

# Madagascar for Real



Golden Mantella, *Mantella aurantiaca* (Ranidae) from near Mantadia National Park - (David Parks photo)

Madagascar has well over 170 species of frogs, all but two of which are endemic (found nowhere else in the world). Golden Frogs are found only near Mantadia National Park. Popular in the international pet trade, they may be threatened by overcollecting; more than 11,000 were exported in 1989.



*Mantidactylus luteus*(?) at the Nosy Mangabe Reserve (David Parks photo).

Almost invisible on the forest floor until they move, cryptic frogs are easy to photograph when approached slowly.