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The Bolivian Cochran frog, earned the nickname of 'glass frog' because of its transparent belly.

(AFP)

Glass frogs spotted after 18 years

A RARE species of frog native to the eastern slopes of the Bolivian Andes has been **spotted** in the South American country for the first time in 18 years, the investigation team that made the discovery said.

The Bolivian Cochran frog is **notable** for its **transparent** belly, leading to its nickname, the 'glass frog'.

"The rediscovery of this species fills us with a ray of hope for the future of the glass frogs – one of the most **charismatic** amphibians in the world – but also for other species," said the investigation team.

The team came across the frogs on 8 January during a **mission** to rescue reptiles and amphibians **threatened** by a hydroelectric project in the Carrasco National Park to the east of Cochabamba, the fourth

largest city in Bolivia (玻利維亞).

Glass frogs are tiny, measuring only 19-24 millimetres and weighing just 70-80 grams. Some frogs' hearts and digestive tracts can be seen through their transparent bellies. They can be found in the departments of La Paz (west), Cochabamba, Santa Cruz (east) and Chuquisaca (southeast).

Those found in the Carrasco National Park had a transparent belly with a white chest. The bones and vocal sac of the males are dark green, the team said.

The three frogs found were taken to the K'ayra amphibian conservation centre at the Alcide d'Orbigny museum.

Experts will try to **encourage** the frogs to breed as part of a conservation strategy.

(Source: *Junior Standard*, 18 February 2020)

Part 1

Matching

Match sentence fragments in Column A with those in Column B to make complete sentences.

Column A	Column B
1. An investigation team spotted a rare species	A. sparked hope for the future of glass frogs.
2. The frog is native to the	B. of frog that has not been seen for 18 years.
3. The rediscovery of the species	C. eastern slopes of the Bolivian Andes.
4. The team was at the time	D. trying to rescue reptiles and amphibians.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Part 2

Please complete the table below:

Frog	A 1. _____ of frog native to the Bolivian Andes has been spotted again for the first time in 2. _____ years.
Who	The frog was rediscovered by an investigation team as it was rescuing 3. _____ and 4. _____ threatened by a construction project.
Name	The Bolivian Cochran frog has the nickname 5. _____ because its belly is 6. _____.

Part 3

1. Where did the Bolivian Cochran frog originate? _____
2. Why is it called the 'glass frog'? _____
3. When was the species rediscovered? _____
4. How will the experts conserve this rare species? _____