Episode Forty One: Goliath Frog | Week of February 14th

[*LILLY* BY BOQEH PLAYS THROUGHOUT]

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Happy Valentine's Day. It's February 14th, 2022, I'm Kim, and the frog of the week is the Goliath Frog.

This frog is native to Cameroon and equatorial Guinea in Africa. It makes its home in fast moving rivers with sandy bottoms. It is dark green in color with a yellow or orange belly, but the most notable feature of this frog's appearance is its size.

Because the Goliath Frog is the largest living species of frog in the world.

It can grow upto 32 centimeters, or about 13 inches from snout to butt. And the largest specimens can weigh in at over 7 pounds. How did this frog evolve to be so large? Scientists believe it may have something to do with their breeding habits. For example, males wrestle with other males to compete for mates. The males will also use rocks and gravel to build nests on the riverbank for their eggs. He protecc, but he also attac.

Goliath frogs do not have vocal sacs, and for a time, it was believed that they did not call at all. But in fact, they do make a variety of sounds, including whistles, chirps, and even guttural calls. Unfortunately, we don't have audio of any of these sounds, but here's my best recreation of what the whistle probably sounds like:

[KIM WHISTLES INTO THE MIC]

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In retrospect, this was probably a bad idea, because I cannot whistle. You get the gist.

I like this frog because it's a heckin chonker, a big chungus, an absolute unit. I am in awe at the size of this lad.

And that's the frog of the week. Thank you to Becca and Joe for recommending the Goliath Frog. If you liked the show, we'd be very grateful if you took the time to rate or review. Visit our website: frogpod.online, or tweet us @WeeklyFrogPod.

Thanks for joining us. See you next week.

[*LILLY* BY BOQEH FADES OUT]