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Ohler's Spiny Frog, a newly discovered large stout frog with spiny chest, was found at a waterfall in Vietnam—over 4 inches long, challenges conservation norms.

About Ohler's Spiny Frog

- Ohler's Spiny Frog refers to large, robust frogs within the *Quasipaa* or related genera, which are known for their spiny chests and large size.
- These frogs are primarily found in fast-flowing streams of evergreen forests in Southeast Asia and the Himalayan foothills.
- **Habitat:** Rocky streams in evergreen forests, particularly in northern Vietnam, southern China, and the Himalayan region.
- **Key Features:**
 - Stout body with rough, spiny tubercles on chest (in males), toes are partially webbed

- Males develop throat and chest spines during breeding, a characteristic linked to spiny frog identification
- Skin colouration is dark brown with yellowish mottling; eyes are dark greenish.
- Size reaches a snout-vent length exceeding 10 cm (typically 7-8 cm).

- **Significance**

- **Ecological Value:** Adds to biodiversity and underlines the ecological uniqueness of waterfall ecosystems
- **Conservation Insight:** Highlights the need for habitat protection in Vietnam, especially for stream-dwelling amphibians
- **Research Contribution:** Supports regional biogeography studies of Dicroglossidae frogs across Indo-Asia.

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