

WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2009

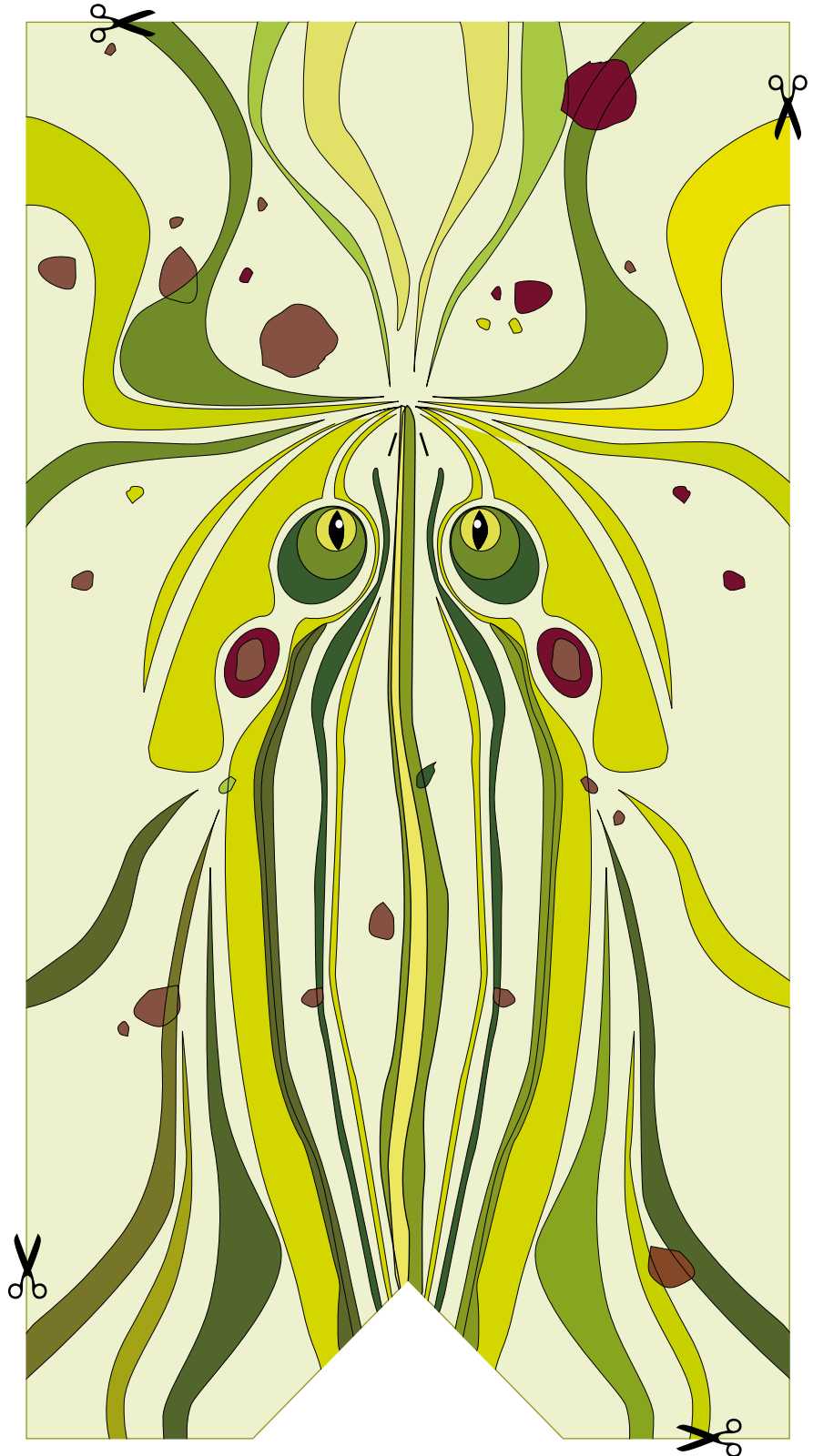
Upstream-Downstream: wetlands connect us all

DO-IT-YOURSELF FROG



Did you know?

- About 6,000 species of amphibians have been identified
- Most amphibians are frogs and toads (around 5,000 species)
- There are thought to be many species that have not even been discovered yet
- About 2,000 amphibian species are threatened with extinction because of the destruction of their habitats and the effects of disease, pollution, and climate change
- Amphibians have permeable skins – so polluted water has a really bad effect on them
- Scientists reckon that about 500 threatened amphibian species are doomed to extinction, others may recover ONLY if we look after their habitats better
- Not all amphibians live in wetlands – but many, many do – so look after your wetlands and safeguard your frogs!



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