

## State of populations of anuran amphibians (Anura, Amphibia) in the north of the Caspian lowland

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**Abstract.** The distribution of three species of anuran amphibians (*Pelobates vespertinus*, *Bombina bombina* and *Pelophylax ridibundus*) in the north of the Caspian lowland within the south-east of the Saratov region is considered. The biotopic habitat of local populations of these species is revealed and trends in their abundance under the influence of climatic and anthropogenic factors are discussed. Reduction of their numbers is shown and the continuation of this trend is predicted if the direction of climate change in the region remains unchanged.

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