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Amphibian Ark
Rescuing amphibians in crisis

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Our mission

Rescuing amphibians in crisis

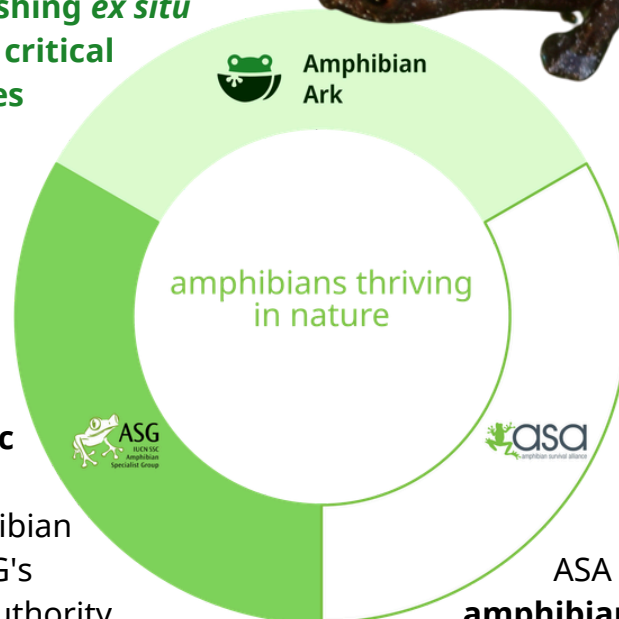
We secure a future for species that cannot currently be protected in their natural environments.

Our vision

With the shared vision of building a future where **amphibians thrive in nature**, Amphibian Ark works in synergy with the IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group (ASG) and the Amphibian Survival Alliance (ASA). Together we strive towards this unified vision by promoting global conservation efforts that are scientifically informed, strategically directed, and inclusive of diverse stakeholders.

Amphibian Ark leads in the rescue of amphibian species in dire circumstances via temporary *ex situ* solutions. By establishing *ex situ* populations, we buy critical time for these species until their natural environments can support them once again.

The IUCN SSC ASG provides the **scientific foundation** to inform effective global amphibian conservation. The ASG's Amphibian Red List Authority (ARLA) maintains the amphibian assessments on the IUCN Red List through the Global Amphibian Assessment initiative.



ASA works to conserve **amphibians in the wild** and coordinate global partnerships, funding, communication, and education.

Our strategic priorities

Prioritizing species in need of rescue

Building conservation capacity

Supporting species rescue programs

From the Executive Director

2025 was a year of significant growth for Amphibian Ark in our reach, our team, and our amphibian conservation partnerships.

Guatemala and Colombia are home to more than 25% of all threatened species in Latin America. Building on the model established by our Brazil National Program, we launched two new National Programs in these two countries in 2025. Each program is led by a dedicated in-country National Coordinator: biologists Maria Jose Chang (Guatemala) and Beatriz Velasquez (Colombia). In each country, they aim to mobilize institutions, translate Conservation Needs Assessment findings into action, and build the locally led networks that sustained conservation requires.

Much of our work to date has been focused on the Neotropics: more than half of all the world's threatened amphibians are found in Latin American countries. However, the second Global Amphibian Assessment shows how threatened amphibians are distributed across the globe, concentrating in certain tropical hotspots. Beyond Latin America, many of these lie across the Afrotropics and South Asia—regions that have received comparatively less attention. Sri Lanka alone accounts for more amphibian extinctions than anywhere else. Because of this, 2025 saw us extending the approach we've taken in the Neotropics across the Afrotropics and in South Asia. Towards the end of the year, we welcomed Dr. Devin Edmonds to the team as AArk's new Program Director for those regions. Devin previously worked for many years in Madagascar, working in Andasibe for Association Mitsinjo to establish Madagascar's first dedicated amphibian conservation breeding facility.

None of this work happens in isolation. AArk operates within a wider ecosystem of organizations committed to reversing amphibian declines. In 2025, we continued to strengthen our ties with the IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group (ASG, and its Amphibian Red List Authority (ARLA)), the Amphibian Survival Alliance, the IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group (CPSG), Synchronicity Earth, and Re:Wild. This coalition was perhaps best manifest in two conservation planning workshops to develop conservation action plans for two of the most urgent amphibian groups in the Neotropics: Colombian harlequin toads (*Atelopus* species, 80% of which are threatened) and Andean water frogs (*Telmatobius* species, 85% of which are threatened). The two workshops were supported by all of the coalition, built on the assessment work of ARLA and AArk, and facilitated by the CPSG. The resulting action plans have been driven by the relevant Task Forces within the IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group.

The challenges facing amphibians are too great for any single organization; it is only through this kind of coordinated, coalition-based effort that we can hope to turn the tide. I am proud of what the AArk community has achieved in 2025 and excited by the foundation we are building for the years ahead.

Jonathan Wilcken

2025 At a Glance

127

species assessed with the
AArk Conservation
Needs Assessments

102

species covered in
conservation planning
workshops

6

species rescue programs
funded through AArk
grants

35

professionals trained in
amphibian husbandry

2

new National Programs
launched: Guatemala
and Colombia

New look, same mission

In 2025, we retired the brand that had carried us for 19 years and launched a new identity. New colors, new logo, and a brand new website bringing our trusted Husbandry Library, grants information, and other resources together in one easy-to-navigate place. The look is new, our mission remains as focused as ever.



Top left: participants at the *Telmatobius* workshop in Chile. Top right: AArk Brazil team and other participants at the XI Brazilian Congress of Herpetology. Bottom left: AArk's Program Director for the Americas and the Caribbean at the International Congress for Conservation Biology in Brisbane, Australia. Bottom right: participants at the Colombian *Atelopus* planning workshop during the 2025 CPSG Annual Meeting in Cali, Colombia

PRIORITIZING
SPECIES IN
NEED OF RESCUE



Telmatobius workshop

With over 60 described species and 85% of them threatened with extinction, the genus *Telmatobius*—Andean water frogs—is one of the most threatened groups in the Neotropics.

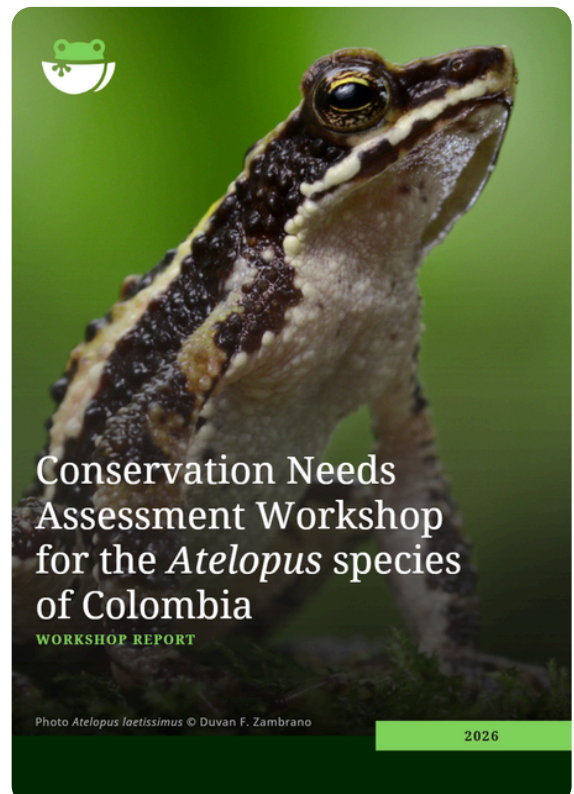
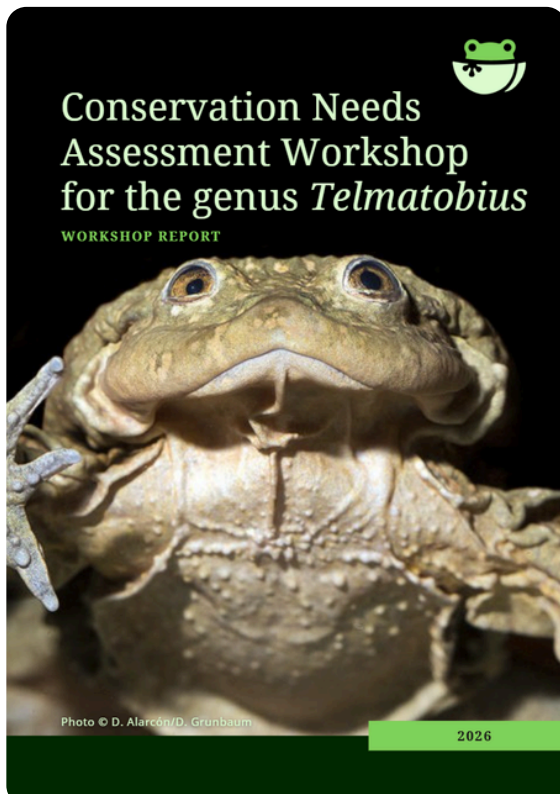
In September and October 2025, we led an AArk Conservation Needs Assessment (CNA) workshop together with the IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group (ASG) *Telmatobius* Task Force, including their coordinators from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru. The CNAs were carried out jointly with the IUCN Red List assessments, and in preparation for a conservation planning workshop organized by the *Telmatobius* Task Force of the IUCN SSC ASG.

Over 45 experts from all the range countries took part in this workshop, where 34 species (55%) were identified for the urgent development of *ex situ* conservation programs.

Atelopus workshop

There are 41 confirmed species of *Atelopus* in Colombia, with 80% of them threatened with extinction. Over 20 species have not been seen in recent years, and are considered potentially extinct.

In September 2025, we led an AArk Conservation Needs Assessment (CNA) workshop together with the IUCN SSC ASG for *Atelopus* species of Colombia. This workshop brought together 23 national and international experts to evaluate these 41 species. This was done simultaneously within the virtual meetings of the IUCN SSC ASG Colombia for the IUCN Red List assessments for the genus *Atelopus* in the country. 23 species were identified as in need of *ex situ* conservation programs.



Reports coming out soon - [stay tuned!](#)

BUILDING CONSERVATION CAPACITY



Building conservation capacity

A central pillar of Amphibian Ark's work is building the capacity needed to develop and manage successful *ex situ* rescue programs. Establishing an *ex situ* population depends on specific skills in husbandry, veterinary care, biosecurity, and population management that are often scarce in the very countries holding the most threatened amphibians. Throughout 2025, we delivered hands-on training, supported partner-led workshops, and worked alongside local institutions to help give rescue programs the foundation they need to succeed.

Conservation Medicine Workshop at São Paulo Zoo

In August, the São Paulo Zoo hosted the first amphibian *ex situ* Conservation Medicine Workshop, organized by Amphibian Ark, the São Paulo Zoo, Amphibian Specialist Group (ASG) Brazil, and The Wild Place. This workshop was supported with one of the 2024 AArk Workshop Grants.

Over three intensive days, lectures and practical sessions delivered by 11 national and international specialists covered a wide range of topics, including conservation strategies, anatomy, clinical examination, nutrition, diseases, diagnostic imaging (ultrasound and X-ray), quarantine, anesthesia, surgery, and animal welfare. The event gathered 22 participants, representing zoos, aquariums, universities, NGOs, and independent professionals from different regions of Brazil, Chile, and Argentina.

[Read more here.](#)



Specialists and students at the amphibian *ex situ* Conservation Medicine Workshop, at Sao Paulo Zoo

XI Brazilian Congress of Herpetology

In the last week of August, the AArk team travelled to Manaus to attend the XI Brazilian Congress of Herpetology. There, they co-led an 8-hour training course on *ex situ* amphibian husbandry for research and conservation, attended by 13 students. They also contributed to an ASG Brazil symposium on the steps of species conservation, spanning both *in situ* and *ex situ* initiatives. In addition, they participated in the workshop that launched the Conservation Action Plan for *A. manauensis*, a Critically Endangered species that AArk has supported since 2022.

Colombia & Guatemala

During the first year of these two programs, both Coordinators mapped institutional capacity. In Colombia, a survey reached 42 respondents across 37 institutions, revealing expertise concentrates in zoos and universities—particularly around harlequin frogs and poison frogs—alongside a proposed “nodal and satellite center” model for shared breeding, rearing, and outreach. In Guatemala, 20 institutions were interviewed, from which La Aurora Zoo emerged as best placed to begin. La Aurora Zoo went on to receive a 2025 AArk grant to host the country’s first *ex situ* amphibian program, and were the hosts of a training course in January 2026.



Visit at Sao Paulo Zoo. From left to right: Dr. Allan Pessier; AArk’s Brazil National Co-coordinator Cybele Lisboa; AArk’s Program Director for the Americas and the Caribbean Luis Carrillo; AArk’s Brazil National Co-coordinator Renata Ibelli Vaz.

SUPPORTING SPECIES RESCUE PROGRAMS



3-year program grants



Establishment of an *ex situ* population of the Pehuenche frog (*Alsodes pehuenche*)

Borja Baguette Pereiro, Gabriela Díaz, Liliana Moreno, Vanesa Pellegrini, Andrés Capdevielle
Ecoparque Buenos Aires, Argentina

[Read more here.](#)



***Ex situ* conservation of five endemic amphibians in Guatemala**

Rowland Kingsley Griffin, Jennifer Michelle Hernandez Muralles
La Aurora National Zoo, Guatemala

[Read more here.](#)

Workshop grants



Planning workshop: Implementing the ASI Harlequin Toad Conservation Action Plan in Colombia

[Read more in the CPSG 2025 Annual Meeting Proceedings here.](#)

NATIONAL PROGRAMS



AArk Brazil program

Now in its third year, the Brazil National Program continues to support five amphibian species across three partner institutions, with AArk's National Coordinators providing technical guidance and fostering the collaboration needed to develop *ex situ* programs for the country's threatened amphibians.

In 2025, the two institutions that received AArk grants in 2024 advanced their projects. Museum Biológico do Instituto Butantan is working directly with the Critically Endangered *Melanophryniscus setiba*; with no closely related analog species available, the institution is drawing on its experience maintaining amphibians to develop husbandry protocols from scratch. BioParque do Rio, taking its first hands-on steps in amphibian husbandry, is using a phased approach—refining techniques on the analog species *Physalaemus signifer* (with support from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) before transitioning to the Critically Endangered *P. soaresi*. Both institutions collected their founding individuals in December 2024 and made significant husbandry progress through 2025. We also established an official partnership with Parque das Aves, an AArk grantee leading the *ex situ* program for *Pithecopus rusticus*.

A major milestone in 2025 was the Strategic Amphibian Conservation Plan (PECAN) for *M. setiba*, a workshop led and developed by ASG Brazil with AArk's support, which formally embeds the *ex situ* program within a broader, *in situ*-linked conservation strategy. AArk also strengthened national veterinary capacity through the first Amphibian *ex situ* Conservation Medicine Workshop at São Paulo Zoo (see [Building Conservation Capacity](#)).



Technical visits to our grantees in Brazil by Amphibian Ark's Brazil co-coordinator, Renata Ibelli Vaz, and AArk's Program Director for the Americas and the Caribbean, Luis Carrillo. Left: Technical visit to the Museu Biológico do Instituto Butantan. Right: Technical visit to BioParque do Rio.

AArk Colombia program

Colombia harbors at least 811 amphibian species—nearly 10% of the world’s total! Yet many of its frogs and salamanders are increasingly threatened by habitat loss, fragmentation, climate change, pollution, and emerging diseases such as chytridiomycosis. In this context, *ex situ* conservation has become an essential complement to the *in situ* conservation efforts in the country. To help address this need, Amphibian Ark launched the Colombia Program in 2025, sponsored by Blank Park Zoo and led by Colombian biologist Beatriz Velásquez.

During its first year, the program focused on understanding national capacity, building partnerships, and integrating *ex situ* conservation into broader amphibian planning processes. A national survey of Colombian institutions found strong expertise in *in situ* conservation and shared gaps in standardized protocols, specialized training, and sustainable funding, providing a baseline to guide AArk’s support.

A key milestone was the Conservation Planning Workshop that we convened together with the *Atelopus* Survival Initiative (ASI) during the IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group (CPSG) Annual Meeting in Cali, Colombia, in October 2025. This workshop helped develop a national framework for Colombia’s harlequin frogs, aligned with the ASI’s wider HarleCAP and embedding conservation breeding within a five-year strategic roadmap. It also helped reactivate ReCRAC, Colombia’s harlequin toad conservation network. In parallel, AArk conducted Conservation Needs Assessments for all 41 Colombian *Atelopus* species and contributed to the IUCN Red List assessments in collaboration with ASG Colombia. The program’s work was further shared at the Colombian Congress of Herpetology in Santa Marta, positioning Amphibian Ark as an active partner in national amphibian conservation. Read our [Colombia 2025 Impact Report](#) here.



Left: Participants of the *Atelopus* Conservation Planning Workshop during the IUCN SSC CPSG Annual Meeting in Cali, Colombia. Right: Beatriz Velásquez, AArk’s National Coordinator for Colombia presenting preliminary results for the *Atelopus* conservation plan at the Colombian Congress of Herpetology in Santa Marta.

AArk Guatemala program

Guatemala harbors at least 167 amphibian species, with almost 60% classified as Threatened, ranging from Vulnerable to Critically Endangered. Significant *in situ* conservation efforts have been made in the country in recent years, but despite a strong protected-area system, these alone are insufficient to protect amphibians facing disease and climate change—especially high-elevation species such as the salamander genera *Pseudoeurycea*, *Nototriton*, and *Bolitoglossa*. Until now, no *ex situ* breeding program existed to complement the *in situ* efforts in the country.

The 2024 Guatemala Conservation Needs Assessment, organized by Amphibian Ark, identified 22 species in need of *ex situ* rescue. To help address this, Amphibian Ark launched the Guatemala National Program in 2025, sponsored by Saint Louis Zoo and led by Guatemalan biologist María José Chang. During its first year, the program focused on understanding national capacity, supporting the establishment of the country's first *ex situ* conservation program, and positioning Amphibian Ark as a key conservation partner.

Through outreach and a national survey, 20 institutions were identified with potential interest in *ex situ* conservation, from which La Aurora Zoo emerged as best placed to begin. The assessment revealed strong national interest paired with a clear gap in *ex situ* technical capacity, which led to organizing a training course as a priority for the year ahead. María José also began advocating for amphibians within national policy, opening conversations with the National Council of Protected Areas (CONAP) about developing a national amphibian conservation strategy, since amphibians remain largely absent from the country's conservation priorities. In November 2025, the first Guatemalan National Congress of Herpetology was held at the Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala. During the event, María José shared progress on the Guatemalan program to promote AArk and strengthen its visibility within the country's herpetological community.

Successful Grant Applications

With the support from AArk's National Coordinator, La Aurora Zoo received an AArk Program Grant this year to kickstart the *ex situ* programs for five endemic species of Guatemalan amphibians, including 3 salamander species and 2 frog species. This is the first amphibian *ex situ* initiative in the country. Read the Guatemala 2025 Impact Report.



AArk's Guatemala National Coordinator, María José Chang, at the first Guatemalan National Congress of Herpetology.

SPECIES UPDATES



Species supported by our Brazil program

Melanophryniscus setiba

Restinga toad

2024 AArk Grantee

In December 2024, two pairs of *M. setiba*—confirmed free of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*—were transferred to the Museu Biológico of Instituto Butantan, launching the first-ever *ex situ* conservation program for this Critically Endangered, micro-endemic toad. Housed in biosecure, carefully designed enclosures that replicate its restinga habitat, the toads quickly began displaying behaviors never documented in the wild, including specific foraging strategies and microhabitat preferences—valuable data given how little is known of the species' natural history and how difficult it is to obtain given their discreet habits, small size, and camouflage.

In 2025, the program continued to advance husbandry knowledge, with the team maintaining the founding animals and closely monitoring their behavior to refine care protocols. A major step came late in the year with a Strategic Amphibian Conservation Planning (PECAn) workshop, which laid the groundwork for the future publication of the plan. This process was led by ASG Brazil and Mariana Pontes, the *in situ* focal researcher and head of the Sapo Setibinha-da-restinga project, together with the support of AArk's Brazil National Coordinators, the Centro Nacional de Pesquisa e Conservação de Répteis e Anfíbios (RAN) of Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade (ICMBio), and Instituto Boitatá. Once finalized, the PECAn will mark an important milestone for *M. setiba*, strengthening the connection between government agencies, *in situ* and *ex situ* stakeholders and institutions, thereby creating a unified strategic vision and a structured path to guide research, management, education, and institutional coordination.

Physalaemus soaresi Santa Cruz dwarf frog 2024 AArk Grantee

For this Critically Endangered frog—known only from a single locality in Seropédica, Rio de Janeiro—BioParque do Rio is taking a phased approach, first refining husbandry on the closely related analog *P. signifer* (IUCN status: Least Concern) before working directly with *P. soaresi*. In just their first year, and despite this being the institution's first hands-on amphibian husbandry experience, the team made remarkable progress.

After collecting *P. signifer* founders and two egg clutches in January 2025 (with support from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro), they completed a full chytrid quarantine and itraconazole treatment cycle, confirmed clearance, and established a working husbandry protocol defining substrate, diet, and stable enclosure conditions. Notably, the team adapted in real time to challenges as they arose; when the frogs began burying themselves and became difficult to monitor, they reworked the substrate to balance animal welfare with the daily observation that the program depends on.

In their first year, the team successfully reared 23 tadpoles through metamorphosis, documented previously unrecorded behaviors, and produced detailed monthly growth data showing healthy weight gain and rapid juvenile development. This rigorous, well-documented foundation now positions them to attempt the first reproduction in the laboratory and, ultimately, to establish an *ex situ* insurance population for *P. soaresi* itself.



Nyctimantis pomba
Sinimbú casque-headed tree frog
2019, 2021, & 2024 AArk Grantee

The *ex situ* population of this Critically Endangered tree frog has grown to 280 individuals across three institutions (CECFau, São Paulo Zoo, and Butantan Institute), managed through studbooks in ZIMS. A third AArk grant (2024) funded additional equipment to support the expanding colony.

In 2025, Brazil's federal biodiversity agency (RAN/ICMBio) officially published the *Nyctimantis pomba* Population Management Program, formally endorsing the coordinated *ex situ* effort, while fieldwork supported by Stiftung Artenschutz advanced study of the species' thermal ecology.



Atelopus cruciger

Rancho Grande harlequin toad | Venezuela

2022 - 2024 AArk Grantee

In March 2025, the Centro de Reproducción e Investigación de Arlequines (CRIA) reached a major milestone: the emergence of its 1000th captive-born toadlet, healthy and strong. This achievement represents a significant step in the conservation program launched in 2022 to safeguard the Rancho Grande Harlequin Toad (*Atelopus cruciger*), a Critically Endangered species endemic to Venezuela.

CRIA began in 2022 with 22 founder toads and a grant from Amphibian Ark. Reintroduction trials began in 2024, starting with the release of 207 tadpoles in January, followed by 200 adults in April and May 2025. As of August, 2025, 15 adults from those released earlier in the year were re-detected and observed to be maintaining good body condition and showing no evidence of Bd infection.



Ambystoma dumerilii

Lake Pátzcuaro axolotl | Mexico

2024 AArk Grantee

Since receiving a 2024 AArk grant, the Universidad Michoacana team has substantially improved larval survival—historically the species' critical bottleneck—reaching 85-95% survival by week five through better diet, water quality, and monitoring. They also established an appropriate early diet, consolidated a water-quality monitoring system, and detected *Bd* (but not *B. salamandrivorans* or Ranavirus) in juveniles via PCR. The latter has led to the implementation of comprehensive sanitary protocols to eradicate *Bd* and monitor for other pathogens. The team is also considering a rescue program for eggs incidentally caught in fishing nets, thanks to the positive collaboration with local fishers.

The project has been incorporated into Mexico's government-led restoration plan for the Lake Pátzcuaro basin, with next steps focused on optimal larval densities, a recirculating aquaculture system, and sanitary protocols to support eventual soft releases.



Hyloscirtus tigrinus

Tiger torrent frog | Ecuador

2013 AArk Grantee

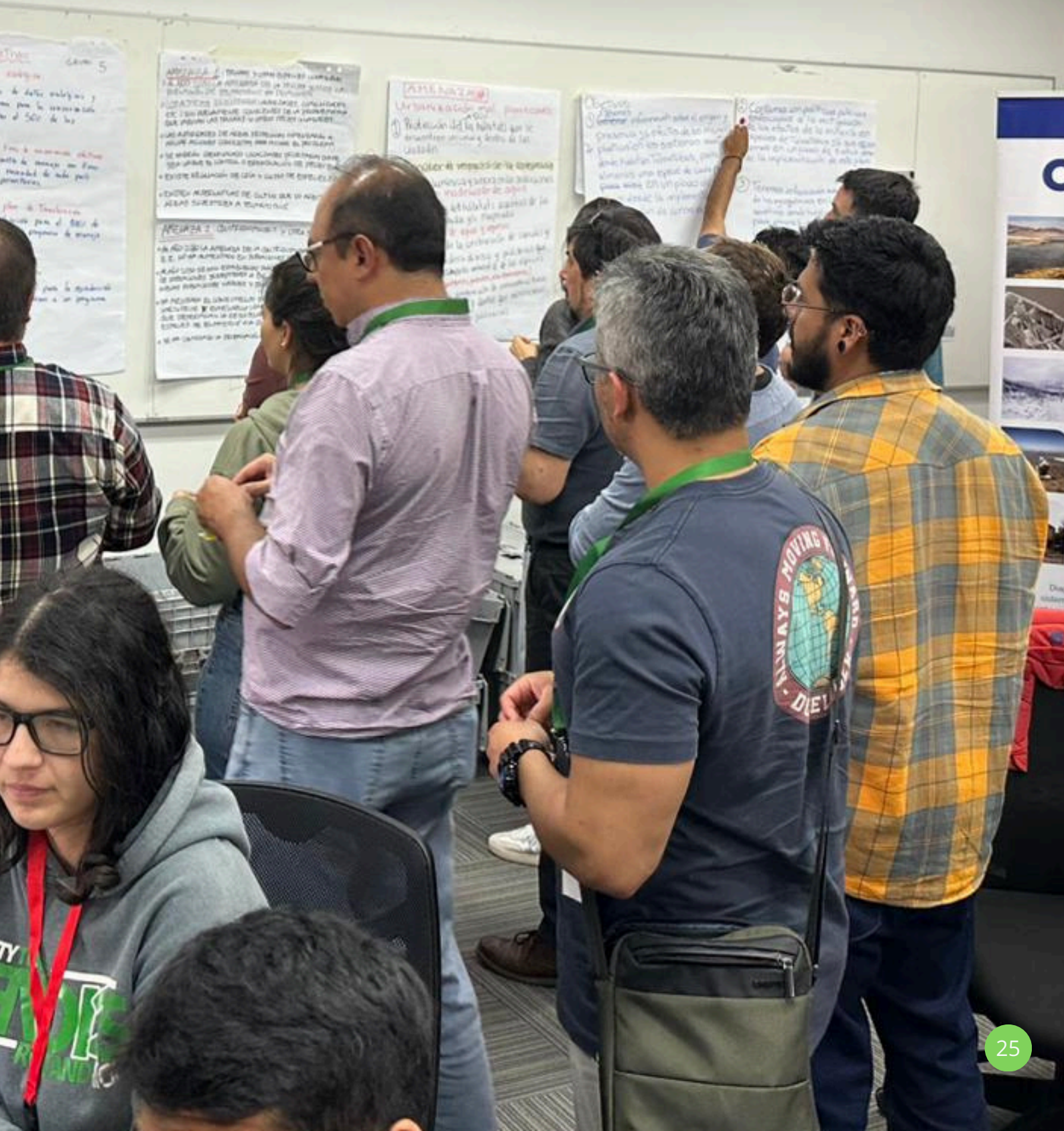
Amphibian Ark first supported SAR-RANA's work on this rare Andean torrent frog back in 2013, with the goal of building the first *ex situ* colony of a species so elusive that only six wild adults have ever been recorded in Ecuador. Progress has been hard-won: early metamorphs were lost to chytridiomycosis, and the tadpoles proved almost impossible to distinguish from a sympatric species until they matured.

A male rescued as a tadpole in 2014 was first heard calling in May 2024—leading the team to estimate that it took roughly a decade to reach adulthood, making *H. tigrinus* one of the longest-lived anurans known. This slow development is tied to the species' habitat: a cold mountain-stream frog, *H. tigrinus* lives in waters of just 5-9°C, where tadpoles may take years to metamorphose and even more years for juveniles to reach adulthood and breeding age.

More than ten years on, the program now holds a small but growing colony: an adult female (rescued in 2019), the now-mature male from 2014, and three juveniles rescued as tadpoles in 2022, alongside husbandry and chytrid-treatment protocols refined over the years. This slow pace is no setback. As the SAR-RANA team note, a viable *ex situ* program for *H. tigrinus* requires a minimum of 15 years of sustained work, secured funding, and the long-term commitment of partners across academia and government.



COLLABORATION



Collaboration

Amphibian conservation cannot succeed in isolation. Throughout 2025, Amphibian Ark worked hand in hand with partners across the global conservation community—from international alliances to range-country institutions—to ensure that the world's most threatened vertebrates receive the coordinated attention they urgently need.

A new global coalition

Since early 2025, Amphibian Ark has co-led a new global coalition dedicated to building a complete, end-to-end approach to amphibian recovery. Working alongside the IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group (and their Amphibian Red List Authority), the IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group, the Amphibian Survival Alliance, Re:Wild and Synchronicity Earth, the coalition will follow the “Asses, Plan, Act” model of the IUCN to regularly assess extinction risk, the AArk CNA's to identify priorities, develop stakeholder-inclusive national recovery plans, and build and mobilize local conservation networks to establish the necessary *in situ* and *ex situ* programs for the most at-risk species. The aim is to deliver country-specific programs that guide, fund, and empower local action, and to ensure that any scaled-up investment in amphibian conservation—like that called for by the new IUCN Resolution on amphibian conservation financing—is directed where it can be most effective.

Connecting with the global amphibian community

In 2025, Amphibian Ark took part in key gatherings of the conservation community, strengthening partnerships and sharing what we have learned from years of supporting *ex situ* programs worldwide. We contributed to a symposium on amphibian conservation breeding at the International Congress for Conservation Biology in Brisbane, Australia. In Brazil, our team had a strong presence at the XI Brazilian Congress of Herpetology in Manaus, where they co-led an 8-hour training course on *ex situ* amphibian husbandry, contributed to an ASG Brazil symposium on the steps of species conservation, and joined the workshop launching the Conservation Action Plan for *Atelopus manauensis*. In Colombia, we convened a Conservation Planning Workshop during the IUCN SSC CPSC Annual Meeting in Cali, and our Colombia National Coordinator contributed to a symposium on harlequin frogs at the Colombian Congress of Herpetology in Santa Marta.



Left: Workshop for the species *Atelopus manauensis* at the XI Brazilian Congress of Herpetology. Right: Beatriz Velásquez, AArk's National Coordinator for Colombia presenting preliminary results for the *Atelopus* conservation plan at the Colombian Congress of Herpetology in Santa Marta.

Our Executive Director also spoke at the [WAZA 80th Annual Conference](#) in Cali, challenging the zoo and aquarium community to confront a sobering trend: amphibians remain the world's most threatened vertebrate group, yet interest and funding for their conservation continue to wane.

Raising the profile of the amphibian crisis

We also collaborated with partners to bring the amphibian crisis back into focus and to wider audiences through three publications featuring our Executive Director. A Conservation Note in *Oryx* aimed to highlight the adoption of a [new IUCN Resolution \(Motion 075\)](#) guiding the global conservation of amphibians—a resolution AArk helped develop and which recognizes the essential role of *ex situ* measures in amphibian recovery. A [global synthesis in *Nature Reviews Biodiversity*](#) examined the widening funding gap and reaffirmed conservation breeding as a critical stopgap for species facing imminent extinction, citing *ex situ* measures as a relevant action for all nine major amphibian threats. Finally, an article in the Winter edition of EAZA's Zooquaria magazine, "[The forgotten crisis](#)", called on the zoo and aquarium community to renew its commitment to the world's most threatened, and least funded, vertebrate group. Together, these pieces helped keep amphibians on the agenda at a moment when attention and resources risk slipping away.

Participants at the Colombian *Atelopus* planning workshop during the 2025 CPSG Annual Meeting © CPSG



FINANCIALS



2025 Financial Report

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Grants and contributions of financial assets	\$285,239
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	\$ -
Workshop sponsorships	\$29,216
Investment income	\$141,528
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$455,983

EXPENSE

Program services	\$223,858
Support services:	
Management & general	\$24,926
Fundraising	\$9,903
Total support services	\$34,829
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$258,687

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT DECEMBER 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash & cash equivalents	\$422,605
Accounts receivable	\$ -
Grants receivable	\$120,000
Prepaid expenses	\$ -
Total current assets	\$542,605
Grants receivable - long-term	\$45,000
Investments	\$758,873
Property - net	\$ -

TOTAL ASSETS **\$1,346,478**

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$20
Accrued salaries & vacation	\$1,746
Funds held for others	\$ -
Due to (from) affiliated organization	(\$76,257)
Total current liabilities	(\$74,491)

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$1,335,969
With donor restrictions	\$85,000
Total net assets	\$1,420,969

**TOTAL LIABILITIES &
NET ASSETS** **\$1,346,478**

Notes to the 2025 Financial Statements

The Amphibian Ark (AArk) is a registered USA 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization (TIN 46-1453272). AArk had an overall surplus from operations of US\$197,296 for the year in 2025. As of December 31, 2025, AArk had a net asset reserve of US\$1,420,969. The information on this page was taken from the 2025 audit. Copies of the full audit can be obtained by contacting the Amphibian Ark.

DONORS



2025 Amphibian Ark Donors

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