



The Endangered Western Leopard Toad

Who are we?

Western Leopard Toads are a kind of frog. We are however endangered, and this means that we could become extinct (all of us might die), unless people start caring more and protect us.

Where do we live?

We live in the gardens and wetlands of the suburbs of Cape Town, from Observatory to Kommetjie.

Why are we endangered?

People have unfortunately built in the areas where we used to live and breed, and have polluted our wetlands. Also, when we move across roads to find food or friends, people accidentally drive over us!

Why are we important?

We are an important part of the food chain, as we eat many insects and other pests you don't want in your garden. If we become extinct, it means that your own environment has been damaged and polluted. That's bad news for a healthy and happy future. We are very special – Cape Town is the only city in the world where we are found.

How can you help protect us?

Be a good passenger:

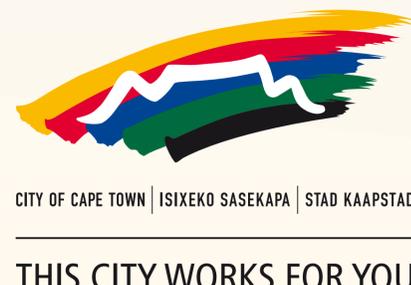
Look out for us on the roads in July, August and September, especially at night and when it is raining. Remind the driver to slow down and avoid us on the roads! (We look like white stones at night.)

Be a good gardener:

We love indigenous gardens with a lot of plant cover. These gardens have plenty of food for us. We like to walk around all the gardens in the neighbourhood to find food and friends, but solid walls stop us from doing that. We don't like poisons like snail bait and insecticides – it puts us out of a job, and poisons us as well. We also don't like pets that bite us, but luckily most dogs and cats ignore us because we taste horrible. When we accidentally fall into your swimming pool, please ask mom or dad to take us out and put us back in the garden.

For more information

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