

## Documentation of Rare, Endangered and Threatened (RET) Anurans in the Malnad regions of Chikkamagaluru district in Central Western Ghats of Karnataka, India

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### ABSTRACT

We studied the RET anurans of under-explored Malnad regions in Central Western Ghats of Karnataka. The study area covers Sringeri and Koppa irrigated by the river Tunga and its tributaries. The survey was carried out during the monsoons of 2017 and 2018. A total of 10 species of anurans belonging to 6 families and 8 genera were documented. Among them 3 species are categorised critically endangered (CR), 4 endangered (E), 1 vulnerable (V) and 2 are near threatened (NT) by the IUCN category and 9 species were endemic to Western Ghats. Our investigation was based on photographic voucher, technical description and IUCN status of anurans.

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