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**LABORATORY REPRODUCTION OF THE CUBAN TOAD,
PELTOPHRYNE EMPUSA COPE, 1862**

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The paper presents data on reproduction of the Cuban toad, *Peltophryne empusa* in laboratory conditions. Spawning was stimulated by surfagon injection. The start of spawning was observed at a temperature of 27.0 – 27.5°C in the early morning after 10 – 12 h after the hormonal injection. The female fertility ranged from 2,415 to 7,343 eggs. Incubation lasted 12 – 24 h. The total embryogenesis duration from egg laying to the start of exogenous feeding of larvae was about 2 days. The larval development of the Cuban toad lasted from 27 to 64 days. The body length of young toads after complete tail resorption was 6.8 – 10.5 mm.

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