

Amphibian Chytrid Fungus - Information and Links

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The microscopic fungus known to scientists as *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* (or "Bd" for short) belongs to the chytrid fungi group, and the disease it causes is called chytridiomycosis. Bd has devastated many amphibian species around the world. To learn more about Bd and to find out what you can do to help, check out the following links.

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For more about amphibian declines:

- o Amphibian Conservation Action Plan
- o Amphibian Conservation Summit
- o Amphibian Ark and its "2008: Year of the Frog"
- o Global Amphibian Assessment
- o Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Year of the Frog

About Bd Testing

- o Field sampling protocol video
- o Overview from Pisces Molecular
- o Test kits and analysis

About Bd Treatment

- o "Successful Treatment of Chytridiomycosis"
- o "Main Preventive Management Strategies for the Chytrid Fungus *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*"
- o "A Protocol for Treating Chytrid (*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*) -Infected Frogs"
- o Australia's Threat Abatement Plan

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