

A large, detailed illustration of a green frog with prominent, bulging eyes, sitting in a pond. The frog has a yellowish-orange underbelly and is surrounded by green lily pads and pink lotus flowers. The background is a vibrant blue water surface.

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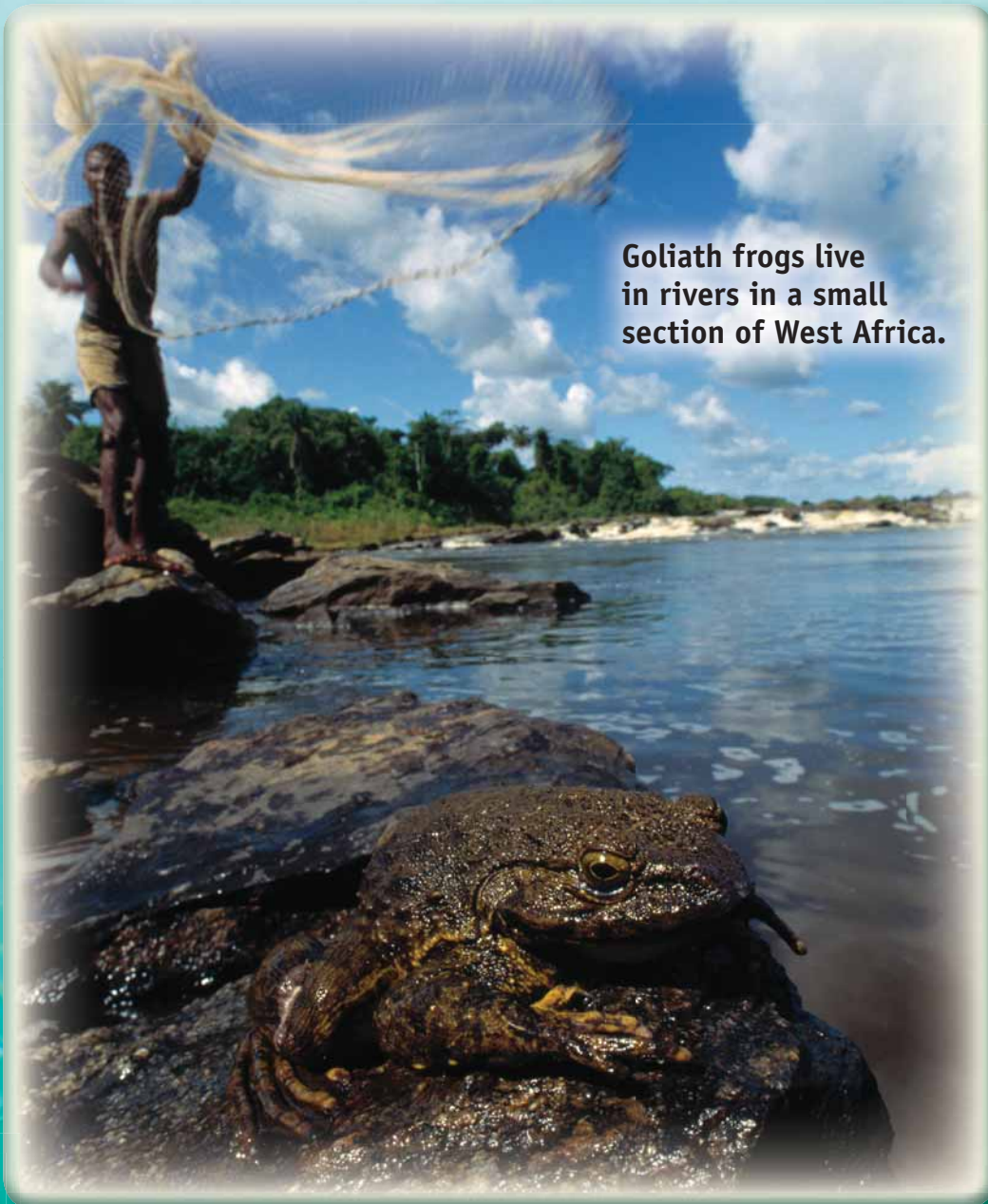
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A Giant Frog

In a rain forest in West Africa, hunters search the riverbank for food. The river's water level is lower than usual because of a **drought**, so it is easier for the hunters to spot their **prey**—a goliath frog.



Goliath frogs live in rivers in a small section of West Africa.

One frog may not seem like much of a meal, but this creature is different. The goliath frog is the biggest frog in the world. It grows to be more than one foot (.3 m) long. With its legs stretched out, the goliath frog can be almost three feet (.9 m) long. That's the same length as many skateboards!



A goliath frog can weigh up to seven pounds (3.2 kg). It is as heavy as some pet cats.

The Same but Different

It's not surprising that some frogs are found in rivers. After all, frogs are **amphibians**—animals that usually spend part of their lives in water and part on land. Toads, salamanders, and newts are also amphibians.



salamander



newt



toad

Not all frogs live in water for the same length of time, however. As adults, some kinds of frogs stay mostly on the ground. Others move into trees. Still others, such as the goliath frog, stay in water nearly all their lives. These frogs are called water frogs. They are also known as **aquatic frogs**.



◀ The Zaire dwarf clawed frog is an aquatic frog.

▼ This tree frog is not aquatic. It spends most of its life on trees and other plants.



Amphibians
need water to
keep their skin **moist**
and their bodies cool.
If their skin dries up or
they become too hot,
they will die.

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Get ready to meet some of the most amazing frogs around. One kind is as long as many skateboards when its legs are stretched out for a leap. Another can lay up to 20,000 jelly-covered eggs at a time. Still another can live in a puddle.

Look inside to find out more about these splashy, water-loving creatures. As you do, you'll discover where they live, how they stay safe, and what kinds of surprising changes they go through as they grow from tiny eggs to four-legged adults.

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