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# Xenopus laevis

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A species of South African aquatic frog of the genus *Xenopus*. It is up to 12 cm long with a flattened head and body but no tongue. Its name derives from its three short claws on each of its hind feet. It is an important model organism in developmental biology.