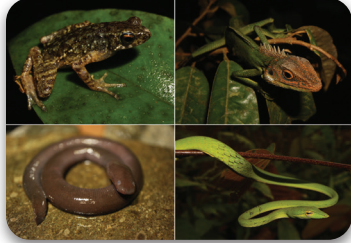


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The image shows some of the diverse species of toads (*Ansonia muelleri*), caecilians (*Ichthyophis mindanaoensis*), lizards (*Bronchocela* sp.), and snakes (*Ahaetulla prasina preocularis*) that can be found on the southern slope of Mount Busa in Sarangani Province, Philippines. They comprise 28 amphibian and 40 reptile species for a total of 68 recorded species—around 65% of which are endemic to the country. More field-based research is needed to fill the knowledge gap on the herpetological community of southern Mindanao, which could facilitate conservation efforts in the region. To learn more, go to page 1279–1306.

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