

***RANA CATESBEIANA*** (Bullfrog). ECUADOR: PROVINCIA DE NAPO: Carretera Puyo-Tena, ca. 50 km (by road) from Puyo (ca. 77°50'W, 01°08'S, ca. 400 m). 18 March 2000. D. F. Cisneros-Heredia, M. Brandt, A. Chiriboga, G. Reck. Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Quito (DFCH-USFQ 750; juvenile active at 1830 h in flooded grassland, ca. 100 m from an abandoned bullfrog farm). Verified by J. M. Touzet. *Rana catesbeiana* was introduced to Ecuador in 1988 with the importation of 100 adults and 70,000 tadpoles for commercial purposes; and although initially the bullfrog farms were located in western Ecuador, now they are spread along the western and eastern lowlands (ECOLAP. 1998. *El Manejo para la Protección y el Uso Sustentable de la Vida Silvestre en el Ecuador*. Proyecto INEFAN/GEF act. 20, Quito; Cano et al. 2000. *In: La Biodiversidad del Ecuador Informe 2000*. Ministerio del Ambiente, EcoCiencia and IUCN.). Specimen reported herein is the first of this alien taxon from outside of farms. This record and observations in the surroundings of Bahía de Caráquez (ca. 80°20'W, 00°40'S, ca. 8 m), province of Manabí, confirm that Bullfrogs are escaping and probably establishing feral populations in Ecuador (tadpoles and amplexant pairs were observed in ditches at the locality in the province of Napo).

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