1. Record Nr. UNINA9910154350903321 Autore Halliday Tim **Titolo** The book of frogs: a life-size guide to six hundred species from around the world / / Tim Halliday Pubbl/distr/stampa Chicago, [Illinois]:,: The University of Chicago Press,, 2016 ©2016 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (657 pages): illustrations, photographs Disciplina 597 Soggetti Frogs - Anatomy Frogs - Behavior Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes indexes. Note generali Frontmatter -- CONTENTS -- Introduction -- What is a frog? --Nota di contenuto Complex life cycle -- An acoustic world -- Frogs, toads & people --Population declines -- Amphibian diseases -- Distribution & classification -- Why the number of frog species is increasing -- The frogs. Part 1 -- The frogs. Part 2 -- Appendices With over 7,000 known species, frogs display a stunning array of forms Sommario/riassunto and behaviors. A single gram of the toxin produced by the skin of the Golden Poison Frog can kill 100,000 people. Male Darwin's Frogs carry their tadpoles in their vocal sacs for sixty days before coughing them out into the world. The Wood Frogs of North America freeze every winter, reanimating in the spring from the glucose and urea that prevent cell collapse. The Book of Frogs commemorates the diversity and magnificence of all of these creatures, and many more. Six hundred of nature's most fascinating frog species are displayed, with each entry including a distribution map, sketches of the frogs, species identification, natural history, and conservation status. Life-size color photos show the frogs at their actual size—including the colossal

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