Seasonal/Intermittent Freshwater	1	Irrigated Grassland	1
84	Marshes/Pools (under 8ha) Desert - Semi-Desert (no trees present)	2	Marsh Wetland	1
	Coastline - Sand, Shingle or Pebble Shores (incl. sand bars,	1	Mediterranean Scrub	1
10.2	spits, sandy islets, dune systems)	1	Mire, Bog, Fen	1
11.1	Artificial/Terrestrial - Arable Land	1	Mixed Forest	1
11.2	Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	1	Moist Eucalyptus	1
11.3	Artificial/Terrestrial - Plantations	1	Montane Tropical Forest	2
11.4	Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens	1	Rain Green Tropical Forest	1
11.5	Artificial/Terrestrial - Urban Areas	1	Rice Paddy and Field	1
11.6	Artificial/Terrestrial - Subtropical/Tropical Heavily Degraded	1	Savanna (Woods)	1
	Former Forest		Seasonal Tropical Forest	1
12.1	Artificial/Aquatic - Water Storage Areas (over 8ha)	1	Shrub Evergreen	1
12.2	Artificial/Aquatic - Ponds (below 8ha)	1	Southern Hemisphere Mixed Forest	1
12.3	Artificial/Aquatic - Aquaculture Ponds	1	Succulent and Thorn Scrub	1
12.7	Artificial/Aquatic - Irrigated Land (includes irrigation channels)	) 1	Tropical Degraded Forest	1
12.8	Artificial/Aquatic - Seasonally Flooded Agricultural Land	1	Tropical Rainforest	1
12.9	Artificial/Aquatic - Canals and Drainage Channels, Ditches	1	Urban	1

		Wet Sclerophylic Forest1Wooded Wet Swamp1Woody Savanna1				
Major threats		Conservation Measures				
CodeDescription of threat13None	Past Present Futu	3 Research actions   3.1 Taxonomy   3.2 Population numbers and range				
		3.3Biology and EcologyImage: Colored				
		4Habitat and site-based actions4.1Maintenance/Conservation4.4Protected areas				
		4.4.2Establishment4.4.3Management				
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% Other forms removed from the wild:				
Source of specimens in commercial trade	100% >75%	51-75% 26-50% <25% Other source of specimens:				
Trend in wild offtake/harvest in relation to to	tal wild population nu	mbers over last five years:				
CITES:       Not listed	omestication/cultivati	on over last five years:				
Red Listing         Red List Assessment:       Least Concern (LC)		Possibly Extinct				
ha		n view of its very wide distribution, its tolerance of a broad range of ge population, and because it is unlikely to be declining fast enough to a threatened category				
Current Population Trend: Stable		Date of Assessment: 12/17/2004				
Assessor(s): Mark-Oliver Rödel, Malcolm La Notes on Red listing:	rgen, Leslie Minter, Kir	n Howell, Ronald Nussbaum, Miguel Vences, Sherif Baha El Din				
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