

EUROPEAN RED LIST OF AMPHIBIANS

Appenine Yellow-bellied Toad (*Bombina pachypus*)

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The Appenine Yellow-bellied Toad, a species endemic to Italy and formerly common it has experienced a decline in almost all of its range. The causes for this precipitous decline remain unclear, but it is suspected to have been caused by an introduced fungal disease. It is known to be threatened by loss and fragmentation of wetland habitat. This species is listed as Endangered in Europe according to the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria.



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The Appenine Yellow-bellied Toad (*Bombina pachypus*) is endemic to Italy, where it occurs south of the Po Valley, through the Appenine region, south to the southern tip of the Italian mainland.

It was formerly common, however, the species has declined in almost all of its range (with the exception of Calabria, where populations remain stable) over the last 10 years.

This species occurs in both terrestrial and freshwater habitats and is commonly found in unshaded pools in forests and open areas, including pools formed in ditches, irrigation areas, farmland, or pasture land.

Threats to this species are presumed to largely include loss and fragmentation of wetland habitat to drainage for intensive agricultural purposes.

This species is protected under international laws. It is listed on Appendix II of the Bern Convention and Annex II and IV of the EU Habitats Directive.

It is listed as Endangered according to the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria on the basis of rapid recent population declines, suspected to have been caused by the fungal disease chytridiomycosis.