Episode Twenty Two: Desert Rain Frog | Week of August 30th

[*HOP* BY BOQEH PLAYS THROUGHOUT]

KIM

Hi, welcome to Chili's. It's August 30th, 2021, I'm Kim, and the frog of the week is the Desert Rain Frog.

This frog lives on the sandy shores of Namibia and South Africa. It has a round body, a short snout, short legs, bulging eyes, and yellow and brown coloring. A perfect specimen. The desert rain frog is nocturnal. During the day it burrows under the sand to stay cool and moist, but at night it emerges to feed.

Rather than hopping, it uses its stubby little legs to crawl around on the beach in search of food. The desert rain frog also lays its eggs in these sandy burrows. Its young are born fully-formed, skipping the tadpole phase.

If you spend a lot of time on the Internet, like me, you may be familiar with the desert rain frog's high-pitched call, which has been likened to the sound of a dog's squeaky toy, The frog may call when distressed, but it also uses its call to attract mates. Males may also form choruses.

I wasn't able to find any footage of a desert rain frog chorus, presumably because anyone who witnessed such a sight would probably die of cuteness on the spot

[DESERT RAIN FROG CALL PLAYS]

KIM

I like this frog because it's just an adorable little beach bum. If I ever retire, I'd like to live my days like the desert rain frog- snoozing in the sand and only emerging to eat or scream.

And that's the frog of the week. Thank you to our old friend warm stew and our new friend Oliver Lester for all recommending the Desert Rain Frog. Our website is frogpod.online, and our Twitter is @WeeklyFrogPod.

Thanks for joining us. See you next week.

[*HOP* BY BOQEH FADES OUT]