

## New record of Greenhouse Frog *Eleutherodactylus planirostris* in southern Mindanao, Philippines

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**Location:** Mindanao Island, Barangay Central, Mati City, Davao Oriental Province, Philippines.  
**Elevation:** 16 metres ASL.  
**Habitat:** Garden in urbanized area.  
**Date and time:** 29 May 2021, 18:00 hrs.

**Identity of subject:** Greenhouse Frog, *Eleutherodactylus planirostris* (Amphibia: Anura: Eleutherodactylidae).

### Description of record:

Several individuals were heard calling back to a recording of a Greenhouse Frog call. Two small frogs were observed, and one of them was caught, photographed, and released (Fig. 1).

### Remarks:

The frog was identified as *Eleutherodactylus planirostris* based on:

(i) its small size (ca. 25mm snout-vent length),  
(ii) colour of the snout and top of head is light brown; (iii) dorsal body colour is brown with two light brown dorsolateral stripes, (iv) head as broad as body, and (v) digits are long and slender without webbing; tips not dilated (Olson et al., 2012).

The introduced Greenhouse Frog was previously documented on Mindanao Island in Davao del Sur, Bukidnon, Lanao del Norte, and Zamboanga City (Sy & Dagpin, 2020). This note provides the southernmost distributional record to date for this introduced frog in the Philippines.



Fig. 1.

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