

Fish Ark-México



Hobbyist Aqualab Conservation Project



MEXICO AS A BIODIVERSE COUNTRY

Two biogeographic provinces

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2160 species

2268 EU & Canada

20 % of the territory



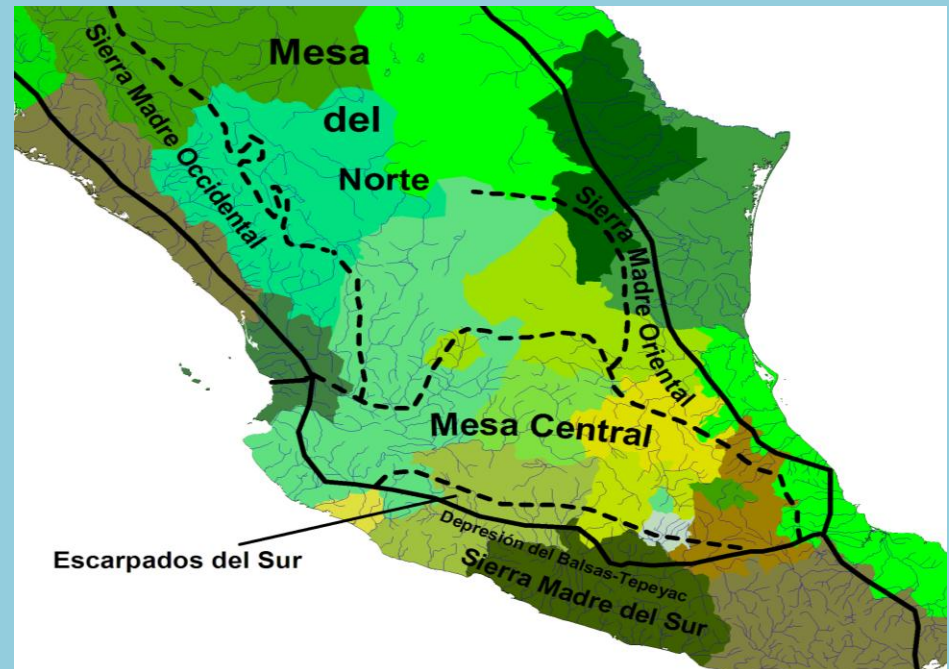
IN MÉXICO

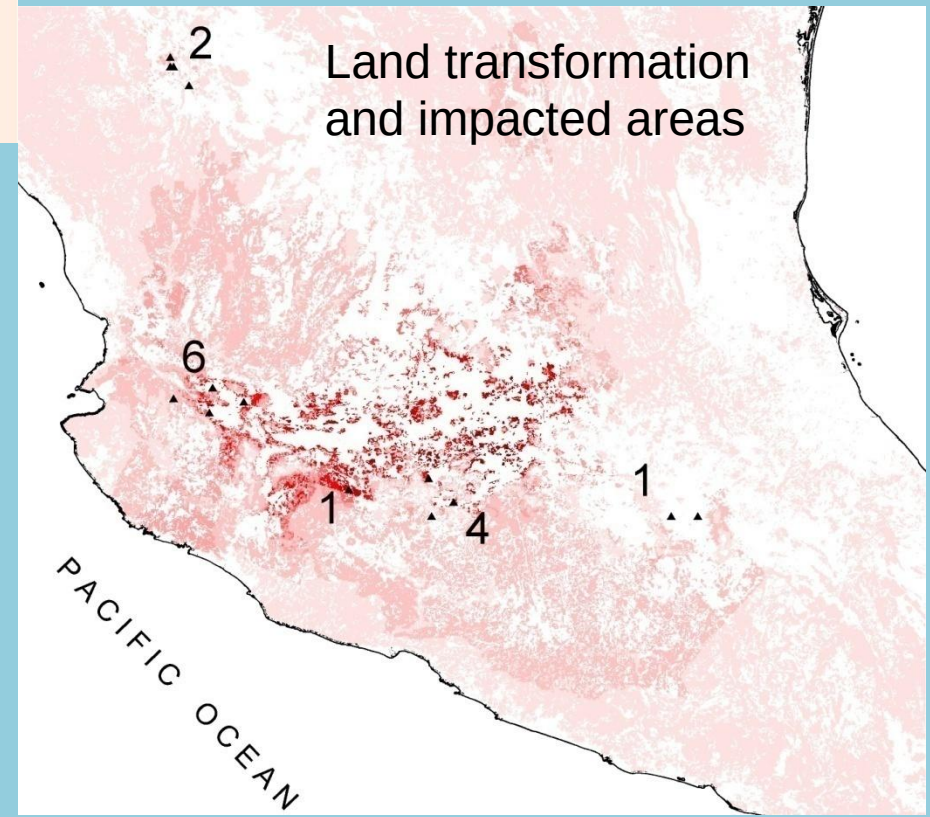
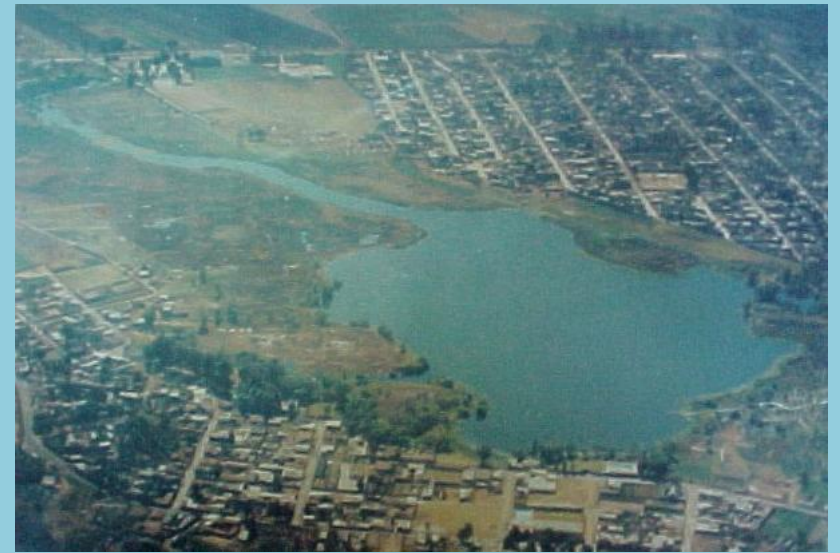
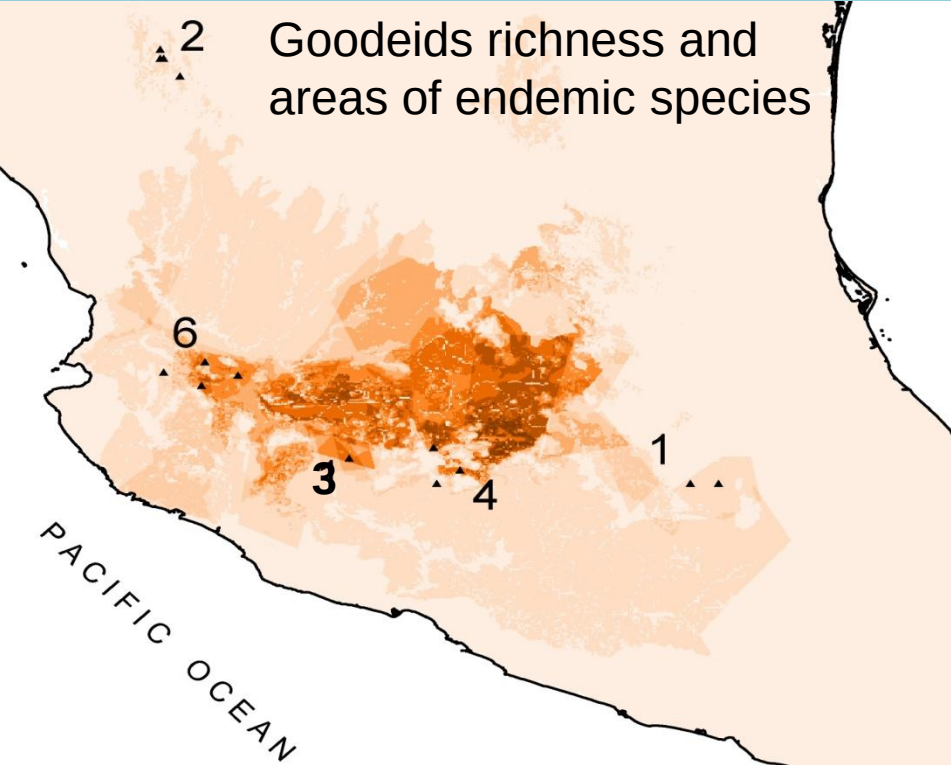
520 freshwater fish species

163 endemics (32 %)

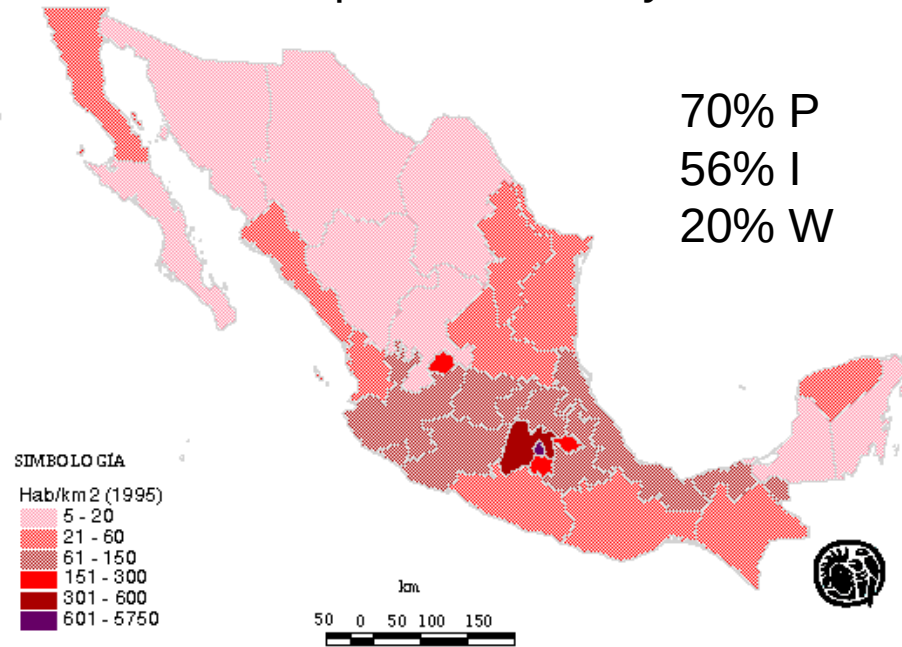
Central Mexico with 70%
of endemic species

International interest for the
conservation of freshwater fishes

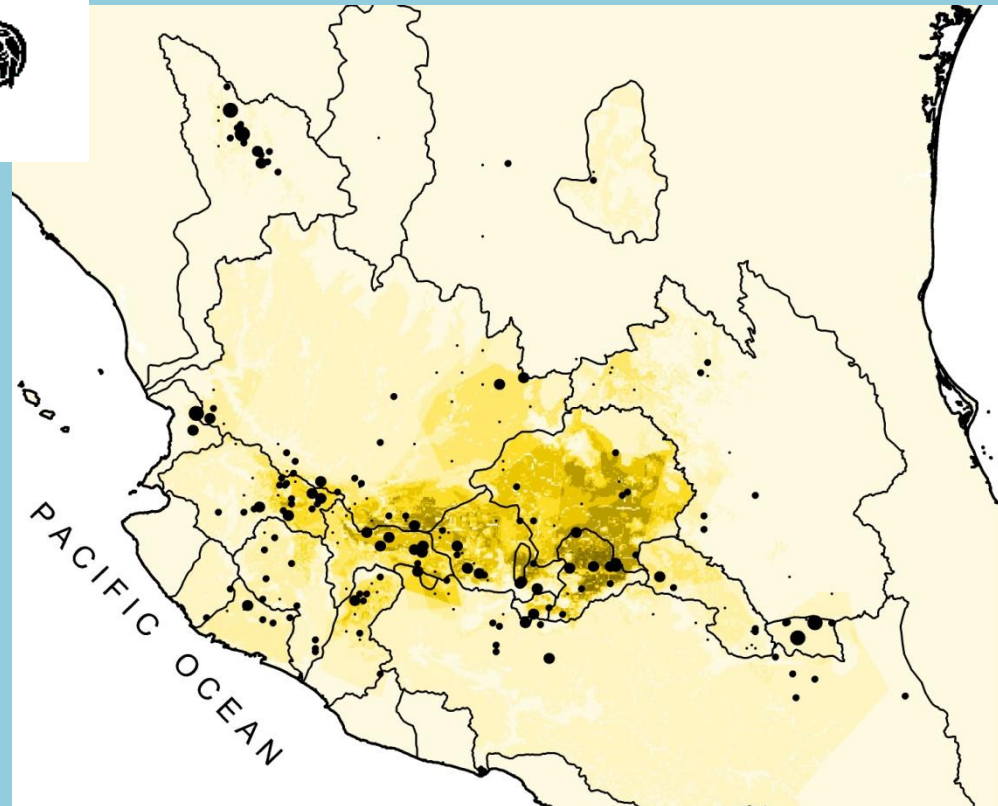


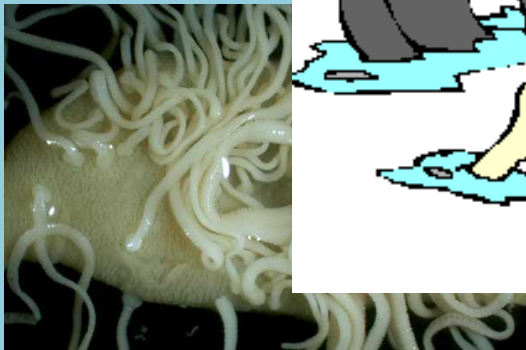
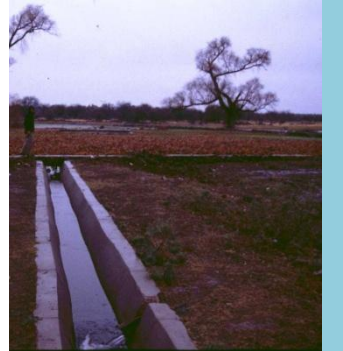
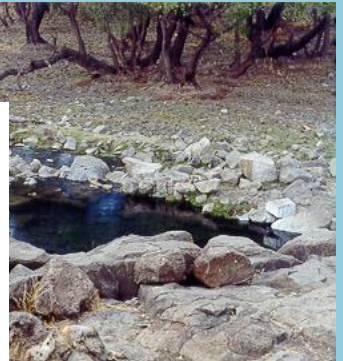


Population density

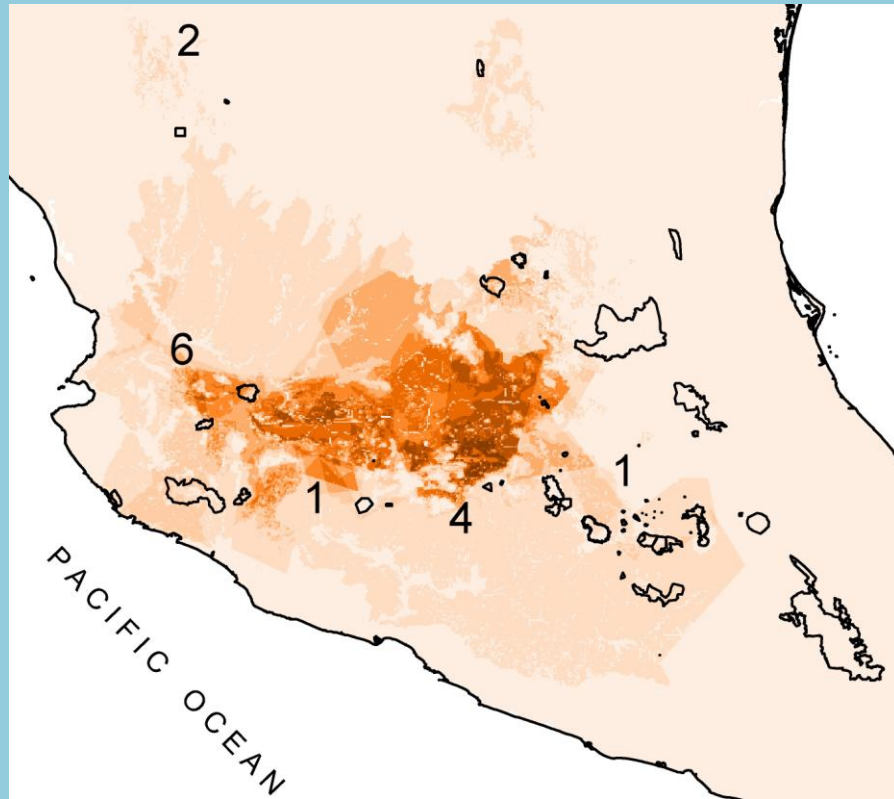


Local extinctions

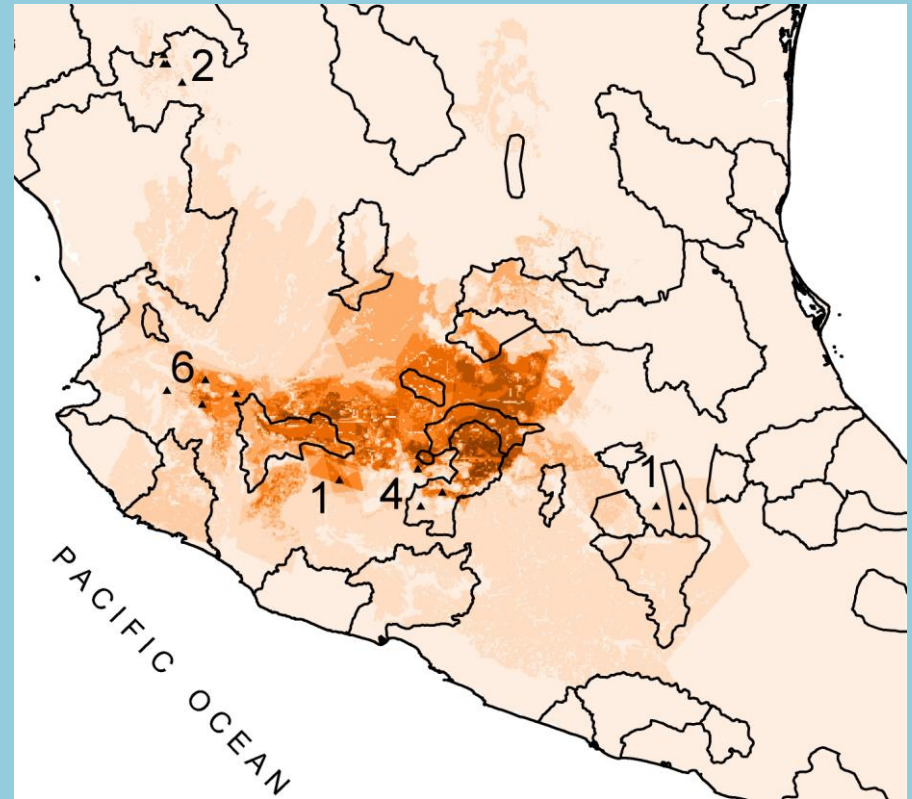




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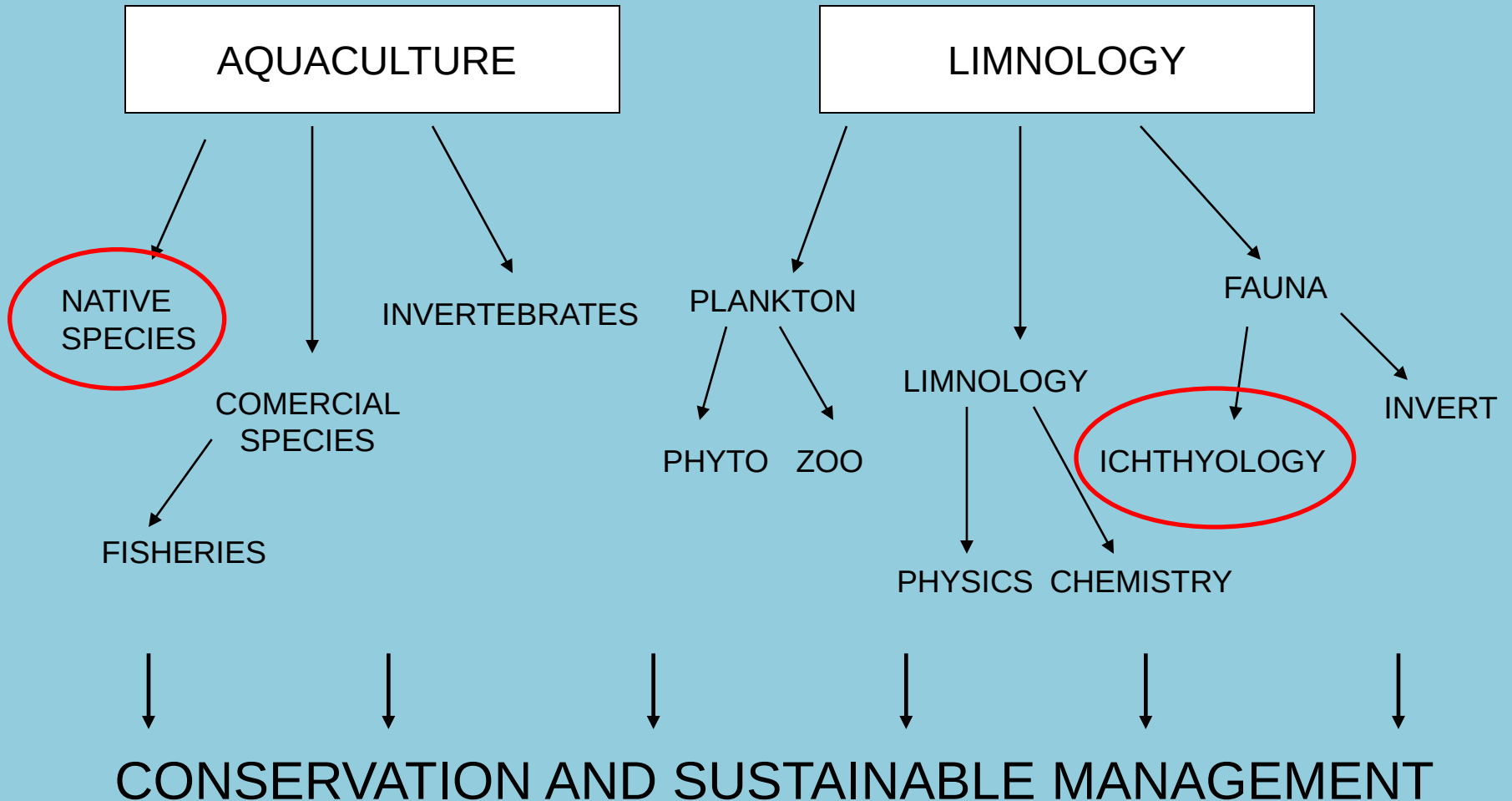


General objective of the aqualab

Contribution to the conservation and sustainable management of epicontinental aquatic resources in Mexico



LABORATORY FRAME



History of the Fish Ark





Main scope

Maintain a bank of germoplasm in ex-situ and controller condition to prevent the extinction of the species and promote their conservation



The lab start in 1997

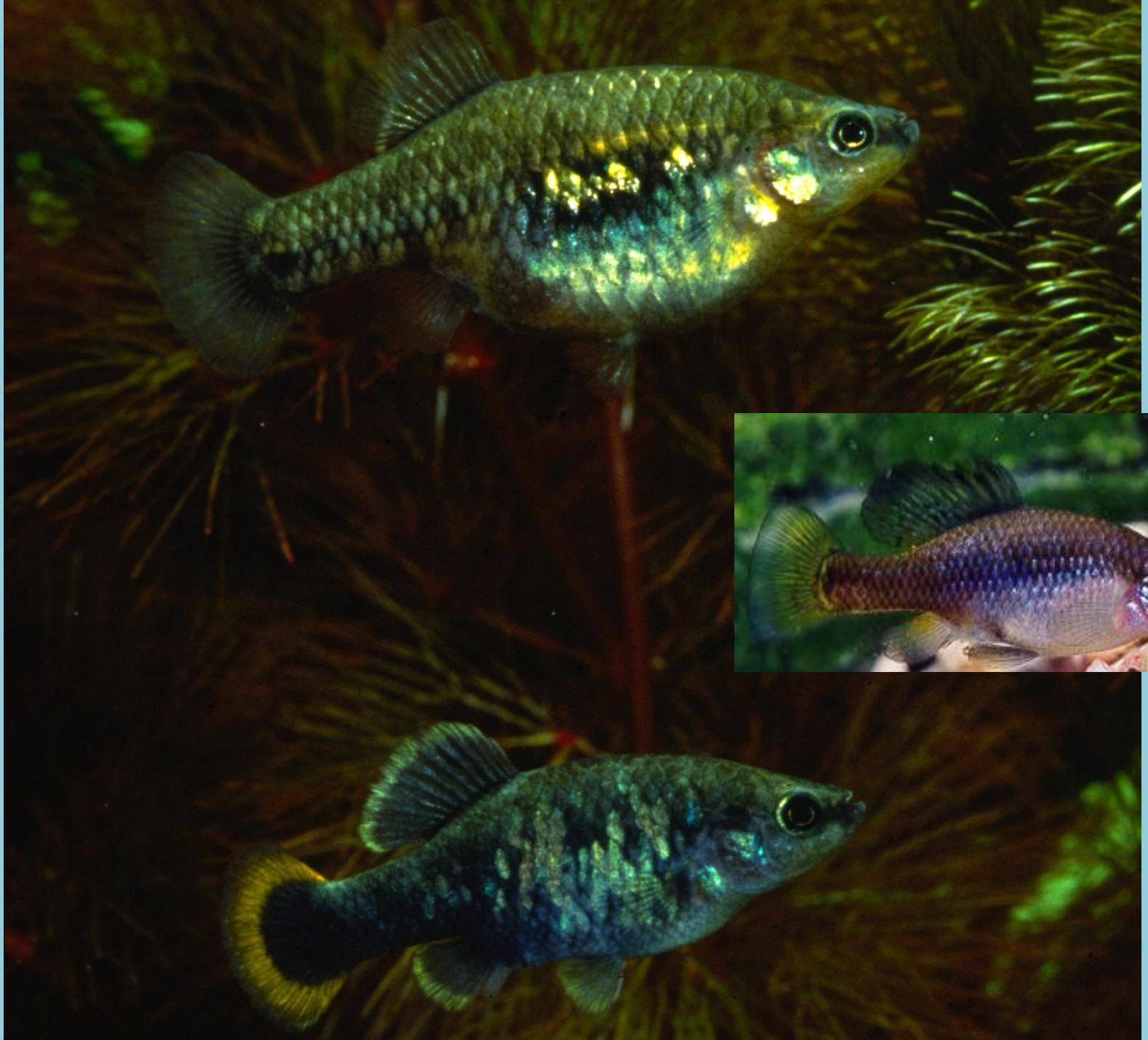


In 1998 it was full with Tilapia and ornamental fish



**The Fish Ark project
Officially start at 1999**





First field trip “start the fish collection”



80 aquariums, filter and aeration system for all the the tanks
(80,000 l) and aquariums



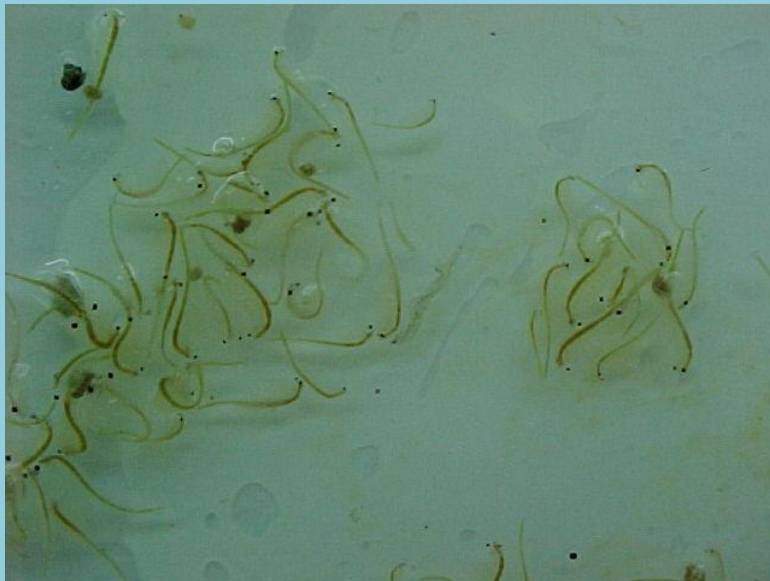
We sold ornamental fish and Artemia to support part of the Fish Ark until 2001



2002 the field trips continue







The 2003 field trip gang in Compostela Mexico.



Photo by Ivan Dibble





2006





Quarantine area



2008 and 2010





2008





2010





2011



2010







2011









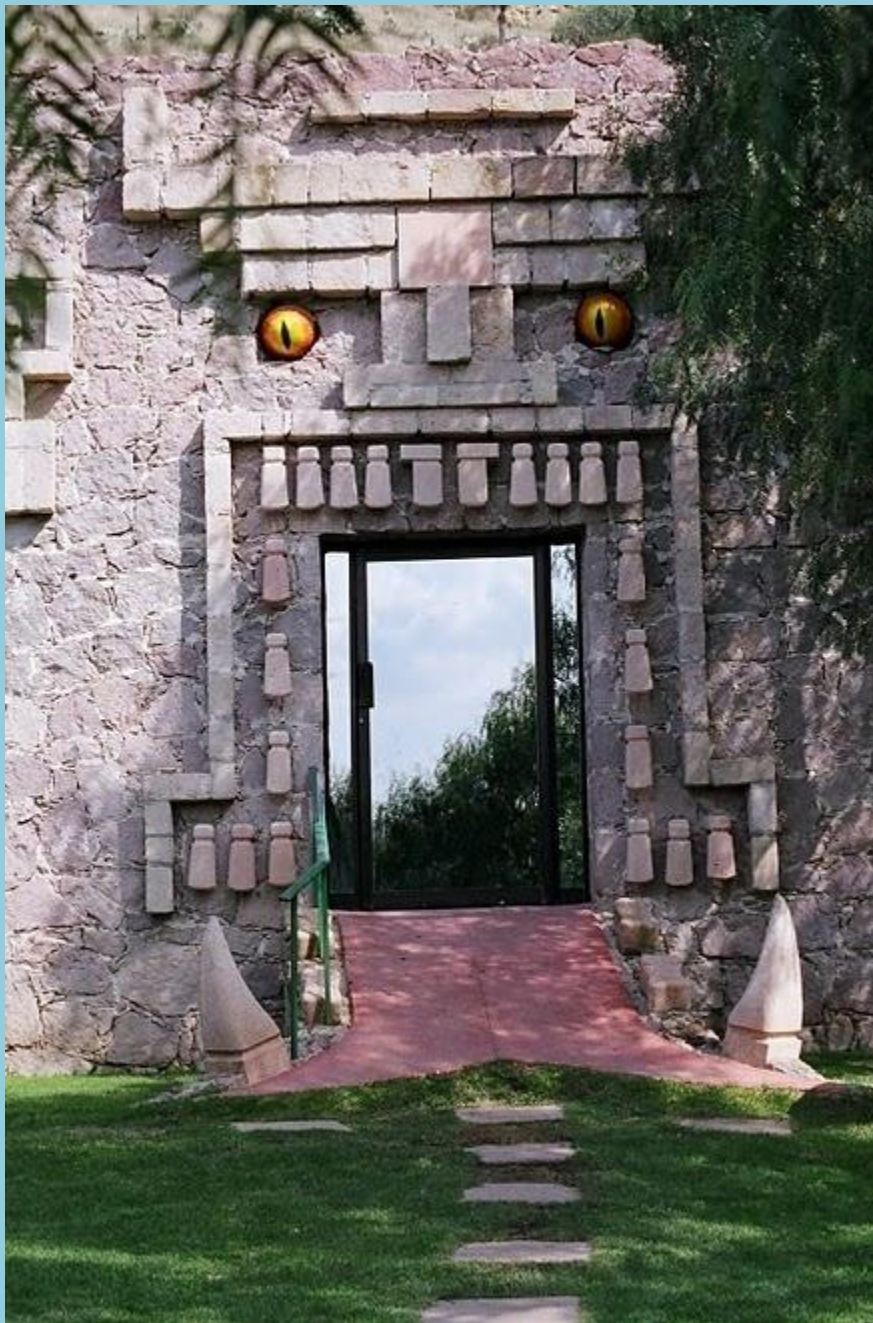
Projects outside the Aqualab

2001



2010





PARQUE ZOOLOGICO DE SAN LUIS POTOSI

UN ZOOLOGICO INCRIBLE!!! CON UN MUSEO DE HISTORIA NATURAL, JARDIN BOTANICO, ACUARIO, HERPETARIO, ZOOLOGICO, CAMPAMENTO DE VERANO PARA NIÑOS, AREAS DE RECREACION, UNA EXPERIENCIA EN EL SEMIDESIERTO INOLVIDABLE, CON UNA ARQUITECTURA EN SU CONSTRUCCION ESTILO MEXICO PREHISPANICO, UN RECORRIDO DIVERTIDO, EDUCATIVO Y CULTURAL. INFORMES: MARUVILET@HOTMAIL.COM



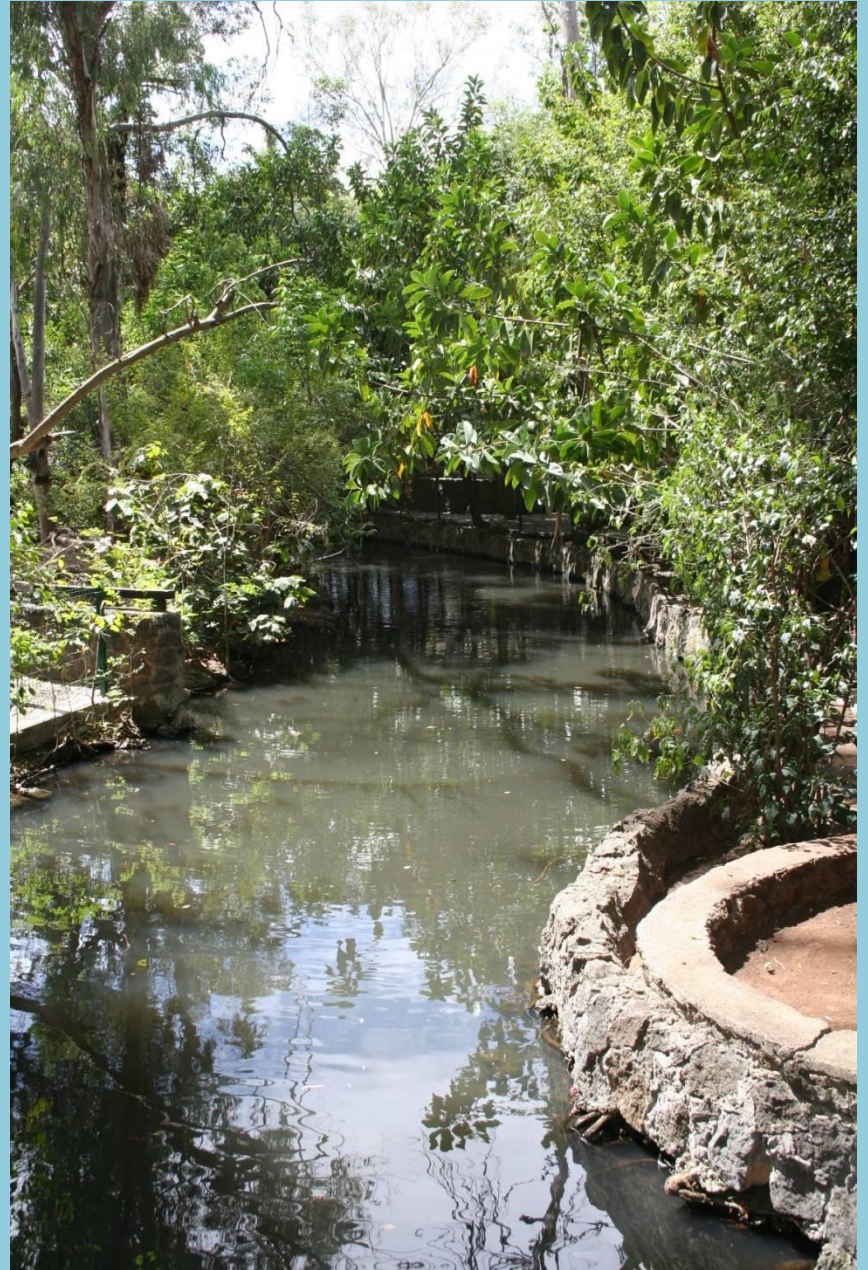
tema del día

El especial de Cambio
MORELIA

El acuario, la gran atracción del zoológico de Morelia











Why no Poecilids?

25°C but <10°C
Not optimal conditions for Poecilids



Most of the Poecilids live in lowland and tropical areas of Mexico

If we really like to conserve the biodiversity of the fishes in Mexico?



Fish ark-Mexico



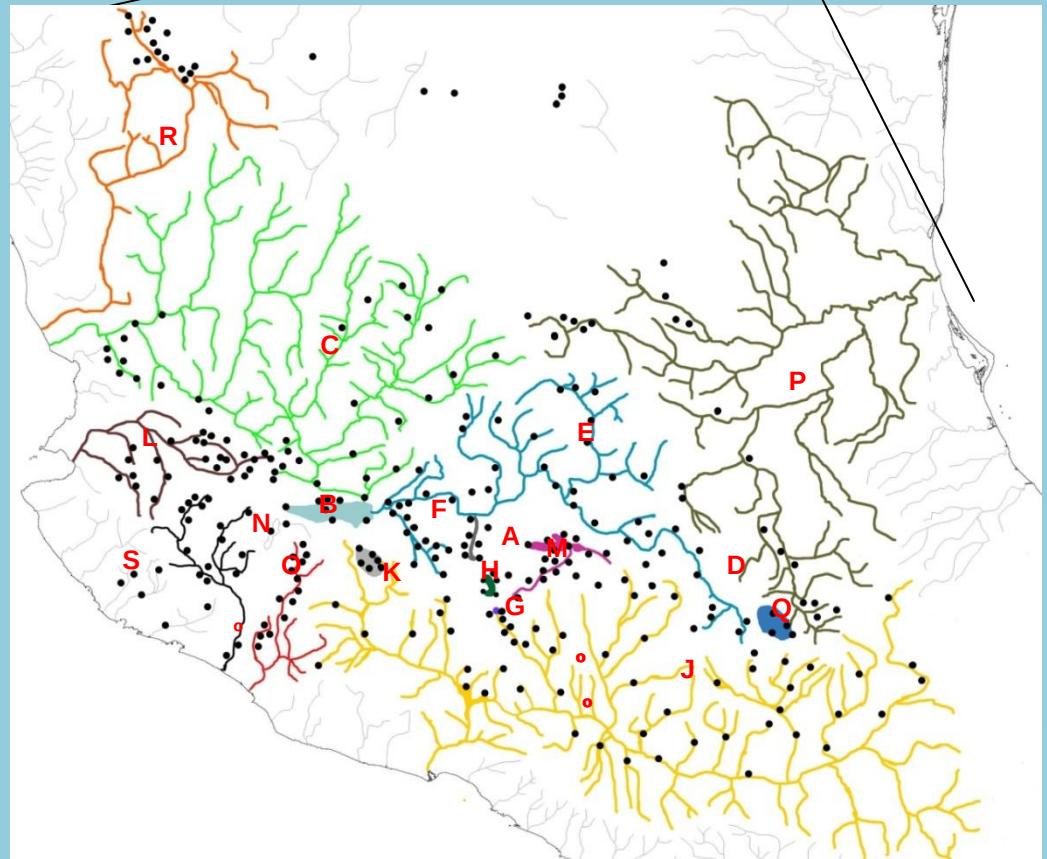
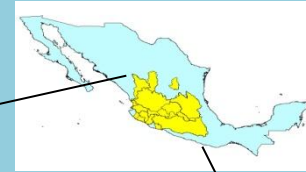
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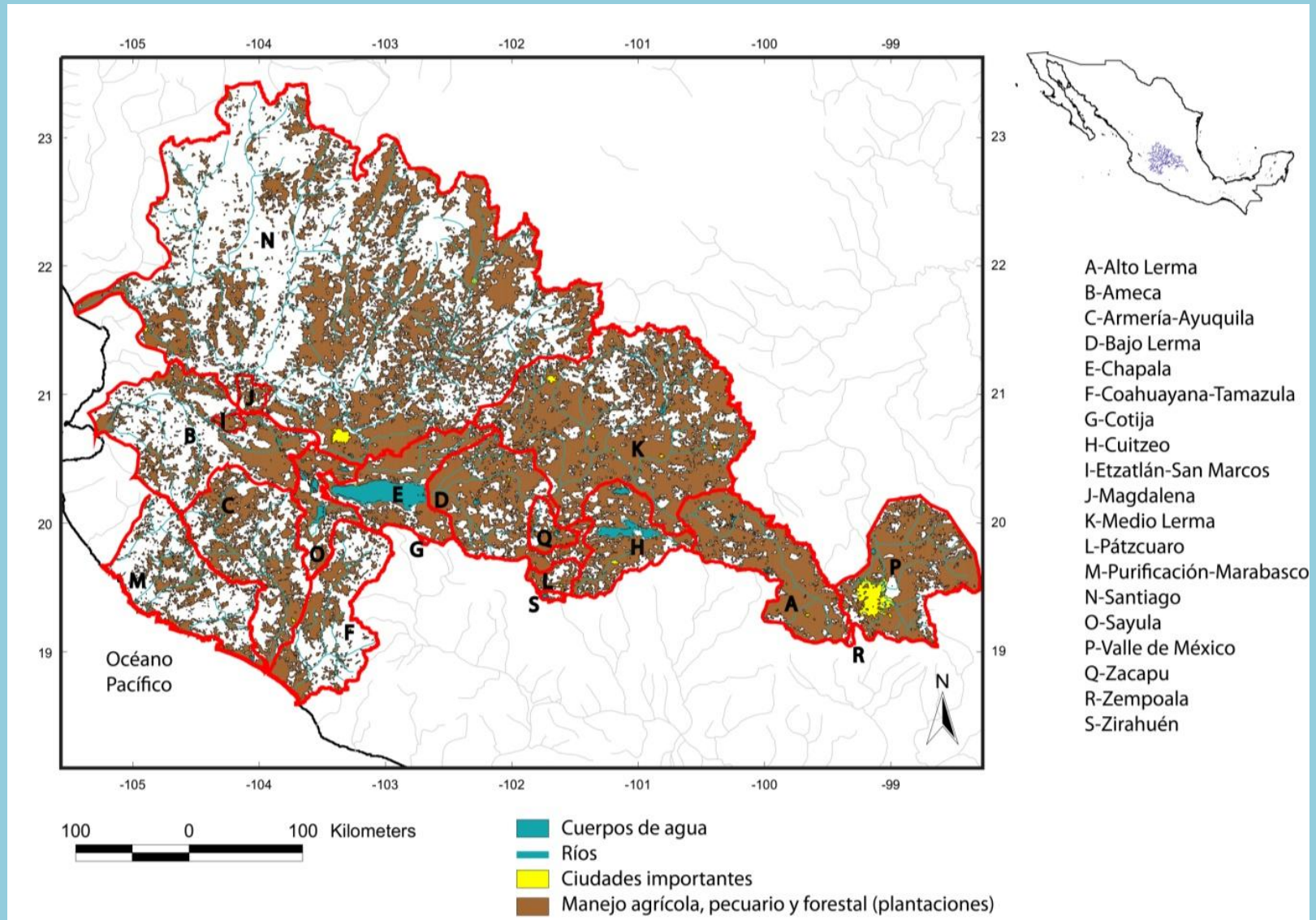
NEW RESEARCH WORK

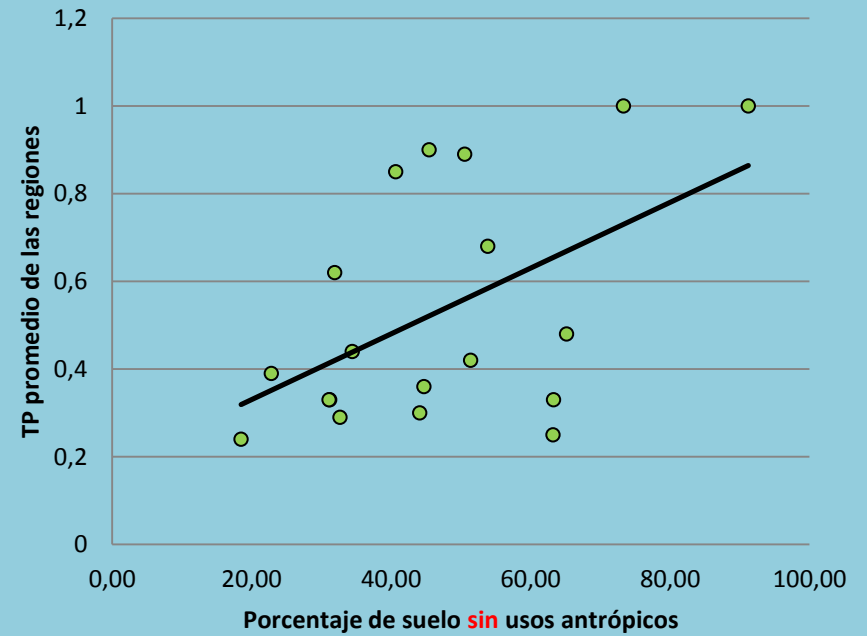
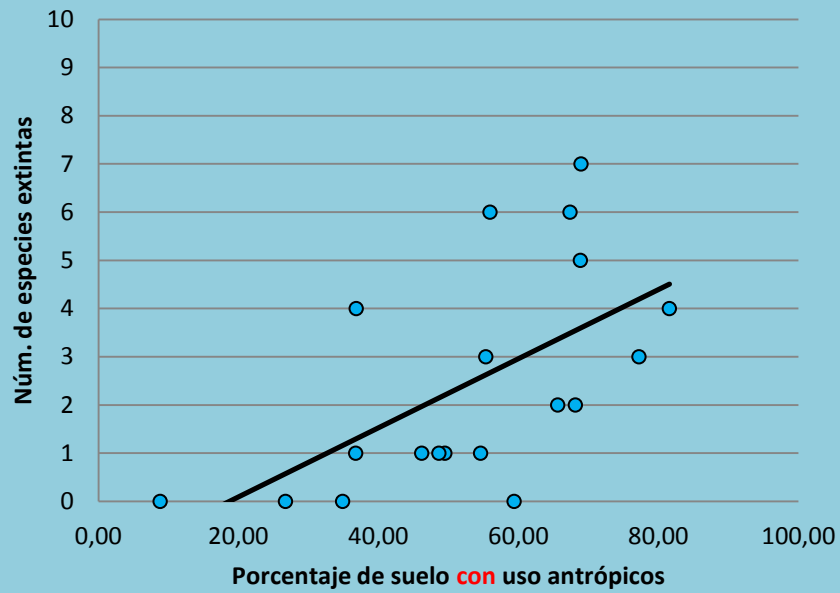
Take periodic samples, determination of historical distribution and conservation status.



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|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| ● A.- Zacapu (ZAC) | ● G.- Zirahuén (ZIR) | ● N.- Armería |
| ● B.- Chapala (CHA) | ● H.- Pátzcuaro (PAT) | ● O.- Coahuila |
| ● C.- Santiago (SAN) | ● J.- Balsas (BAL) | ● P.- Pánuco |
| ● D.- Alto Lerma (LER-A) | ● K.- Cotija (COT) | ● Q.- Valle de |
| ● E.- Medio Lerma (LER-M) | ● L.- Ameca (AME) | ● R.- Mezqu |
| ● F.- Bajo Lerma (LER-B) | ● M.- Cuitzeo (CUI) | ● S.- Purifica |

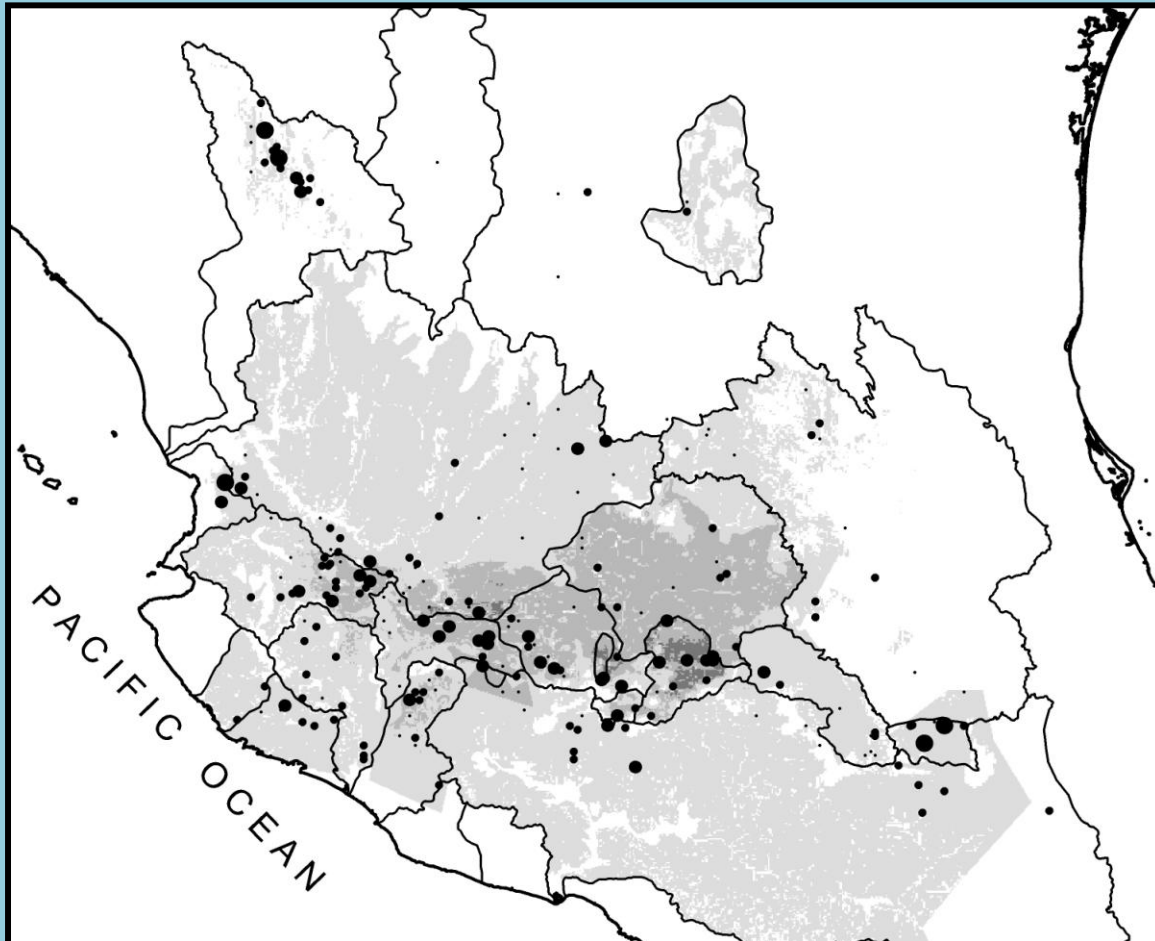
73.4% of the distribution area of the goodeids are altered habitats

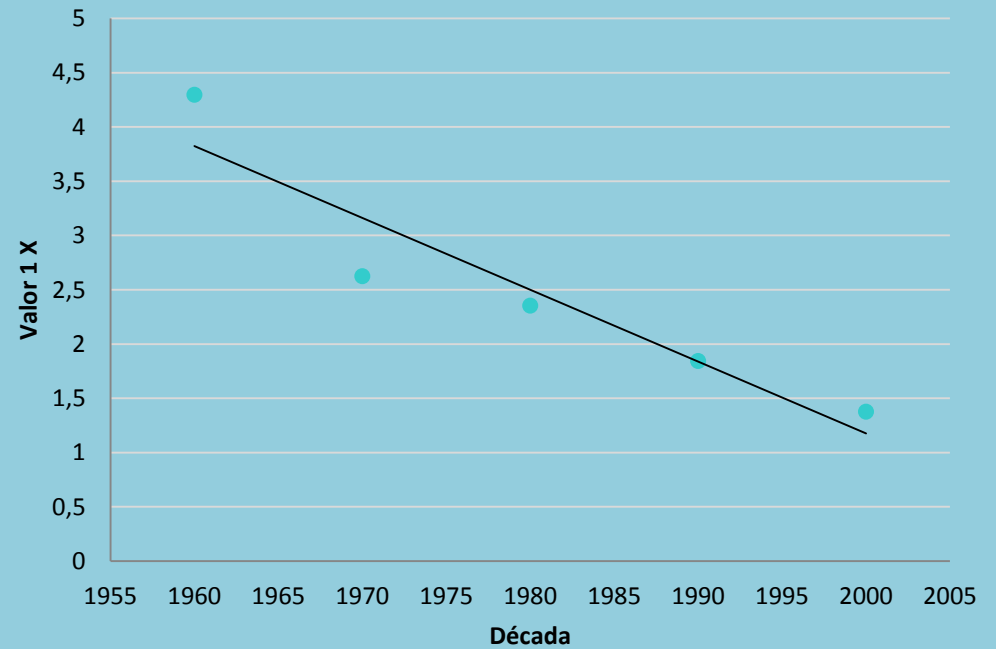
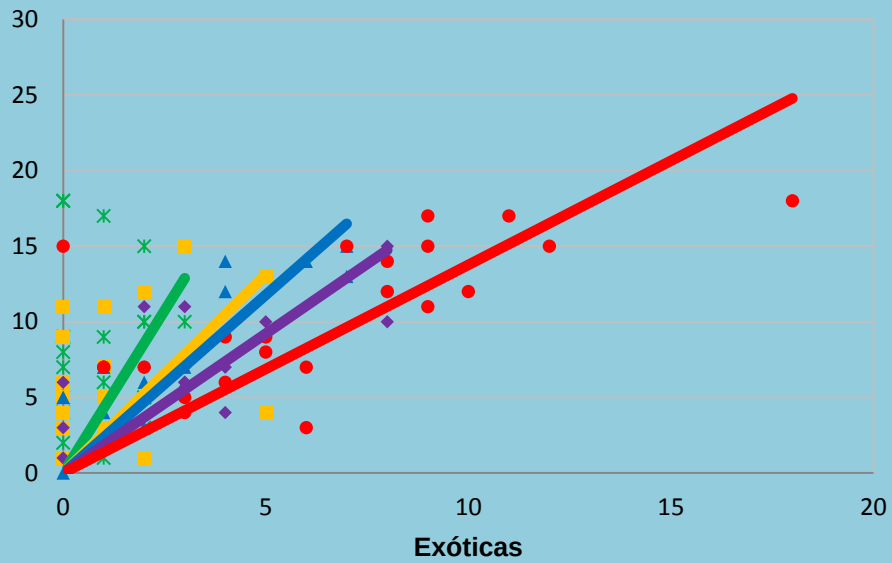




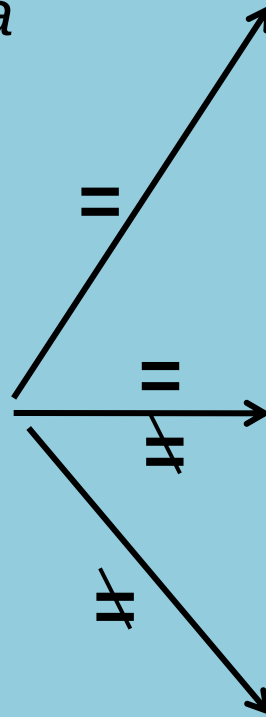
82% of the localities have at least 1 exotic species

40% with carp and Tilapia, 12% with bass, 8% Poecilids

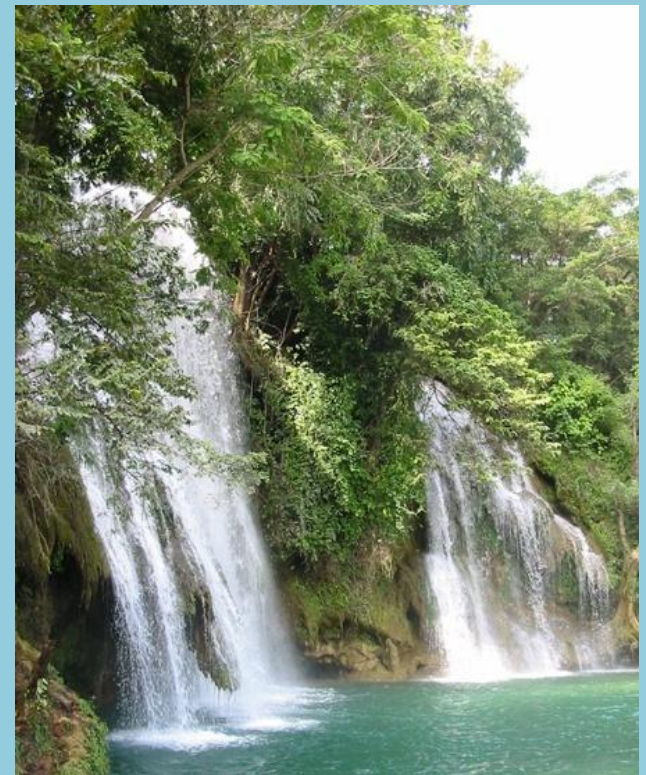
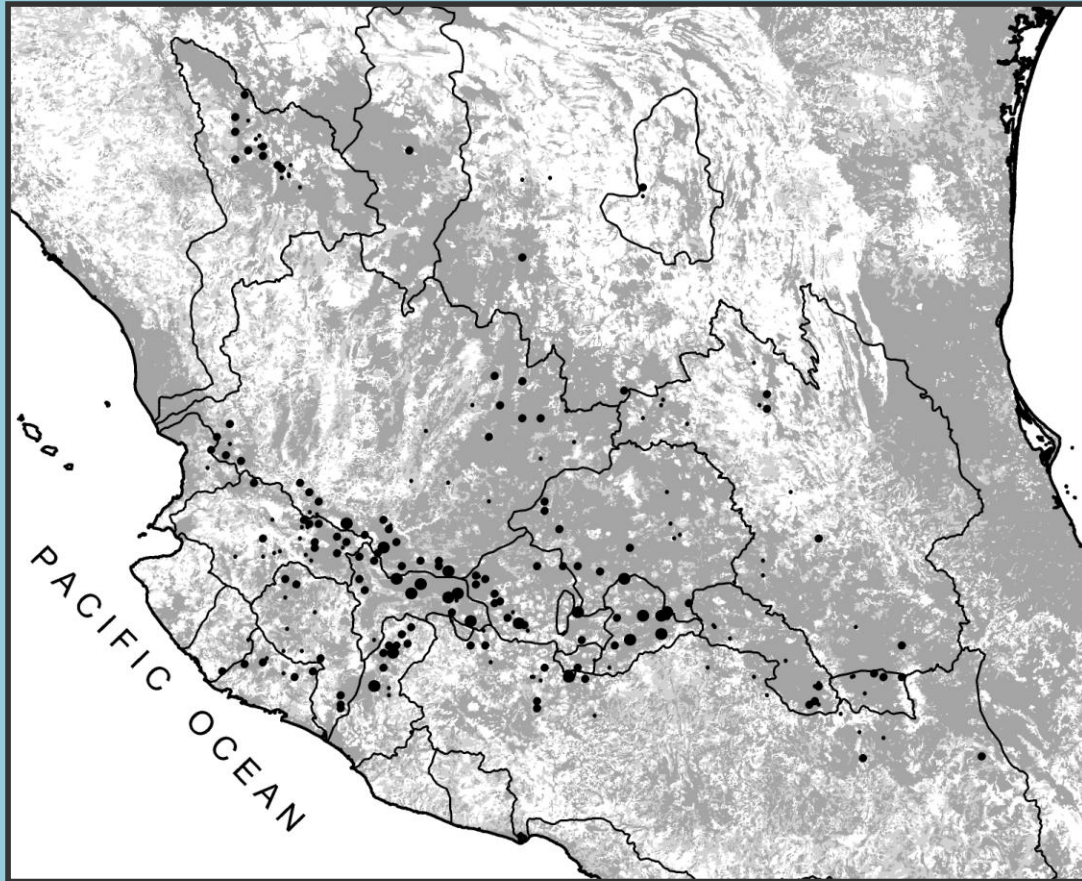


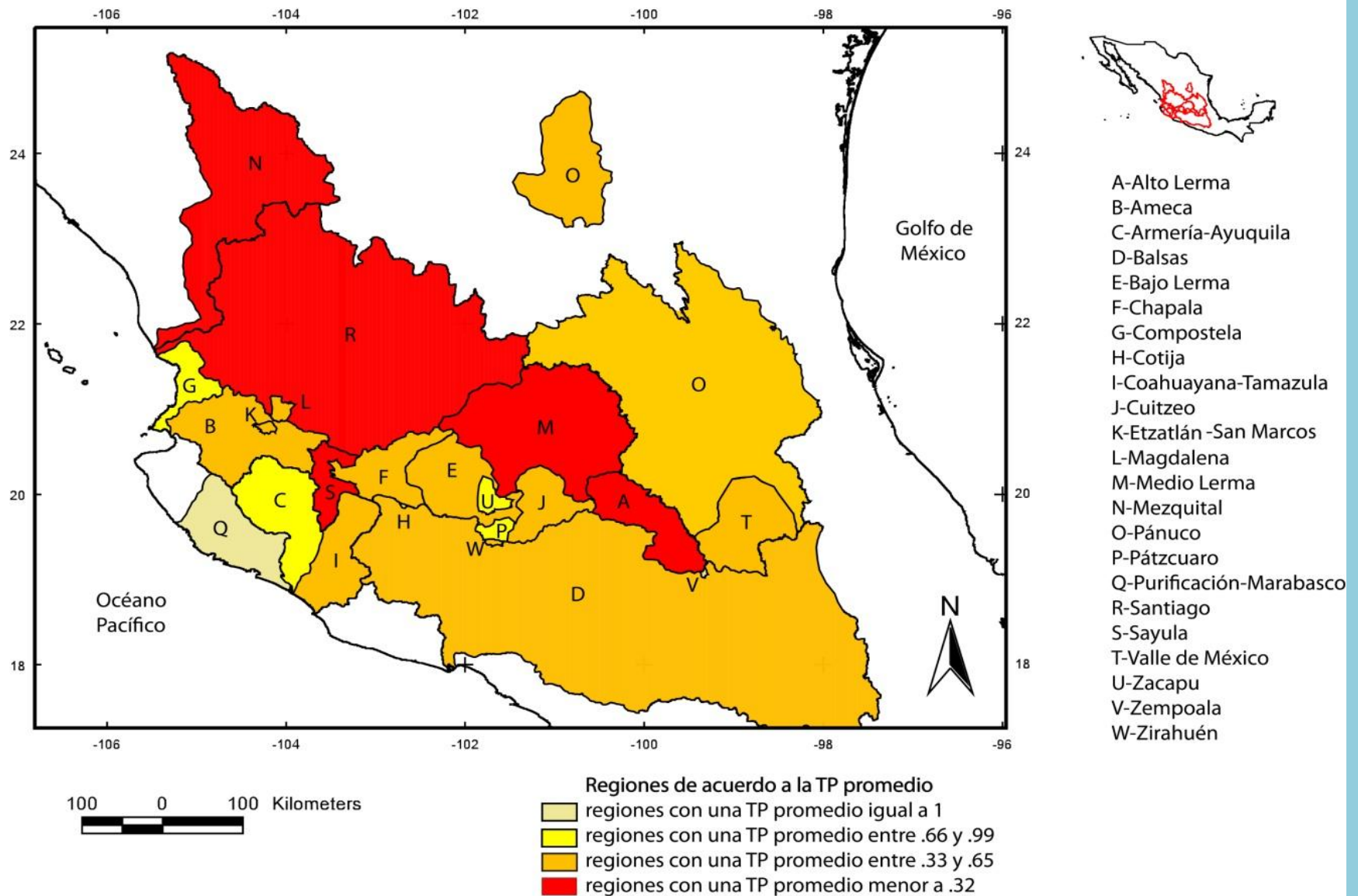


Influence of *Poecilia mexicana* in
the extinction risk of *Ameca
splendens*, *Goodea atripinnis* and
Zoogoneticus tequila



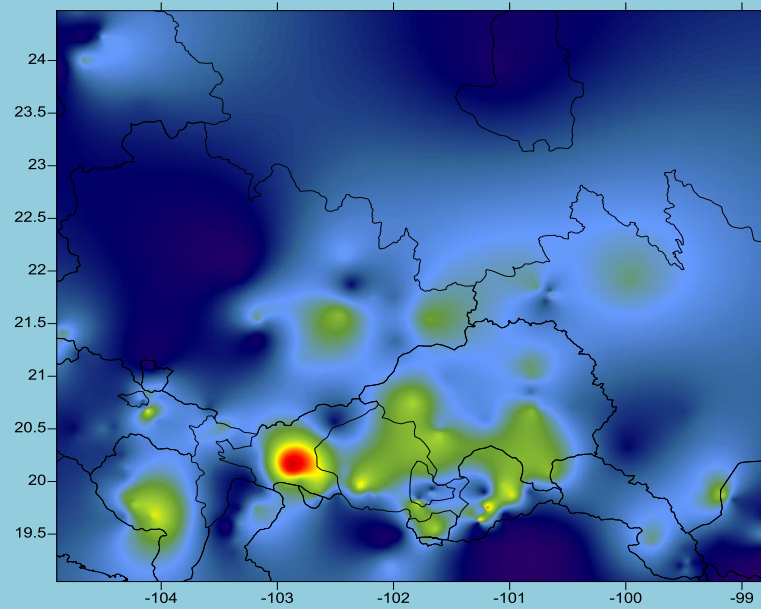
60% of the species show 50% of reduction and 15% were lost in more than 70% of the area, 10 are extinct in nature.



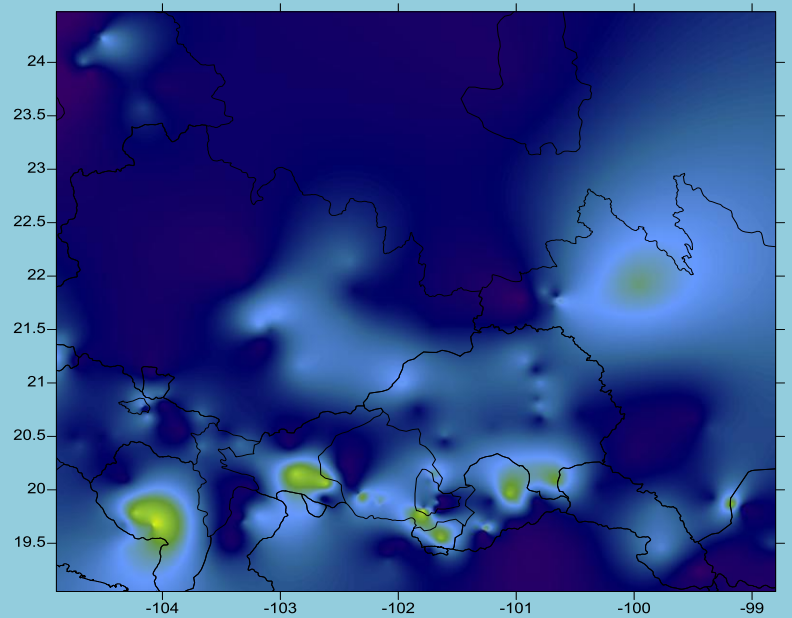


TP= N_{spH}/N_{spA} . Means TP 1 all the species historical registered are present

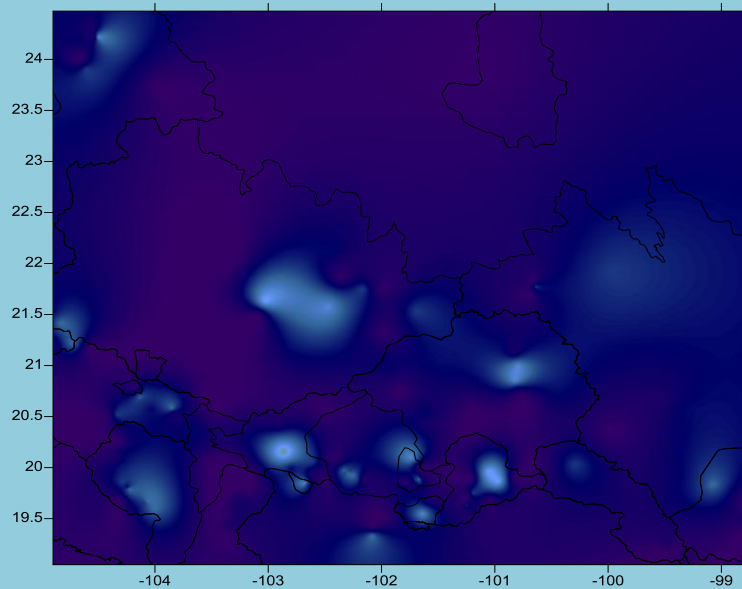
Climatic change vs native species



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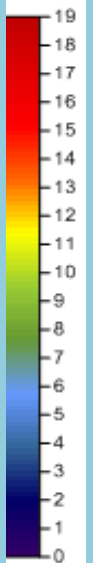


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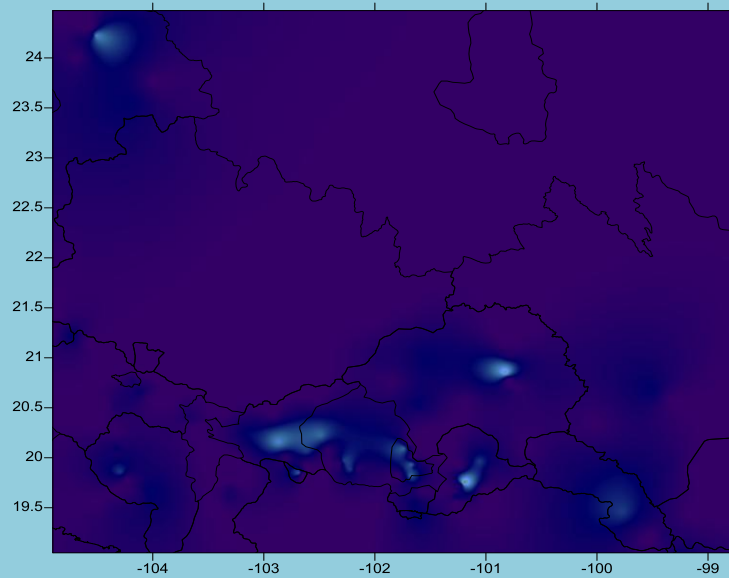


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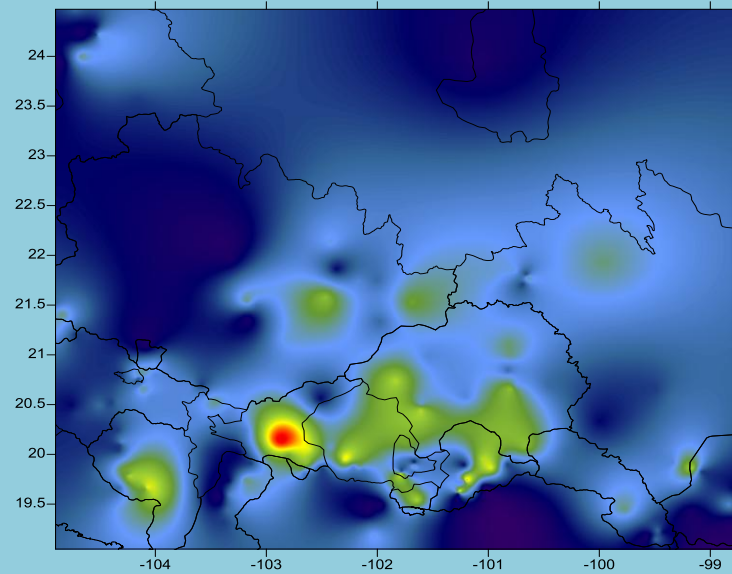
Number of species



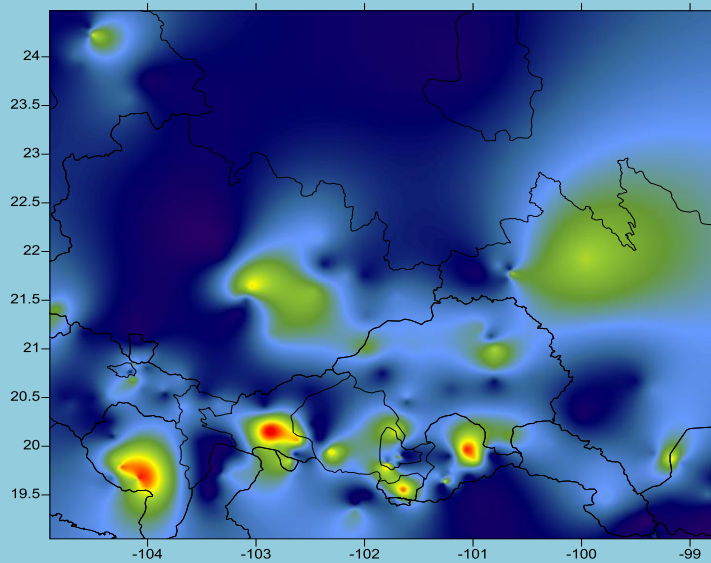
Climatic change vs introduced species



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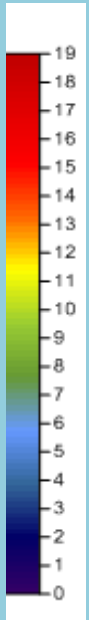


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Why?

Neartic

Endemics

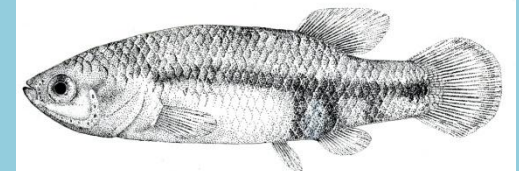
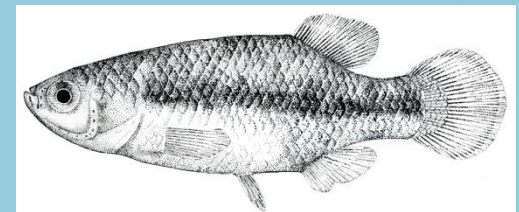
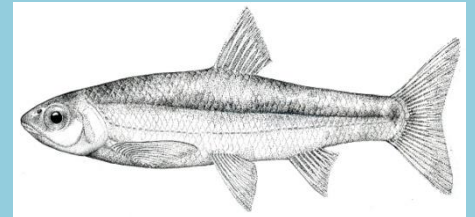
Neotropical



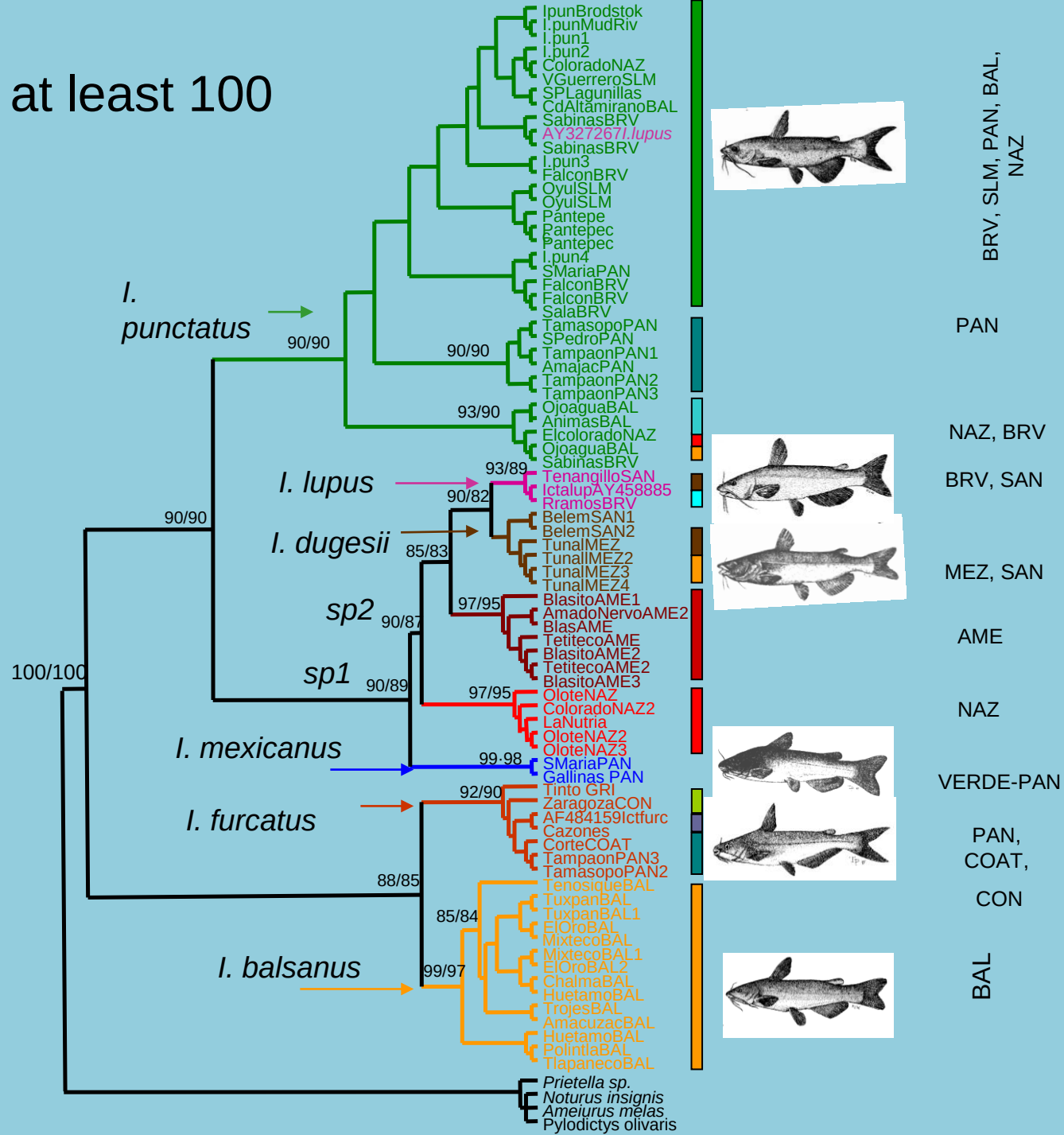


EVEN MORE

New techniques increased the knowledge of fish biodiversity. In the last 5 years one family of fish, 9 genera and about 25 species have been described (5 per year).



We calculate that at least 100 new species

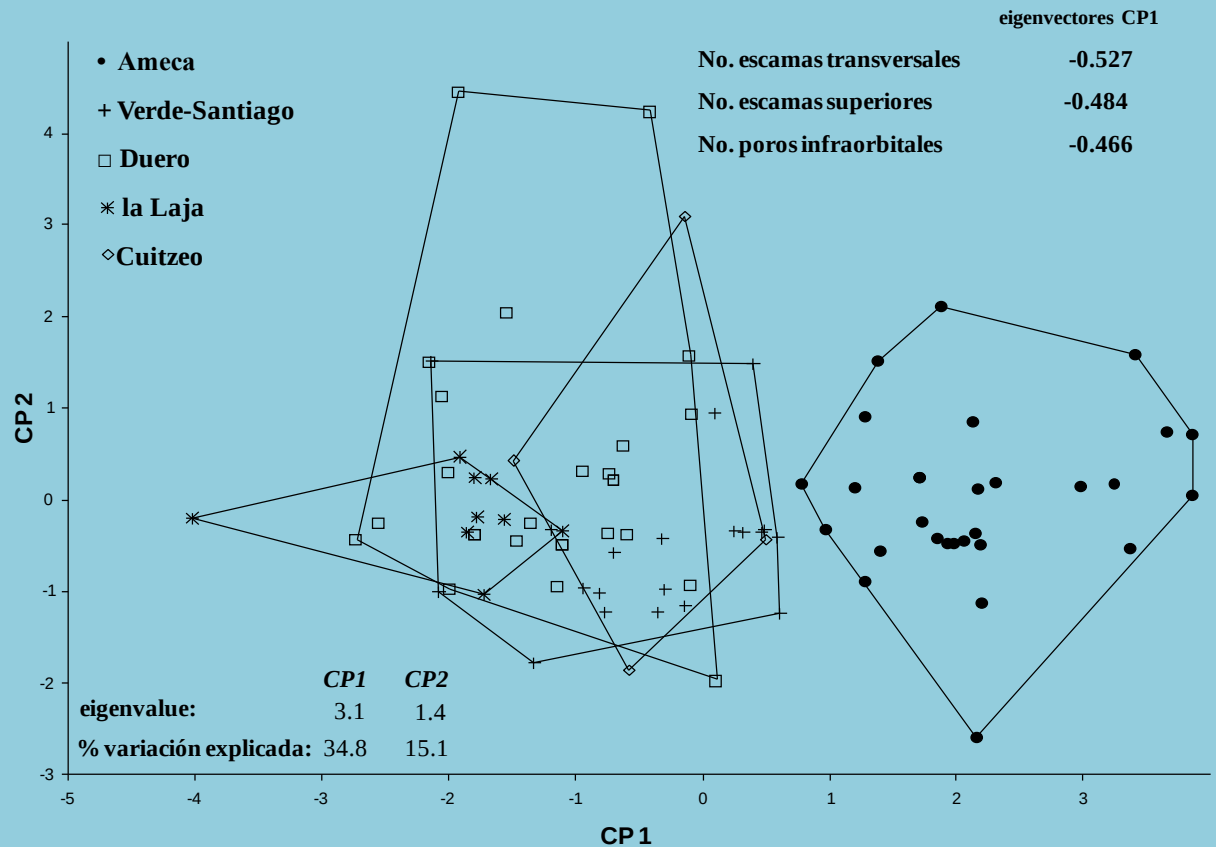
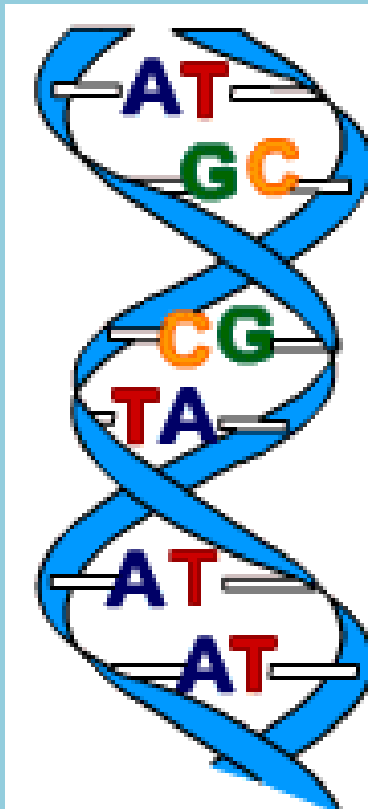
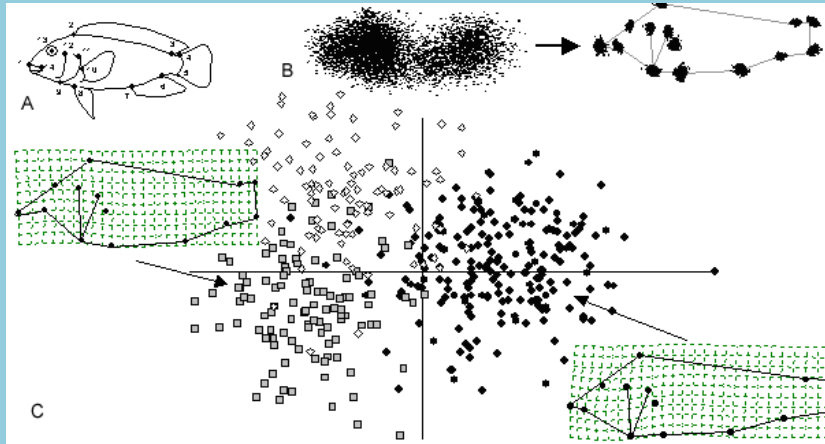


WE ARE LOSING SPECIES
BEFORE DISCOVERY



New research work

Taxonomy



What is a species?

One of the oldest discussions in science

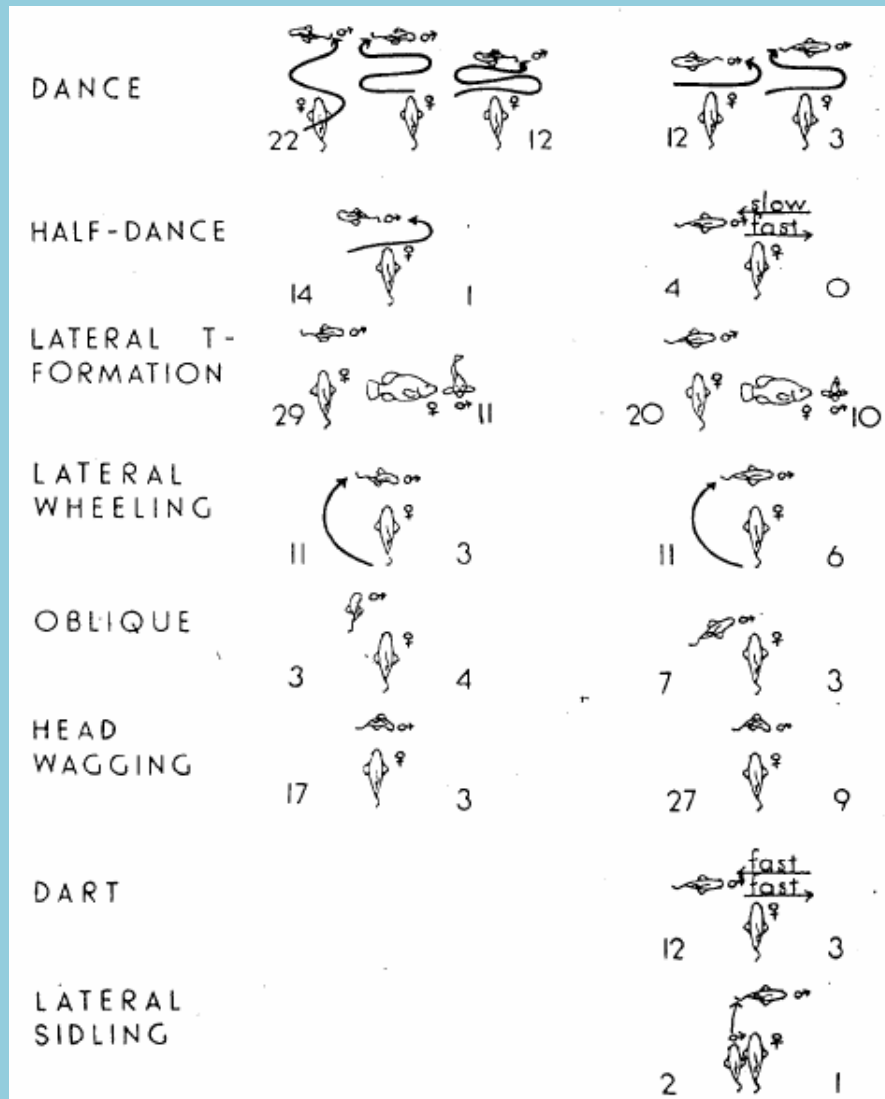
Biological concept? Evolutionary concept?

Ecological concept? Cohesive concept?

All of them maybe are correct depending on the species and the interest of the scientist.....

Which concept we accept.....Phylogenetic concept.... Why?

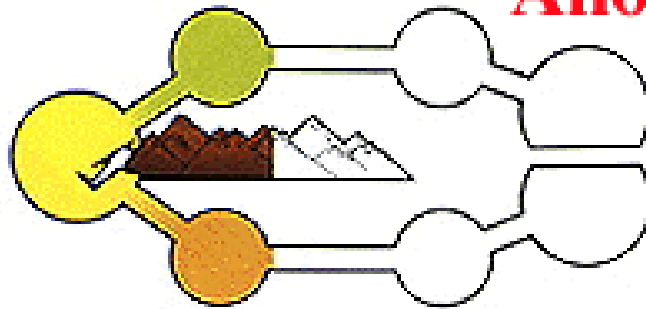
Reproductive isolation



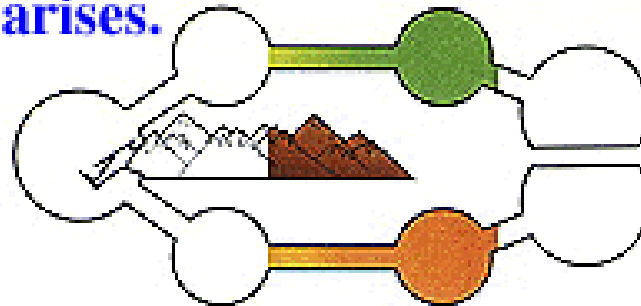
Allopatric Speciation Model

- initiated by a physical barrier

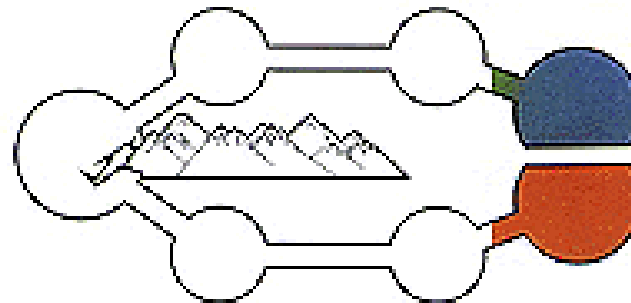
1. A physical barrier to breeding arises.



2. Genetic differences accumulate.



3. Reproductive isolation has occurred.



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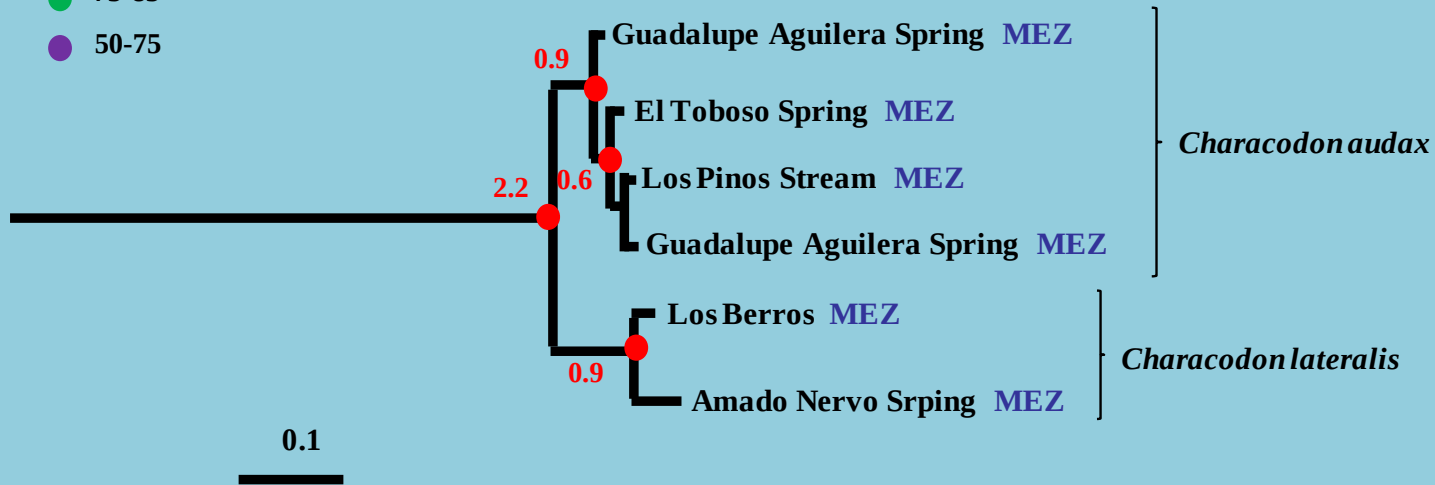
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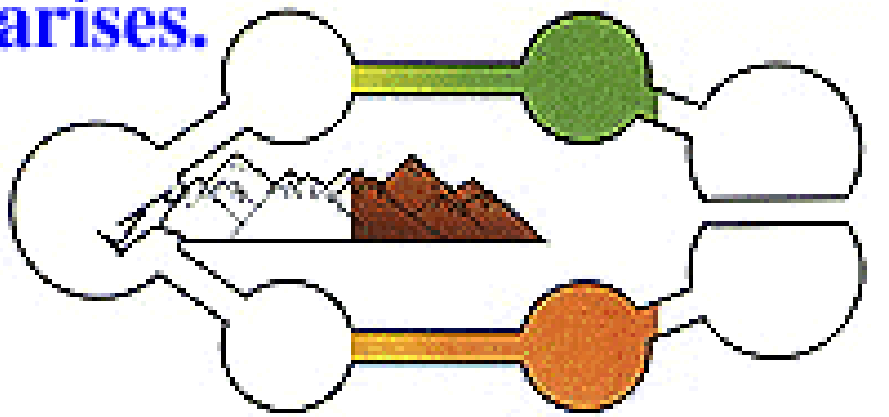
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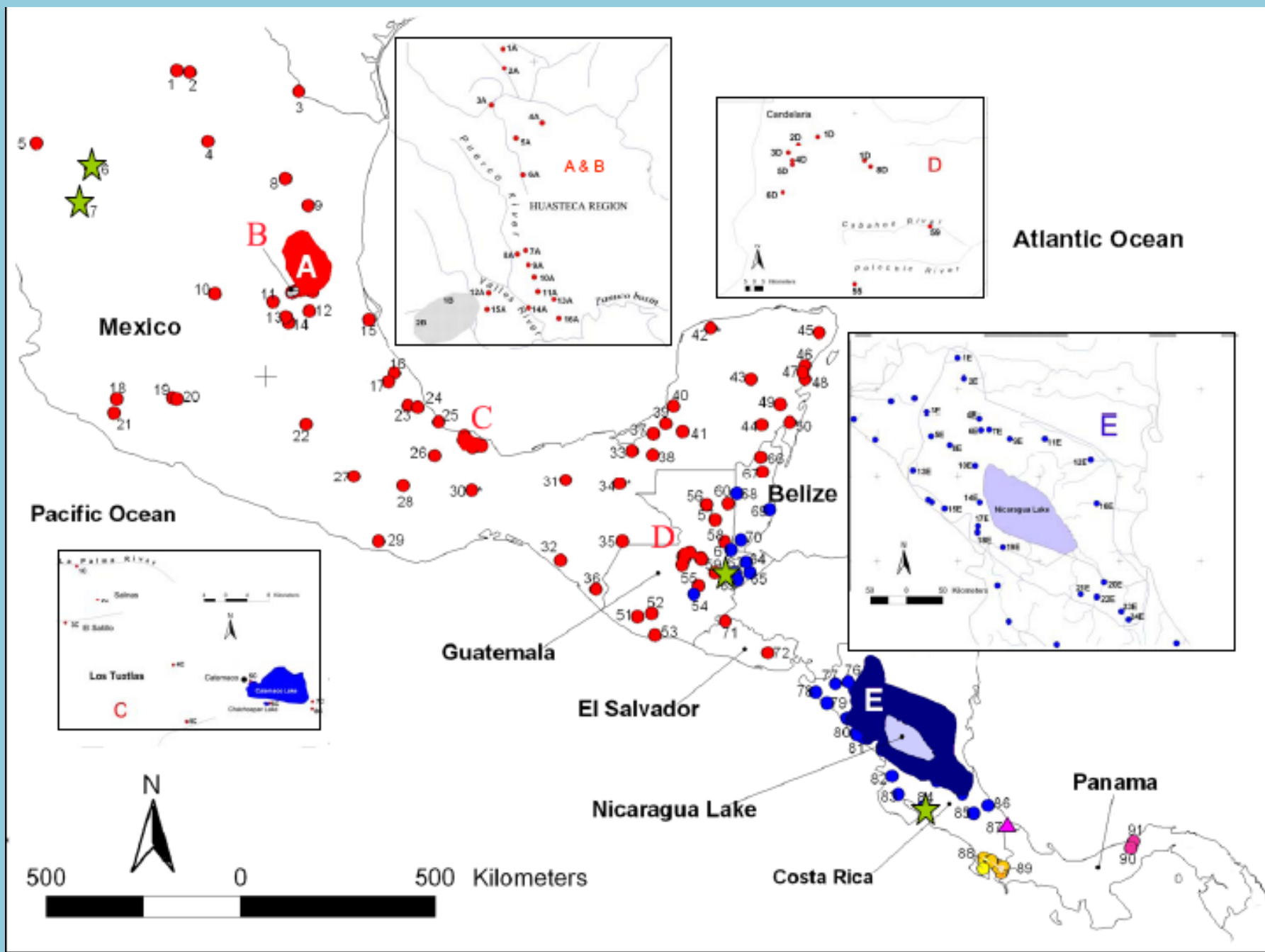
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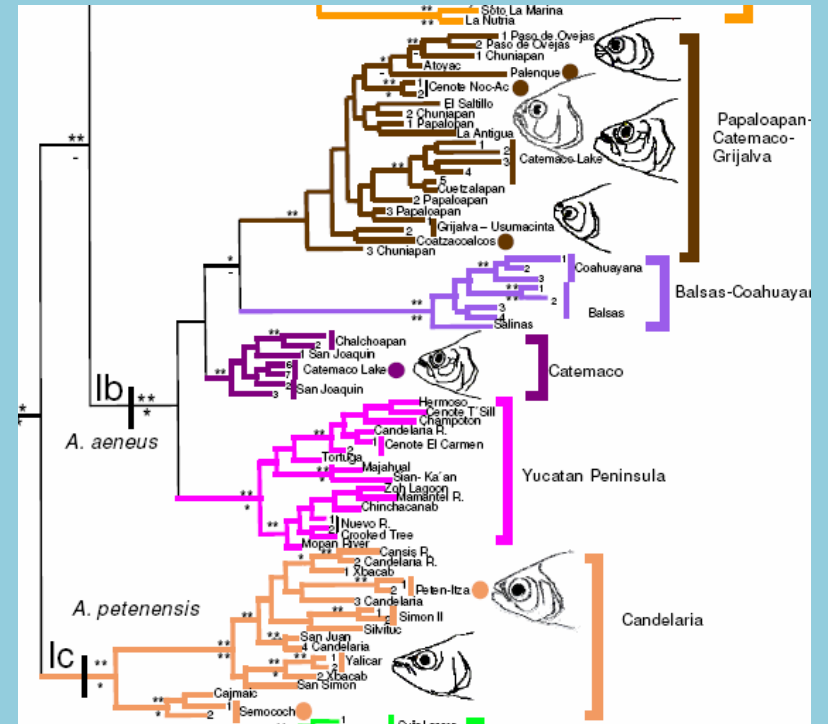
arises.



Natural groups

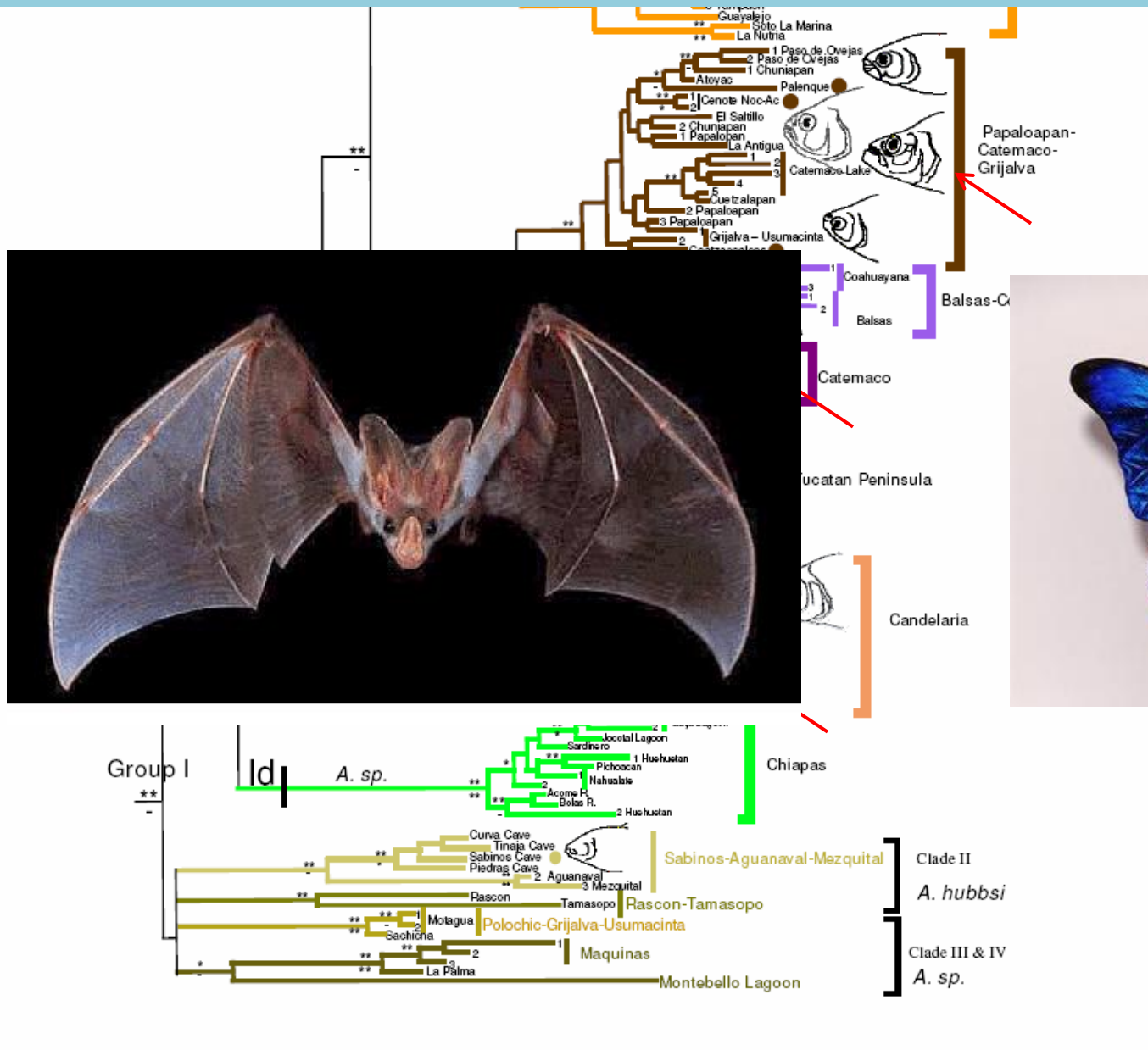


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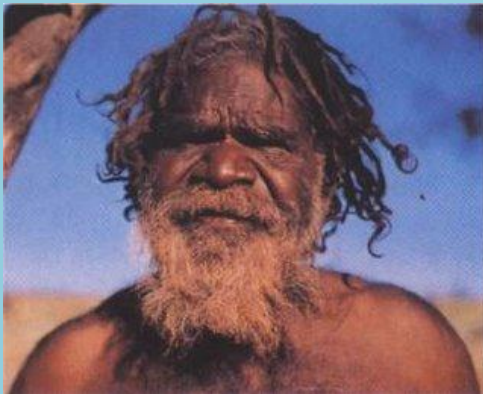
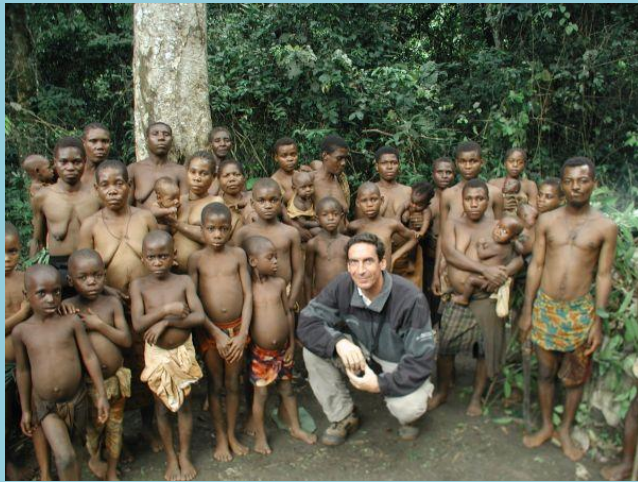


Morphological adaptation to predation by piscivorous species





Epigenesis, 1 gen expressed or not expressed

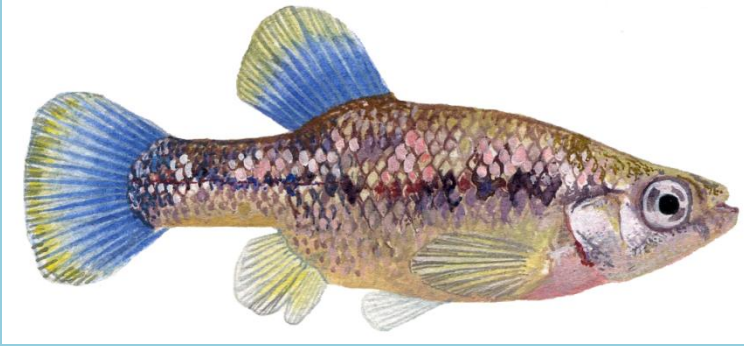


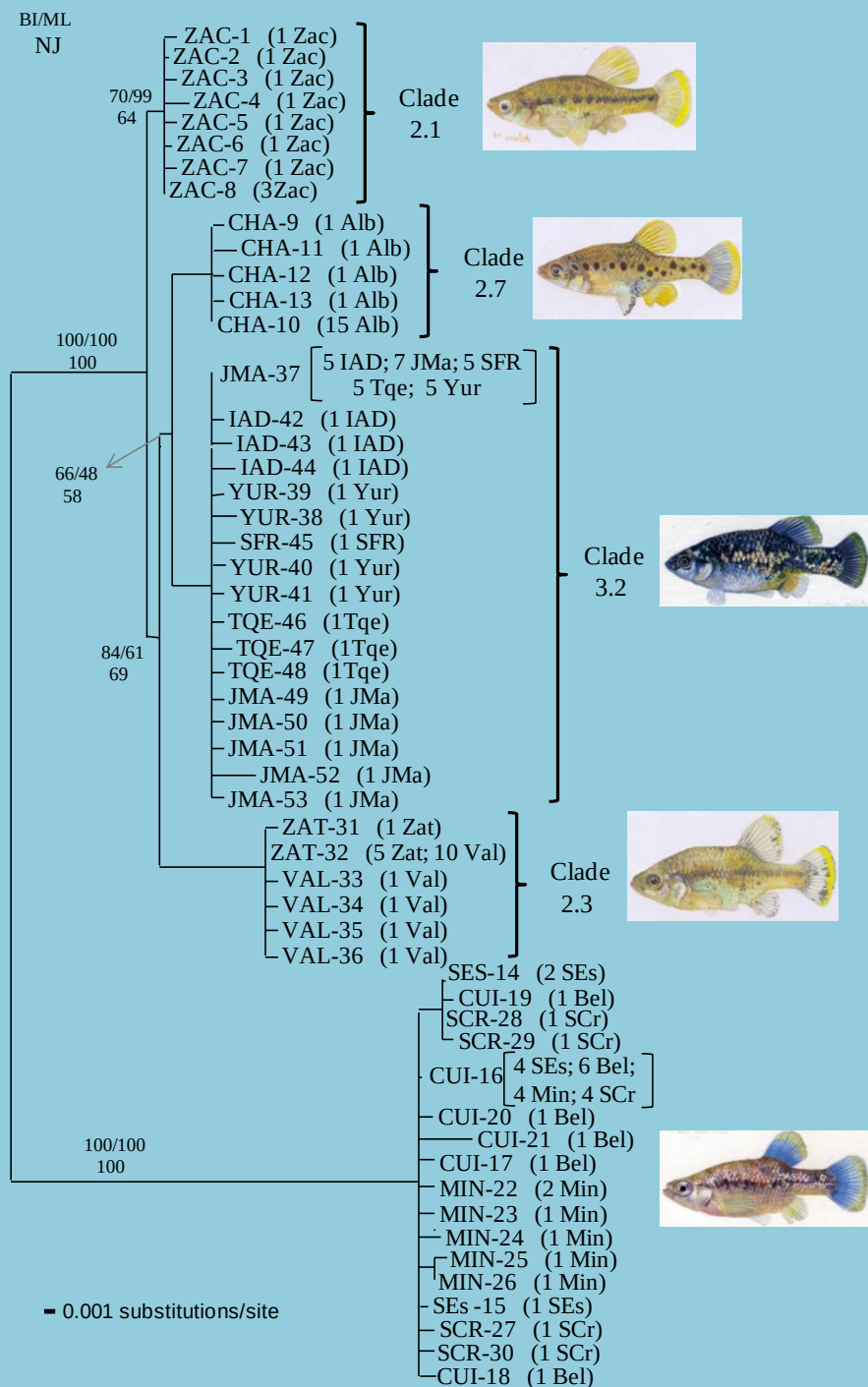
Is it the same species?

Habitat adaptation? Incipient speciation?



Xenotoca dibbleni under description





Lineage I

$$\bar{D}_{ML} = 5.4 \%$$

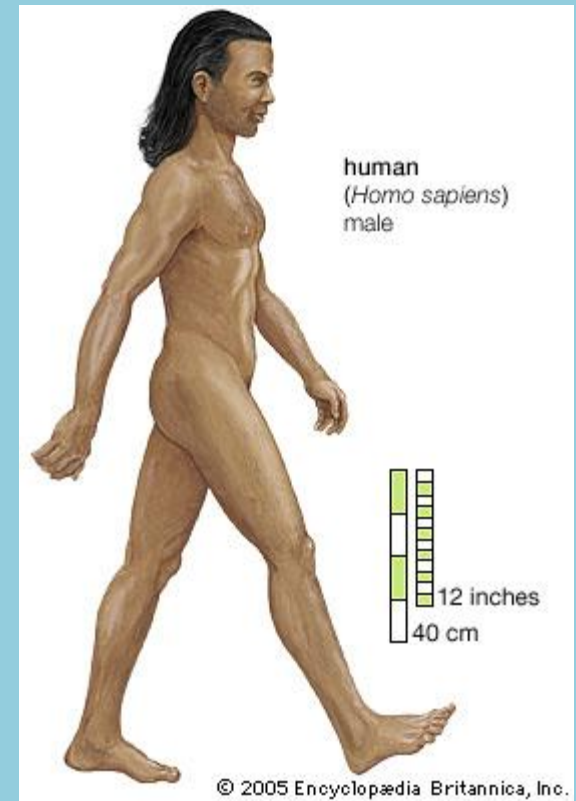
$$\bar{D}_p = 5.08\%$$

Lineage II

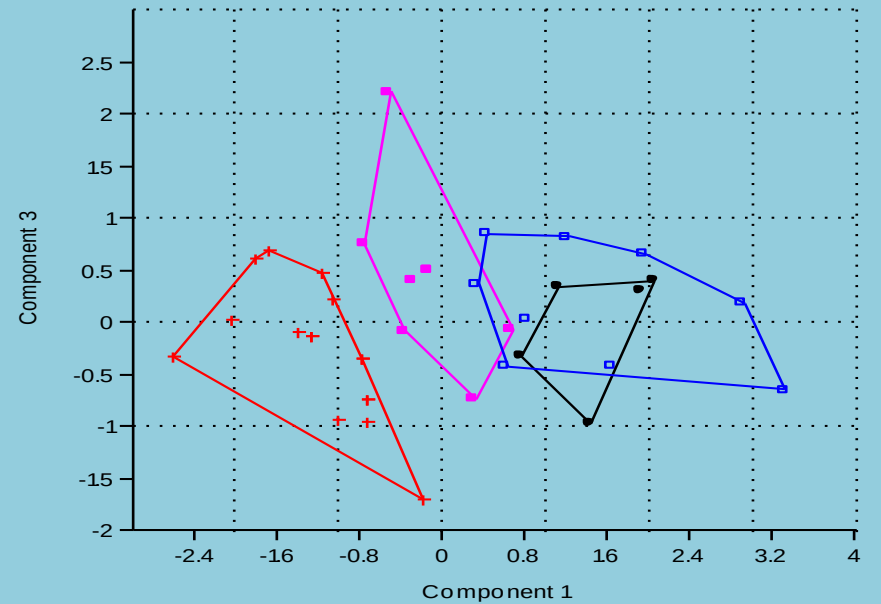
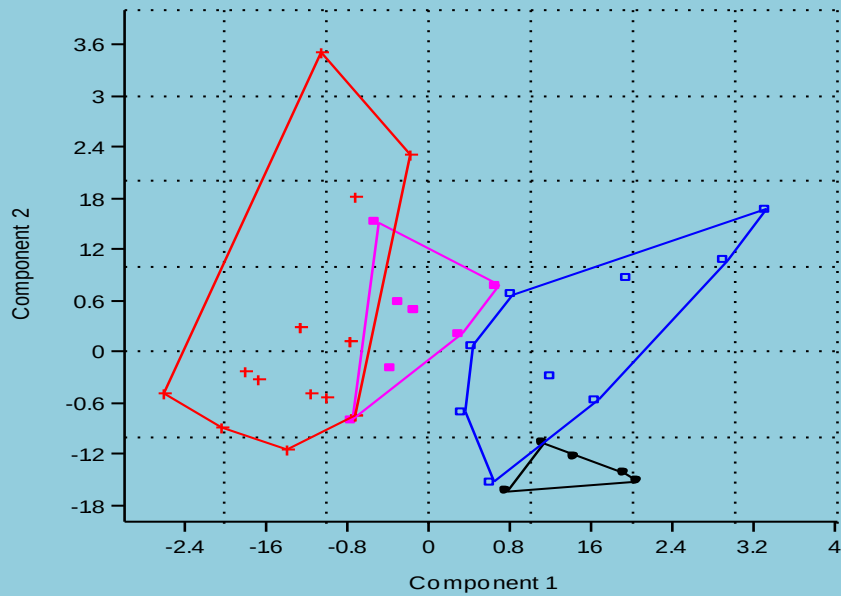
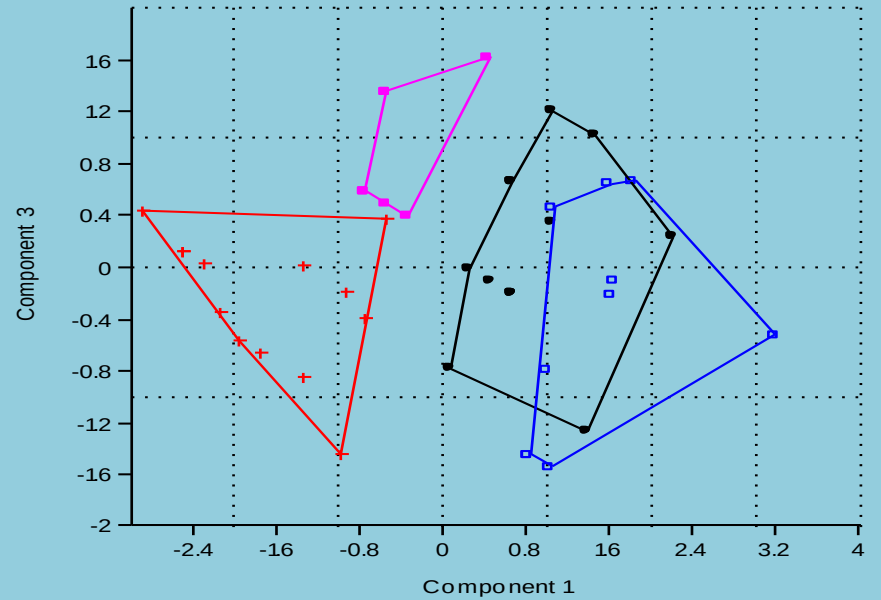
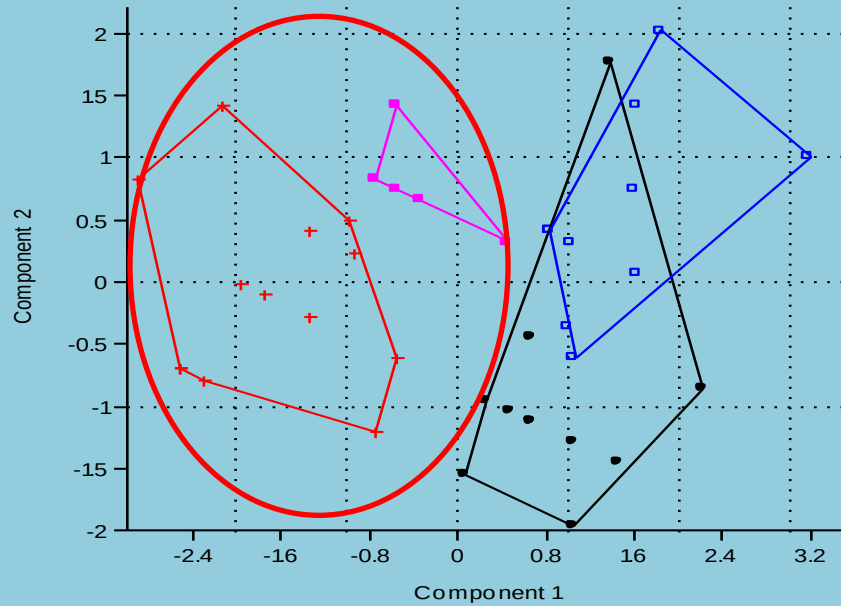




3 %



Meristic: Blue JM; Black SAL; Red MIN; Pink SCR

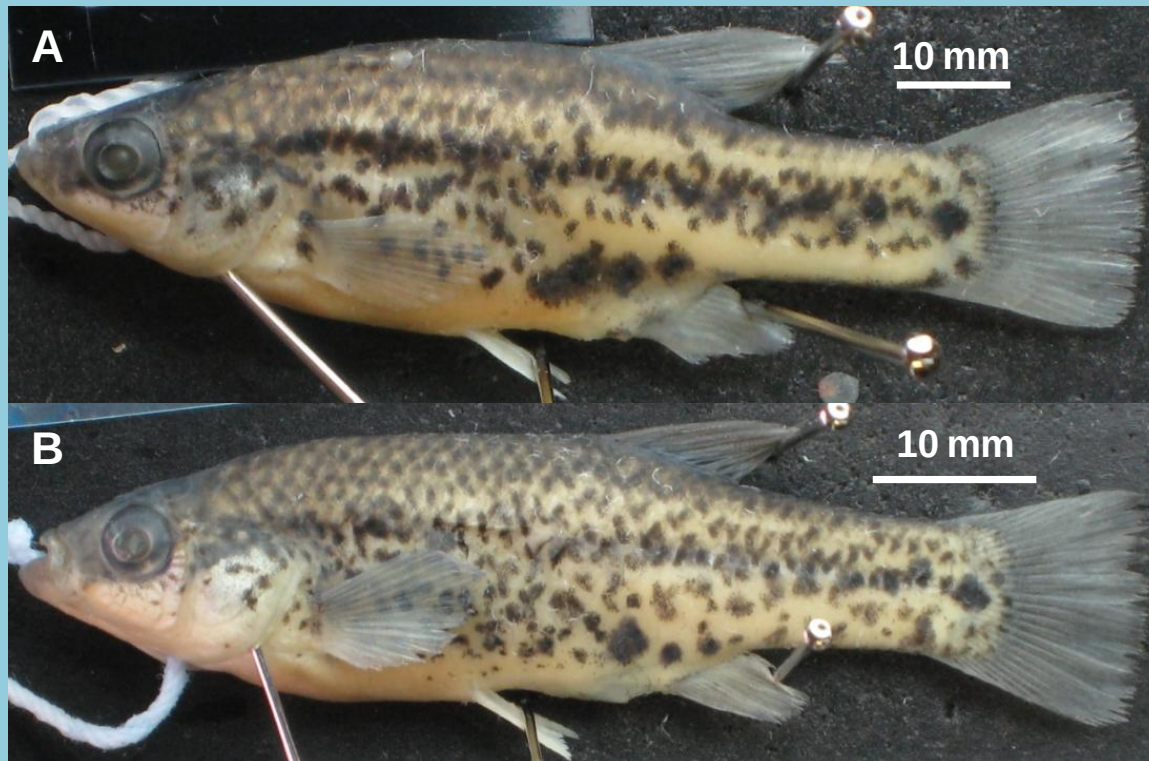


Diagnosis

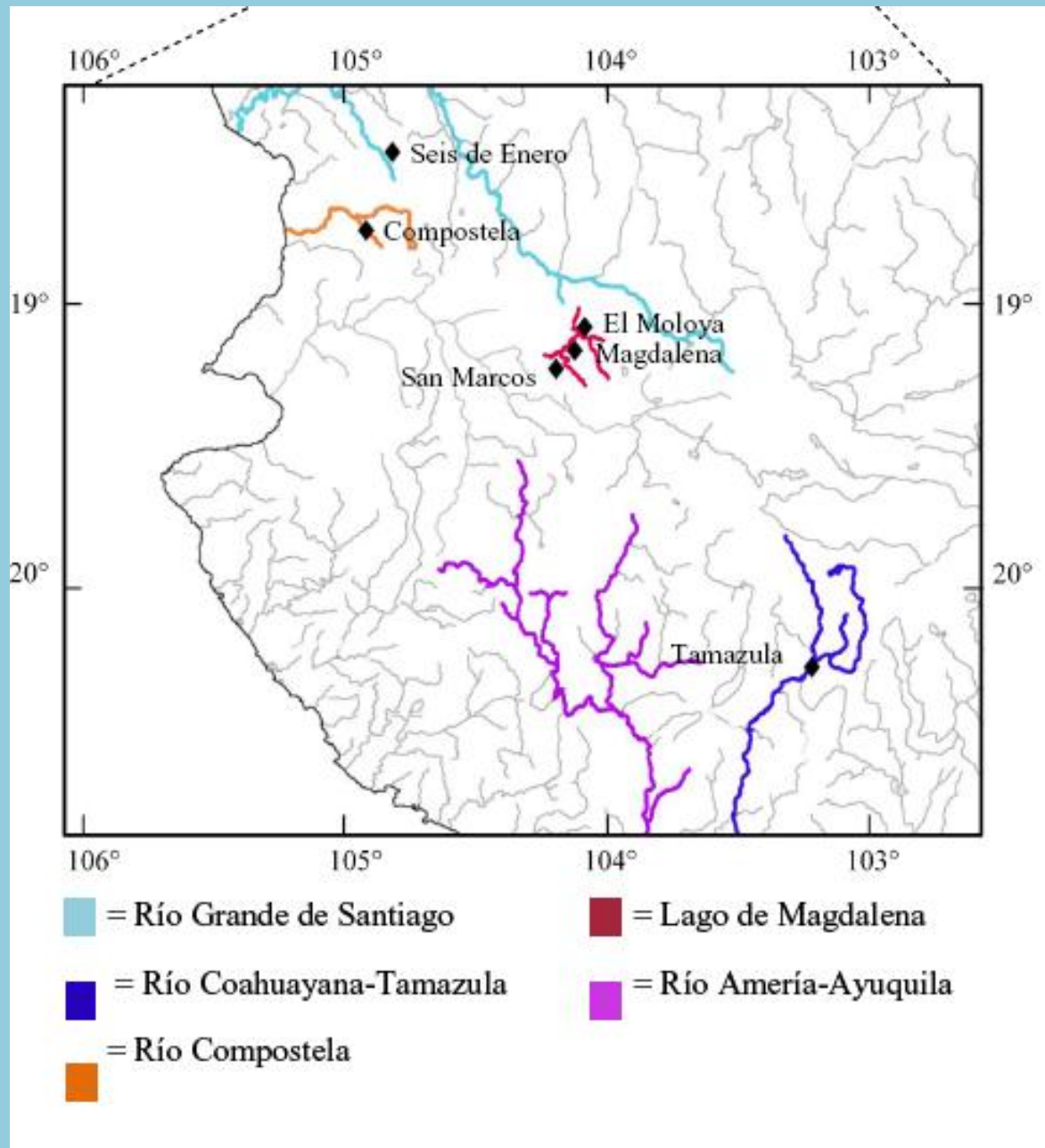
14 (13 or 15) rays in the dorsal fin

21 (17-20 or 22-24) gill rakers in the first arch

45 molecular autapomorphies in the *cyt b*



Xenotoca eiseni complex under description



— 10 changes

Phylogenetic tree showing relationships among species, with bootstrap values indicated at the nodes. The tree is rooted at the bottom with *G. affinis* (SLU-TC 0133). Major clades are labeled on the right: Clade I and Clade II.

Clade I

- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0730) Compostela
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0735) Compostela
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0749) Seis de Enero
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0702) Seis de Enero
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0708) Seis de Enero
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0729) Seis de Enero
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0713) Seis de Enero
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0723) Seis de Enero
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0740) Compostela
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0710) Compostela
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0651) Compostela
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 2441) Tamazula
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 2442) Tamazula
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 2437) Tamazula
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 2435) Tamazula
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 2436) Tamazula
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 2440) Tamazula
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 2438) Tamazula
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0656) Magdalena
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0526) Magdalena
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0746) Magdalena
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0528) Magdalena
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0324) San Marcos
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0409) San Marcos
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0724) El Moloya
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0652) El Moloya
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0750) El Moloya
- X. eiseni* (SLU-TC 0709) El Moloya

Clade II

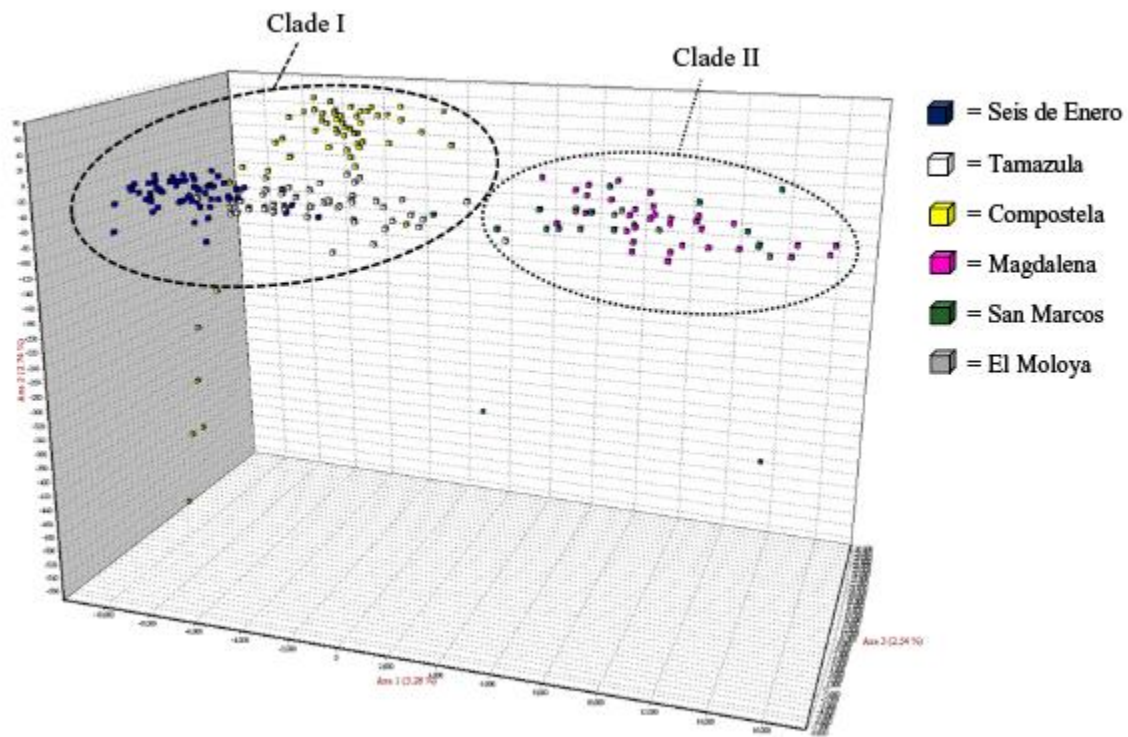
- X. melanosoma* (SLU-TC 0317)
- X. melanosoma* (SLU-TC 0080)
- X. melanosoma* (SLU-TC 1694)
- S. bilineata* (SLU-TC 0403)
- A. splendens* (SLU-TC 0336)
- A. tamazulae* (SLU-TC 0253)
- G. atripinnis* (SLU-TC 0175)
- C. audax* (SLU-TC 0333)
- F. heteroclitus* (SLU-TC 0442)
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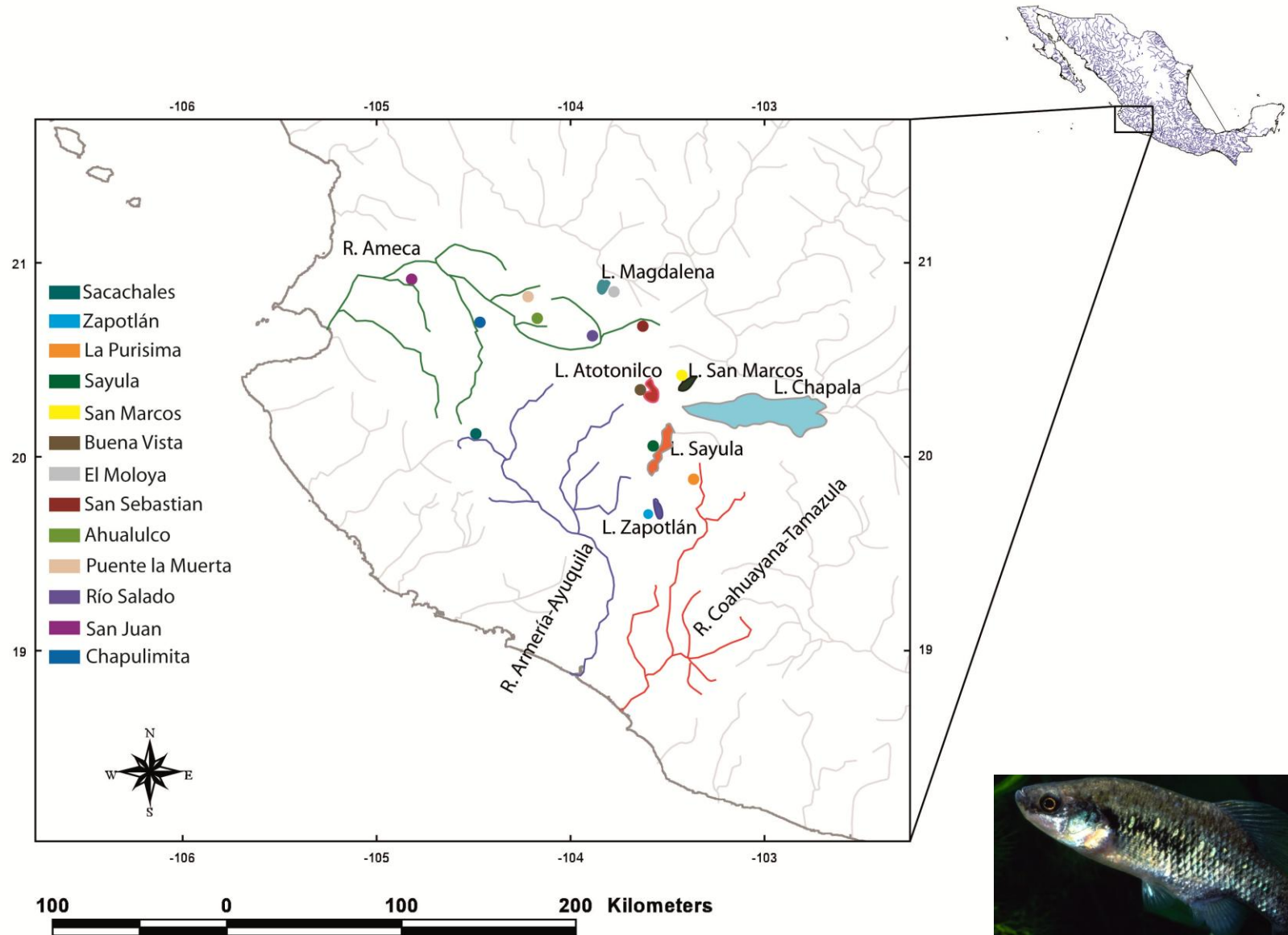
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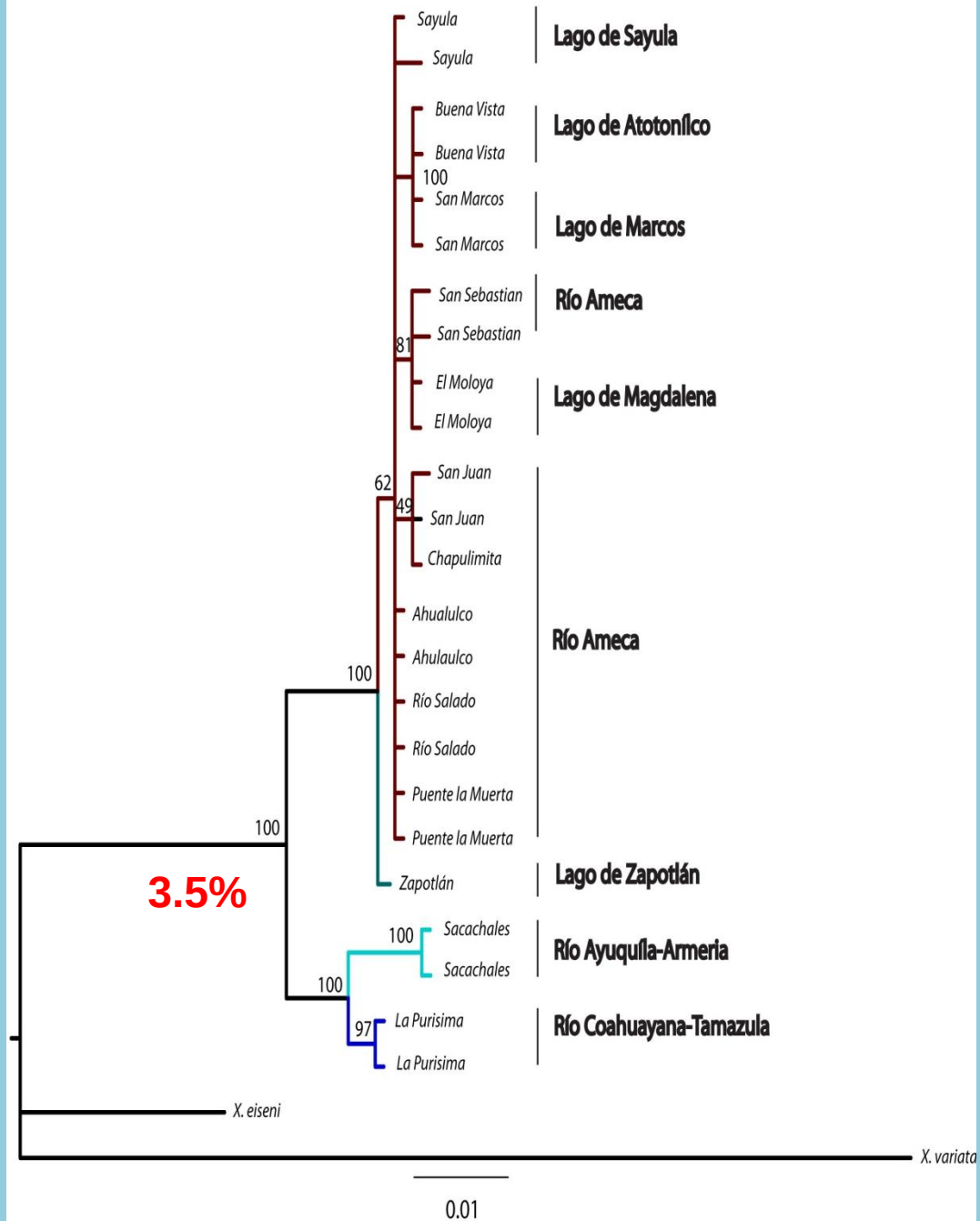
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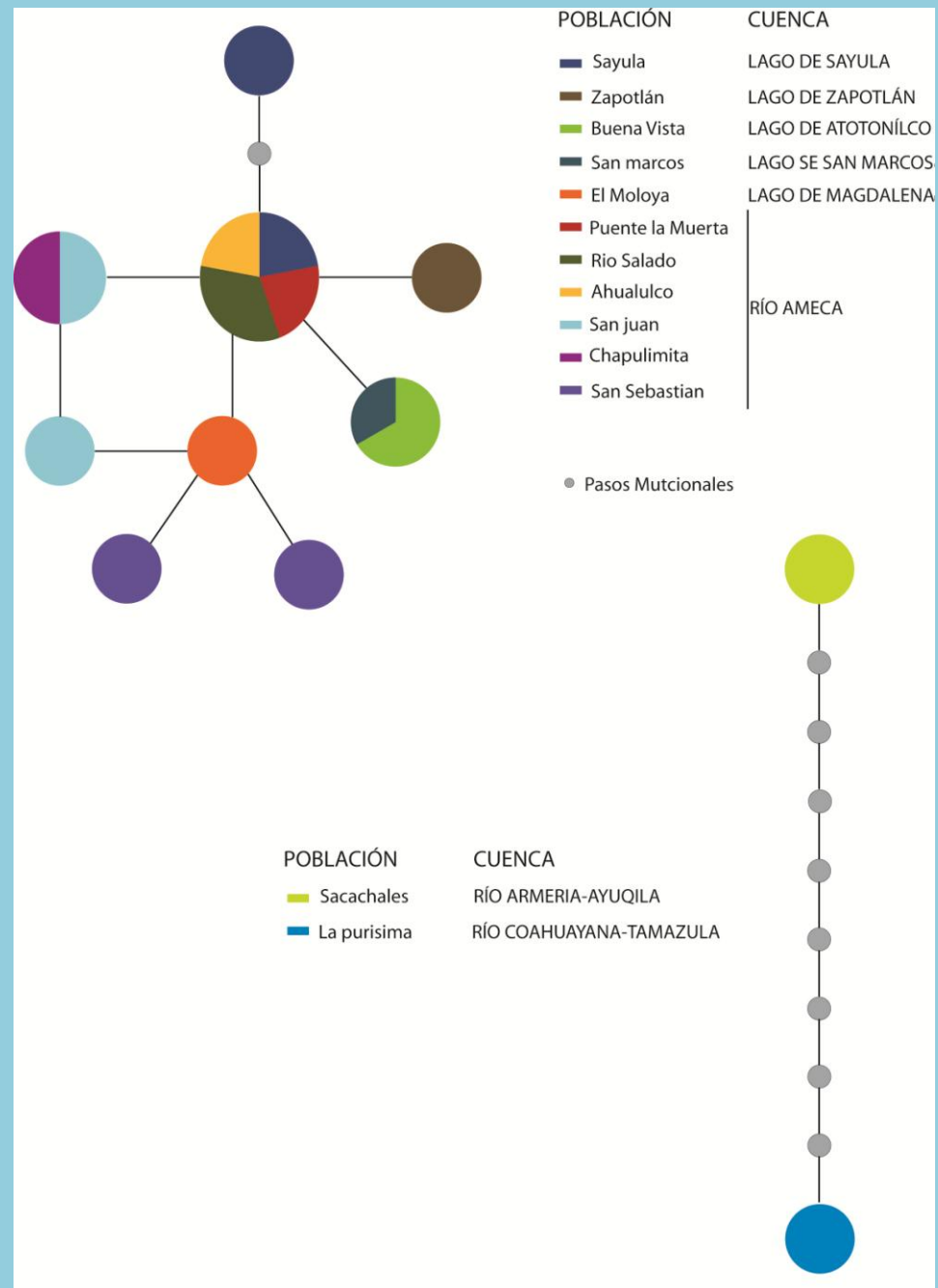




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Characodon group



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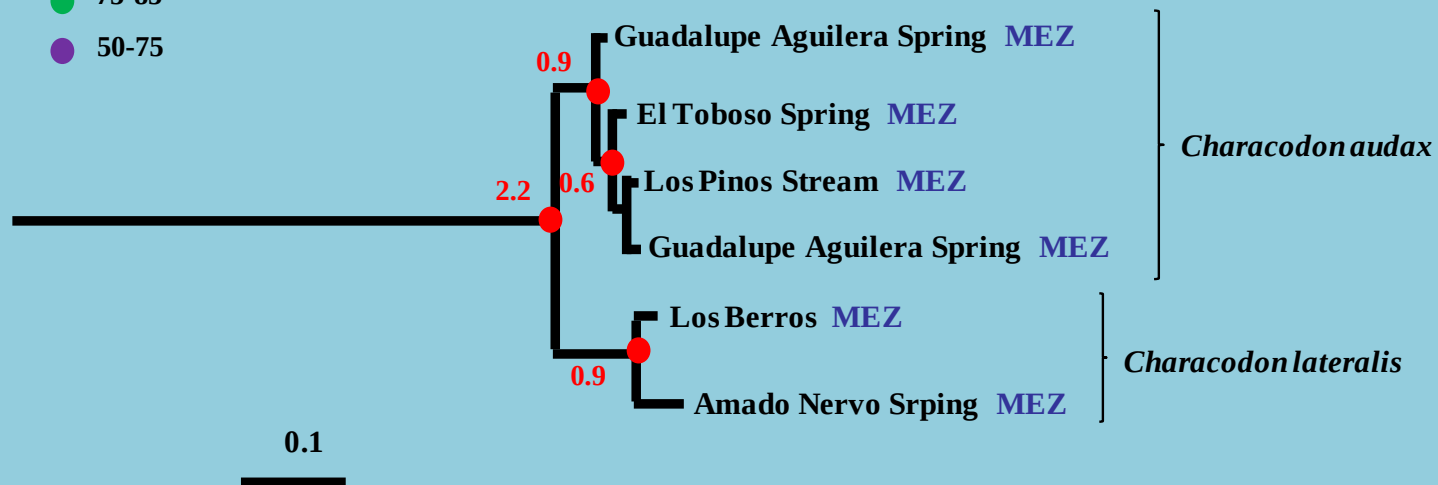
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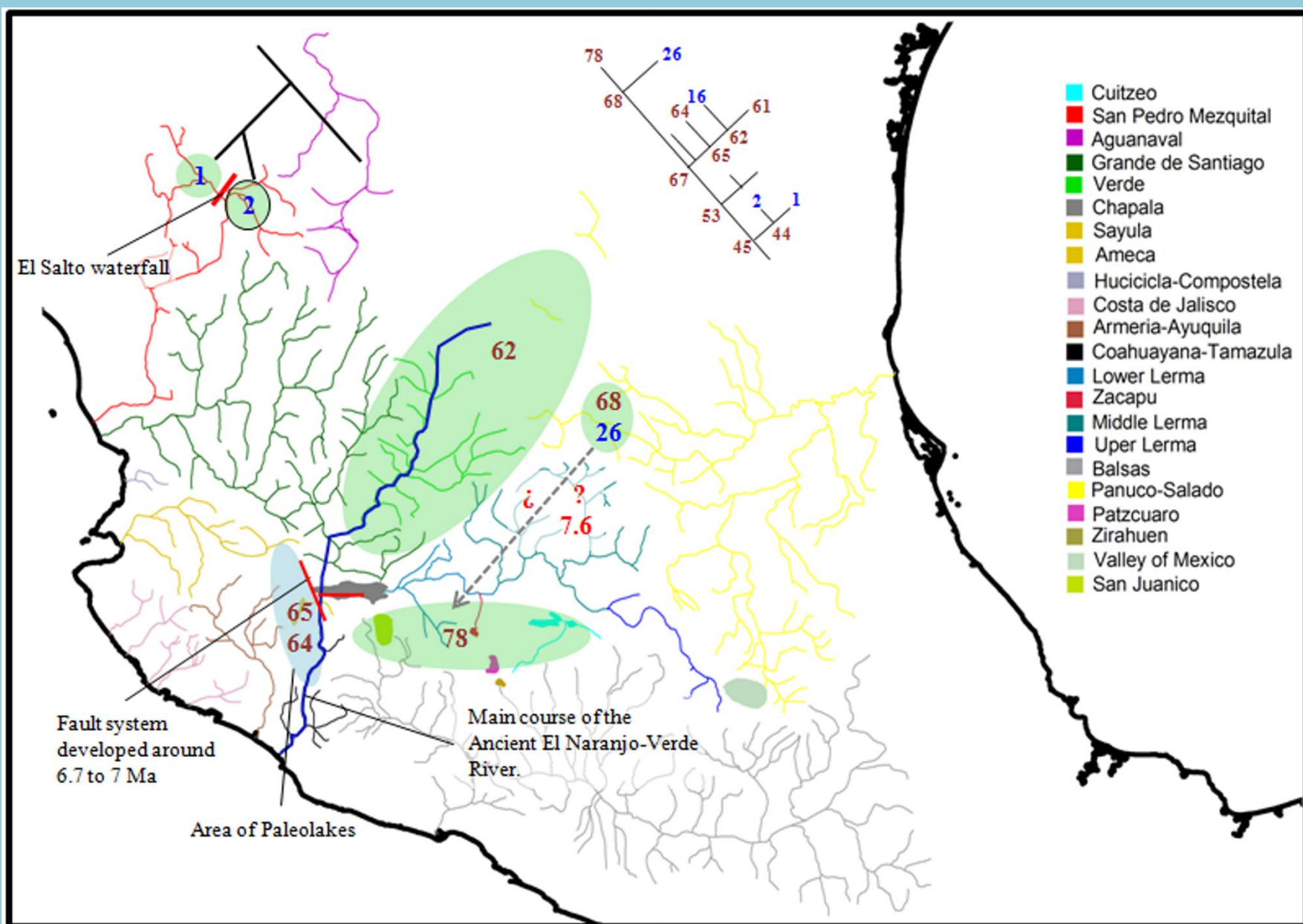
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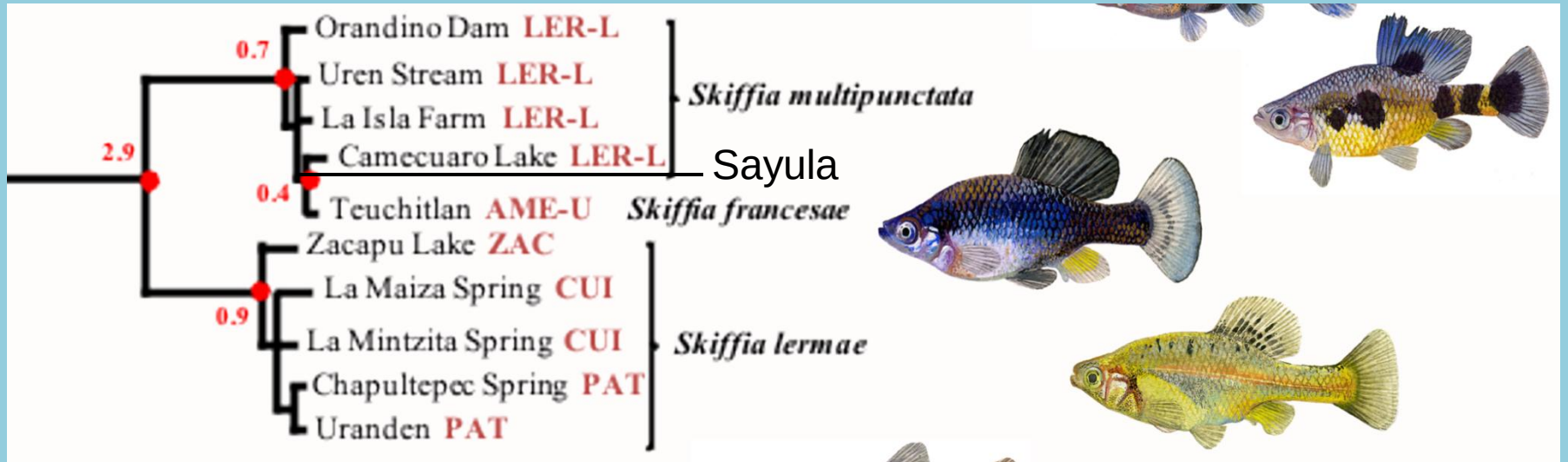


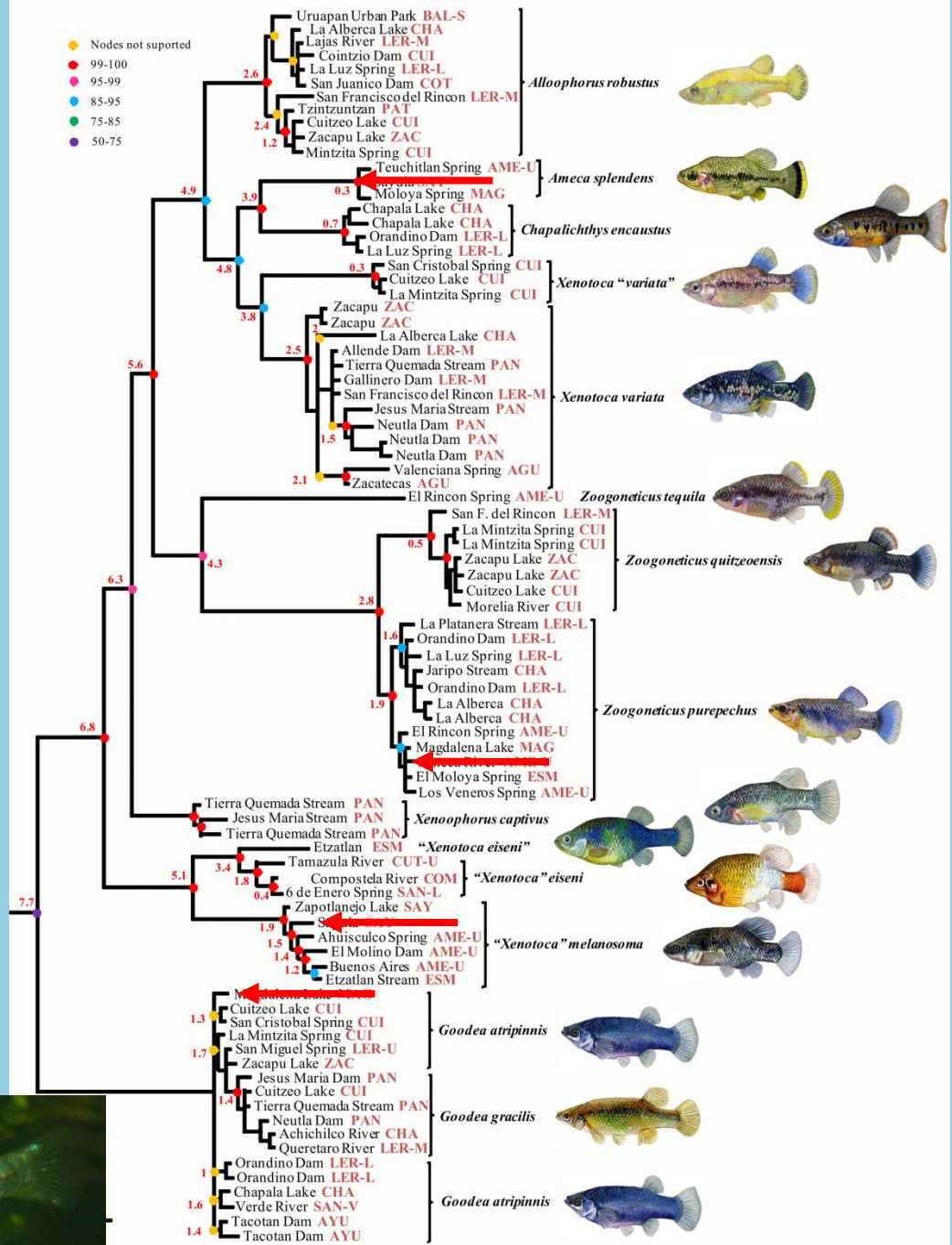
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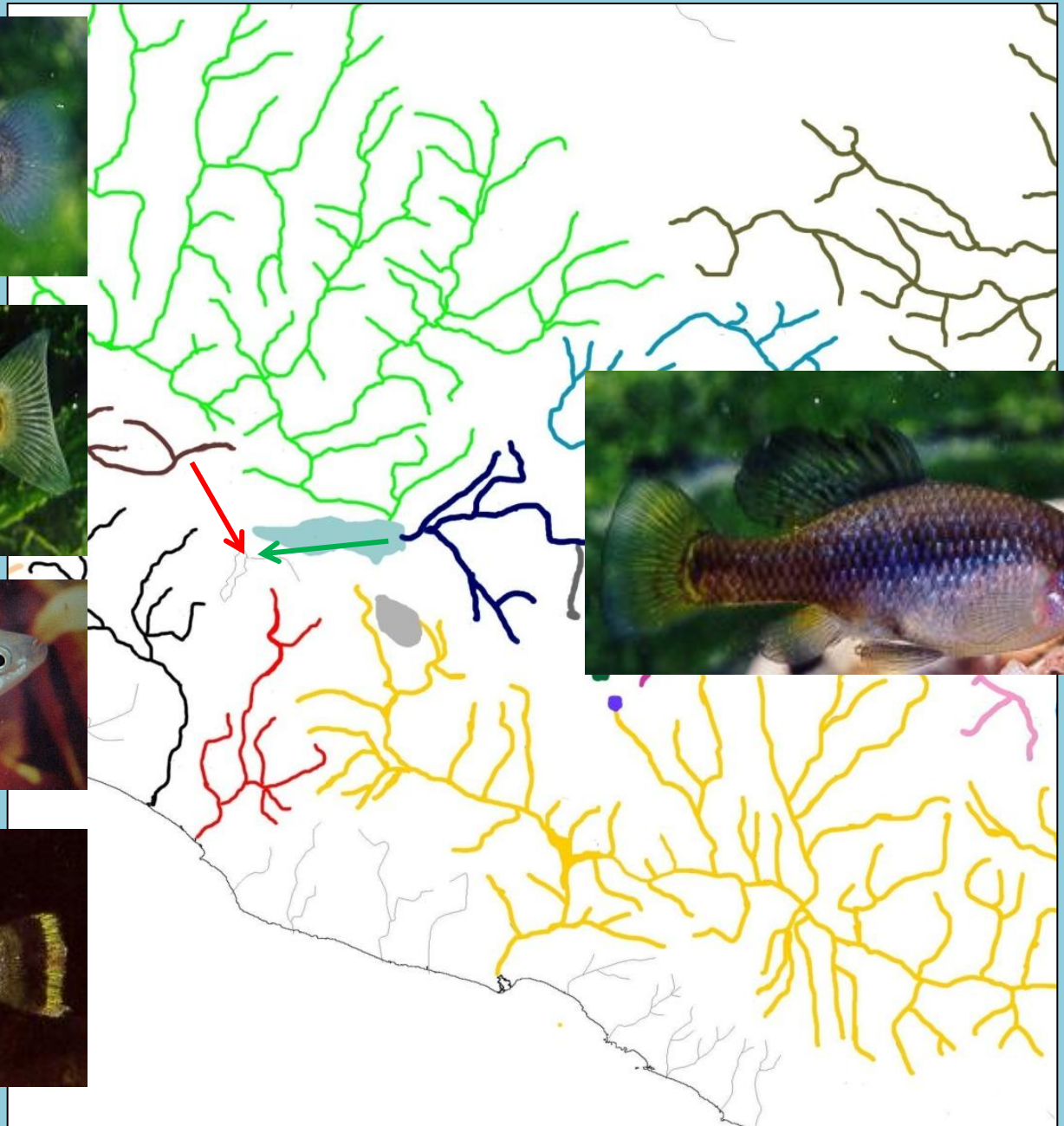


Characodon lateralis

Skiffia francesae







Future projects

- Zoogoneticus tequila* reintroduction
- Discovery of lost species or populations
- New pond facilities



Gracias