(20.18519^4^0^N^, 97.195721^4^0^W^; WGS84), 68 m elev. 25 March 2008. Tania Ramírez Valverde. Verified by Luis Cansecó Márquez. Museo de Zoológia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (MZFC 22266). First record for Puebla, although many localities exist for adjacent Veracruz (Duellman 2001. Hylid Frogs of Middle America. SSAR Contrib. Herpetol. 18:xvi + 696 pp., x + 1159 pp.). The frog was found in a seasonal evergreen forest (bosque tropical subperenifolio).

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APALONE SPINIFERA (Spiny Softshell Turtle). MÉXICO: GUERRERO: Municipality of Copalillo: 5 km NE of Papaluta at the edge of Río Atoyac (18. 56766°N, 98.9511°W; WGS84), ca. 682 m elev. 11 December 2006. Juan Esteban Flores. Verified by Fausto R. Méndez de la Cruz. Colección del Laboratorio de Herpetología Vivario, Facultad de Estudios Superiores Iztacala, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (CLHV 4462-E). New municipality record and second record for the state, extending range in the 331,662 km² gap in the distribution between San Gabriel de Cachoeira, Brazil and the hydrographic basin of Venezuela and Guyana.

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