

Help Romeo, the World's Loneliest Frog, Find His Juliet by Valentine's Day



Photo: Dirk Ercken and Arturo Muñoz

Oh, Romeo. Romeo.

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A Sehuencas water frog named Romeo at the Cochabamba Natural History Museum in Bolivia has been a bachelor for 10 long years. It seems this poor, little Romeo seems to be missing a Juliet.

Nicknamed the “Loneliest Frog in the World,” the childless frog has been crying out a mating call for several years now. A task that has proven to be utterly futile.

Now, the museum is trying to raise funds to search high and low along Bolivian streams to find female Sehuencas water frogs, even if they're little tadpoles. The reason why the museum is suddenly taking on this matchmaking task is because Romeo is the last of his kind, and his species only live to be about 15 years old.

"We don't want him to lose hope," said Arturo Muñoz, a conservation scientist associated with the Global Wildlife Conservation to AFP.

The Global Wildlife Conservation teamed up with Match.com to make him a profile order to raise awareness and funds for his search for love.

"Not to start this off super heavy or anything, but I'm literally the last of my species" says "Romeo" in his profile. He also says he wants to find his "one and only Juliet." It's probably the most adorable dating profile you've ever seen, including Romeo's picture which features his big, froggy eyes.

On the profile is also a link to donate to Romeo's cause, which leads to the Global Wildlife Conservation website.

The organization aims to raise \$15,000 by Valentine's Day in order to get scientists into the field, sending 10 expeditions to the streams and rivers.

Hesam Hosseini, CEO of Match, told the *Independent*, "Finding a match for Romeo is a new challenge for us, but in the interest of saving an entire species, we gladly and confidently accept."

If the search is unsuccessful, Muñoz does not rule out cloning as an option, according to AFP.

"The chances are decreasing and decreasing, and we need to do something urgent now," he told the *Independent*.