



LOST TOADS OF THE CLOUD FOREST – VOCABULARY LIST

Amphibian

A group of animals (such as frogs and toads) that usually live part of their lives in water and part on land and have permeable skin.

Biodiversity

The variety of living organisms in an ecosystem, including plants, animals, and microorganisms.

Biosafety Measures

Steps scientists take to prevent spreading diseases or harmful organisms while doing fieldwork, such as cleaning boots, gloves, and equipment.

Chytrid Fungus

A fungal disease that infects amphibians and has caused massive population declines worldwide.

Cloud Forest

A forest found at high elevations where clouds and mist provide constant moisture.

Community-Led Conservation

Conservation efforts that are planned and carried out with leadership from local communities.

Conservation

The protection and careful management of natural resources and wildlife to prevent loss or extinction.

Critically Endangered

A classification meaning a species faces an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild.

Deforestation

The removal of forests, often to make space for agriculture, development, or ranching.

Ecosystem

A community of living organisms interacting with each other and with their physical environment.

**Endangered**

A term used to describe a species that is at serious risk of becoming extinct.

Endemic

A species that lives naturally in only one specific place in the world.

Evidence

Information or data used to support a claim or explanation in science.

Extinct

When a species no longer has any living individuals anywhere on Earth.

Fieldwork

Scientific work conducted outdoors to collect data in natural environments.

Habitat

The natural environment where a plant or animal lives and gets what it needs to survive.

Monitoring

The process of regularly observing and collecting data about a species or environment over time.

Population

A group of individuals of the same species living in the same area at the same time.

Reserve

A protected area of land set aside to conserve wildlife and natural habitats.

Species

A group of organisms that can reproduce with one another.

Species Recovery

Actions taken to help a threatened species increase in population and avoid extinction.

Stewardship

The responsibility to care for and protect the natural world.