

Duttaphyrnus dhara

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Duttaphyrnus dhara Latest News

Recently, a new species of toad recorded in Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills district has been named as Duttaphyrnus dhara.

About Duttaphyrnus dhara

- It is a **new toad species** found in **Meghalaya**.
- **Habitat:** It prefers **forest-edge** and semi-natural habitats.
- It is clearly different from its closest known relatives, **Duttaphyrnus stuarti** and **Duttaphyrnus chandai**.
- **Features**
 - It is a **small, forest-associated toad** with adult males measuring only about 40-41.8 mm in snout-vent length.
 - It has a compact body, wider head and absence of prominent cranial ridges.
 - It has small but distinct tympanum, **moderate toe webbing**, and a rough dorsum covered with numerous pointed keratinised warts.

- It has a **brown body with irregular black patches**, a narrow pale mid-dorsal line, dark fingers and toes, and a creamy white underside marked with black blotches.

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