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Amphibian Issues

This week, you read about the discovery of 10 amphibian species. That's big news for amphibians at a time when some are facing extinction. Nearly one third of the world's amphibians are at risk of disappearing forever. This chart shows the 10 countries with the greatest number of amphibian species, and the number of species from each nation that are threatened. Use the map on page 6 of this week's issue to fill in the chart below with the number of amphibian species found in each nation. Then, use the chart to answer the questions.



Country	Number of Amphibian Species	Number Threatened
Brazil		116
Colombia		214
Ecuador		163
Peru		96
Mexico		211
China		92
Venezuela		72
Indonesia		33
Papua New Guinea		11
United States		56

- Which country has the greatest number of threatened amphibian species?
 (A) Colombia (C) Ecuador
 (B) Mexico (D) Peru
- Which of the 10 countries in the chart is home to the fewest amphibian species?
 (A) Brazil (C) United States
 (B) Indonesia (D) Peru
- How many more amphibian species are threatened in Colombia than in Peru?
 (A) 48 (C) 117
 (B) 105 (D) 118
- How many more amphibian species live in Brazil than in the United States?
 (A) 34 (C) 372
 (B) 247 (D) 519
- Indonesia has the fewest threatened amphibian species of the 10 countries in the chart.
 (A) true (B) false
- Name an amphibian that lives in your neighborhood. What kind of habitat does it live in?

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