



A New Record of the Sri Lankan Painted Frog, *Uperodon taprobanicus* (Parker 1934) (Microhylidae), from Sangli Maharashtra, India

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The Sri Lankan Painted Frog (*Uperodon taprobanicus*) is a fossorial species that occurs in Nepal, Bangladesh, India, and Sri Lanka (Frost 2023). In India, this species has been recorded from the states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Bihar, and Assam (Garg et al. 2018). In Maharashtra, this species is known to occur in the Navegaon Bandh Wildlife Sanctuary, Arnala Beach, Virar, Mumbai, and central and eastern Vidarbha Zone (Padhye et al. 2002; Nandvikar and Shaikh 2009; Sreekumar and Dinesh 2020). These frogs occupy a range of habitats that include forests, plantations, roadside wetlands, cultivated lands, and human-populated areas, where they seek refuge in wall crevices and tree holes (Sengupta et al. 2009; Inger et al. 2016; Garg et al. 2018). Herein we report a new record of *U. taprobanicus* from Sangli District of Maharashtra.

During a herpetological survey on 17 September 2021, we observed seven *U. taprobanicus* and collected one adult

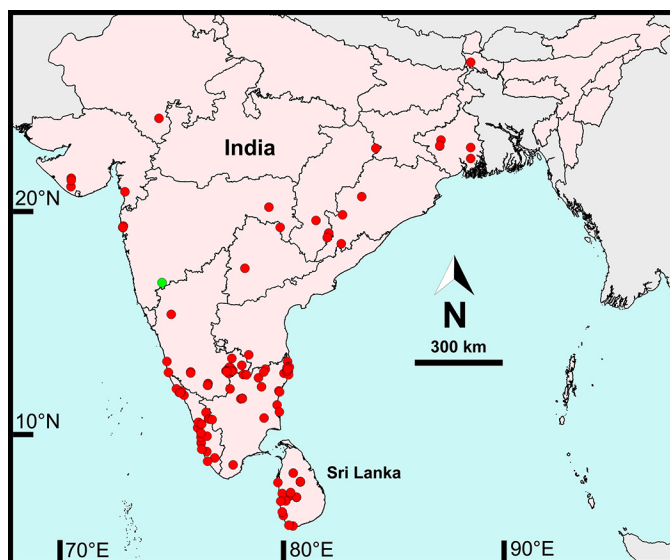


Figure 2. Map of India showing locality records for the Sri Lankan Painted Frog (*Uperodon taprobanicus*). Red dots indicate previously known records and the green dot marks the new record from Sangli, Maharashtra, India.



Figure 1. A Sri Lankan Painted Frog (*Uperodon taprobanicus*) from Sangli, Maharashtra, India. Photograph by Omkar Yadav.

male (Fig. 1) at Aamrai, Sangli, Maharashtra, India (16.8648 N, 74.5723 E; elev. 547 m asl.). This new record extends the known distribution of *U. taprobanicus* about 102 km northward and appears to be a third authenticated record from Maharashtra (Fig. 2). We deposited a photographic voucher in the Zoological Reference Collection in the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum at the National University of Singapore (ZRC(IMG)1.266). The identity of the species was confirmed from the photograph by Dr. Varad Giri.

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