

Santa Fe frog

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About Santa Fe frog:

- **Scientific Name:** Leptodactylus laticeps
- It is an extremely rare species found **only in South American countries namely Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay.**
- **Threat:** The frog is under threat as its habitat the Dry Chaco is cut down.
- **Conservation status**
 - **IUCN:** Near Threatened

Key Facts about Grana Chaco

- It is lowland **alluvial plain** in interior **south-central South America.**
- It is bounded on the **west by the Andes mountain** ranges and on the **east by the Paraguay and Paraná rivers.**

- **Physiography:** It is a vast **geosynclinal basin** formed by subsidence (or downwarping) of the area between the Andean cordilleras on the west and the Brazilian Highlands on the east as it filled with alluvial debris from these two features.
 - **Climate:** It is subject to climates that vary **from tropical in the north to warm-temperate in the south.**
 - The Grana Chaco is a large expanse of forest and dusty plains straddling parts of **Bolivia, Argentina, and Paraguay.**
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Q1) What is a geosyncline basin?

A geosyncline is a type of sedimentary basin that forms as a result of tectonic processes. Geosynclines are characterized by their subsidence, or downward movement, and accumulation of thick sedimentary layers over long periods of time.

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