

PROTECT OUR INDIGENOUS SPECIES

Help prevent the spread of an aggressive invader, the **Guttural Toad**

The City of Cape Town's Biodiversity Management Branch, in partnership with CapeNature, is embarking on a project to protect our indigenous toads and frogs. An aggressive invader toad species, the Guttural Toad, is rapidly establishing and spreading in your area and we need your help!



Guttural Toad
(*Amietophrynus gutturalis*)



Western Leopard Toad
(*Amietophrynus pantherinus*)

Guttural Toads pose a serious threat to the survival of our indigenous frog and toad species, especially the endangered Western Leopard Toad as they compete for habitat, resources and breeding grounds.

The introduced Guttural Toad is an invasive toad species. They occur in a 5km range in the Constantia Valley area and are known to breed in artificial garden ponds.

Each female Guttural Toad is capable of laying up to 25 000 eggs. If this population is

allowed to continue to spread along the greenbelts there is a very real threat of them colonising all major Cape Town water bodies in the future with potentially disastrous consequences.

Guttural Toads have a loud guttural snoring or rattling call and call in the summer months, unlike the Western Leopard Toads that call only in August and September.

Over the next few months we will be surveying the Constantia area to identify their distribution. If we identify your property as a breeding site we kindly ask for your support and will contact you to make appropriate arrangements to remove them.

We urge all residents, especially those who border the greenbelts, to assist us in a project to stop this invasion before it is too late.

Please contact us if you have seen or heard any Guttural Toads on your property.

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