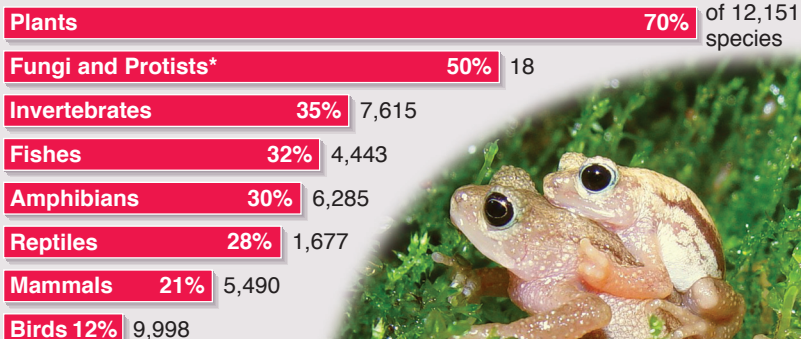


# Species face growing threat of extinction

An updated "Red List" inventory of endangered species, issued by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, has warned that over a third of plant and animal species are threatened with extinction

**THREATENED SPECIES IN 2009:** As percentage of species assessed



## **Kihansi Spray Toad**

Formerly abundant with population of at least 17,000, now extinct in wild



**STATUS OF SPECIES:** Total of 47,677 species assessed

Picture: IUCN / Tim Herman

Number of species      % of total

<b>Extinct or Extinct in Wild</b>	875	<b>2%</b>
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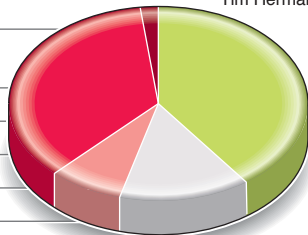
<b>Threatened</b>	17,291	<b>36%</b>
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<b>Near threatened</b>	3,650	<b>8%</b>
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<b>Data deficient</b>	6,557	<b>14%</b>
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<b>Least concern</b>	19,023	<b>40%</b>
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<b>Lower risk / conservation dependent**</b>	281	<b>&lt;1%</b>
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\* Organisms not classified as animals or plants

\*\* Old category being phased out

Source: IUCN

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