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Romeo, the frog who is looking for a girlfriend on the internet so that her species does not become extinct

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The amphibian from Bolivia opened a profile on Match.com to find a female with which to breed. Its species, the "Telmatobius yuracare", is threatened with extinction.



Romeo could be the only specimen of his kind. / Taken from Match.com

It seems that behind there were the times when love was a thing of destiny and it was not necessary to go to the internet to find it. Even for amphibians.

Romeo, a water frog from Sehuencas that was found ten years ago by biologists at the Alcide d'Orbigny Natural History Museum in Cochabamba, Bolivia, had to open a profile on the Match.com dating page to find a partner. A call with which, in addition, seeks to preserve its species.

"As for who I'm looking for, I'm not demanding. I just need another Sehuencas like me. Otherwise, all my existence as we know it is over (it's not a big deal). So, if you're willing to help an old Romeo find his only Juliet, donate for my cause so we can go out and start searching for my only true union! ", You can read in Romeo's profile.

And is that its species, the *Telmatobius yuracare* , which lives in the streams of cloud forests of Cochabamba and Santa Cruz, is threatened with extinction due to the loss of its natural habitat. Which is why it has been so difficult for Romeo to find a partner.

For this, after seeing how, insistently, Romeo makes mating calls from the tank where he lives, the scientists in charge of his care decided that if he had not lost hope they either.

This was how they allied with Match.com, the Global Wildlife Conservation and the Amphibian Initiative of Bolivia to launch a campaign with which they seek to raise about \$ 15,000 until February 14 , Valentine's Day. With this money the scientists will make ten expeditions to the rivers and streams where Sehuencas water frogs used to be found, to look for individuals that allow them to establish a breeding program for this species.