

Axolotl

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What is an Axolotl?

Axolotl are a species of salamander that originates from old mexican legends in Mexico. They live their lives completely in water and **NEVER** go onto land. They are very interesting creatures some people even keep them as pets!



Their Environment:

The environment that axolotls live in were once shining lakes in Mexico City, that have now turned to swamp lands. The lakes have been victim to pollution and invasive species for years now, driving the Axolotl into endangerment.

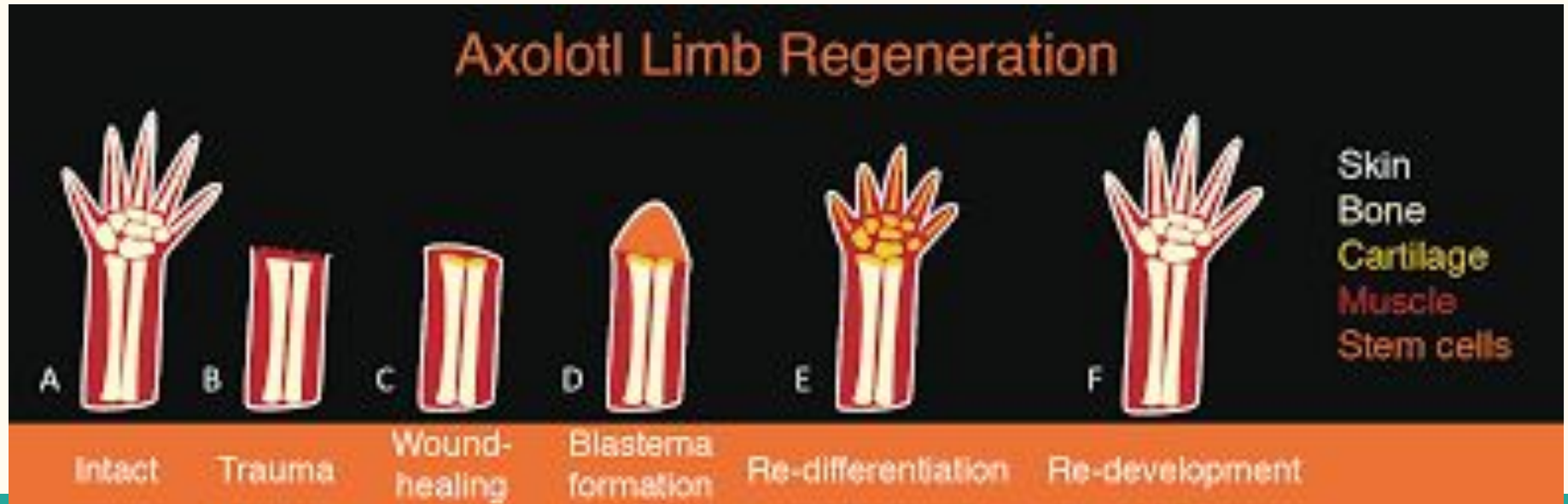
Biotic Factors: Axolotls, Fish, Birds, Lake Plants

Abiotic Factors: Mud, water, rocks



Helpful Features:

Axolotls were blessed with a feature that helps them survive in this watery wasteland. They have the ability to regenerate pretty much any part of their body, including their lungs, heart, brain, and spine.



Changes In The Environment

The reasons that axolotls are going extinct is because of unnatural changes in their environment. These changes include pollution and the introduction to bigger and stronger fish into the environment, such as Carp and Tilapia. The Axolotl is not a strong salamander, thus it feeds on smaller fish, insects, worms, crustaceans, etc. Basically, anything that can't fight back.

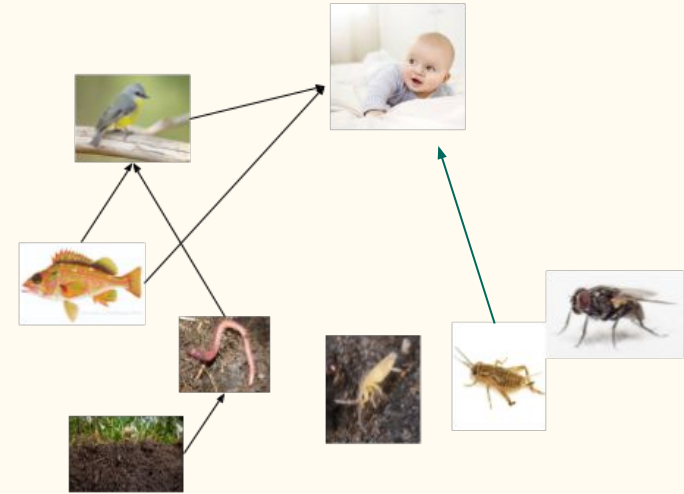
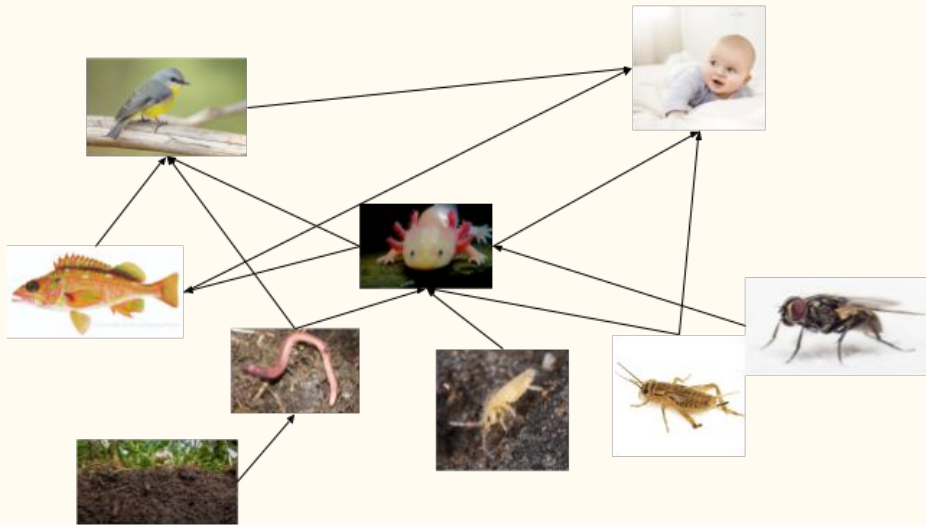


Indubitably scrumptious



Relationships, And Not The Lovely Kind

Axolotls have no symbiotic relations. The **ONLY** relations they have are between predator and prey. The Axolotl eats the prey, and the axolotl gets eaten by the predator. (Alex's food chain here)



Population and Projections

The population of Axolotls has declined...drastically.

There are only 42 years until there is only 1 axolotl left by our calculations.

2014: >1000

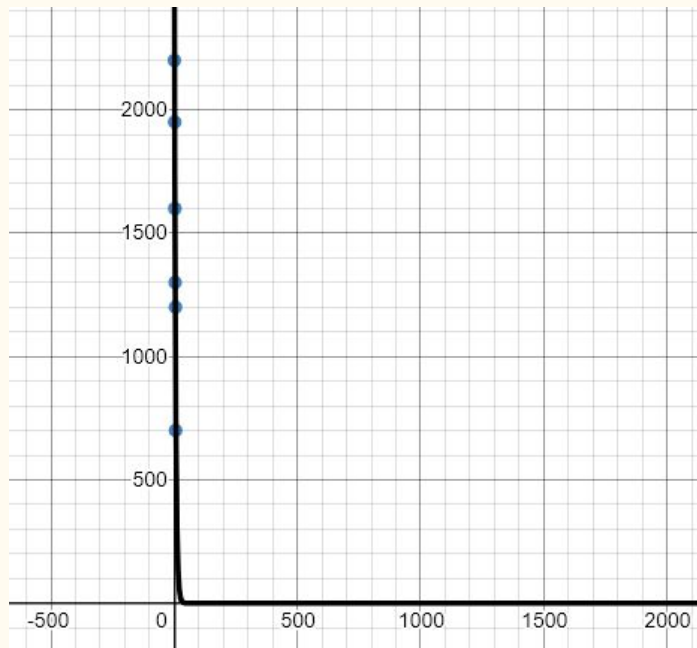
2013: 1200

2012: 1300

2011: 1600

2010: 1950

2014: 2200



If The Axolotl Disappears :o

A lot of fish and other animals that eat the axolotl for food will have to change their food sources so they don't depend on a species that doesn't exist anymore, and the creatures that got eaten by the Axolotl will rise in population because there is no axolotls to eat them.

