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# Biodiversity: animals endemic to Mexico

Mexico is a country famous for its food and its particular celebration of the Day of the Dead. Did you know that several animal species also live there? Some of them are unique to the Mexican territory, that is, they cannot be found in other parts of the world.

## Xochimilco Valley, Mexico

It lives in shallow lagoons and canals. It feeds on fish, worms and crustaceans. Unfortunately, the salamander is critically endangered due to pollution, destruction of its habitat.



1. salamander (*Ambystoma mexicanum*)

Critically endangered (CR)



2. Yucatecan sardines (*Fundulus persimilis*)

## The Yucatán Peninsula, Mexico

It is a species endemic to the waters surrounding the peninsula. It is only 15 centimeters long and feeds on salvelines, invertebrates and small fish. Little is known about the life and reproduction habits of the Yucatecan sardinilla, but it is in danger of extinction due to pollution and indiscriminate fishing.

At risk (EN)



3. Fringed fish (*Gymnachirus texae*)

## Inhabits the soft sands of the sea floor.

It is characterized by an oval body with dark stripes, a feature that gives its name to this curious fish. Little information is available on the species, as its population is not abundant and does not represent a danger to humans. However, it is sometimes fished for food, although this is rare.

Vulnerable (VU)



4. Dwarf charr (*Cyanolyca nana*)

## Humid forests of Xalapa and between Oaxaca and Caripán.

It measures about 24 centimeters and weighs 40 grams. It is characterized by its dark blue plumage with black areas and light chest. It is part of the passerine birds, an order to which more than half of the world's birds belong and which are distinguished by being songbirds.

## Inhabits the northern part of Mexico

It lives in wooded areas with trees and rocks. It feeds on leaves and fruits it finds. The Gulf spiny iguana is diurnal and loves to bask in the sun, like other iguana species. It is easily recognized by its dark body topped with pointed scales on the back.

Minor concern (LC)



5. Iguana (*Ctenosaura acanthura*)

Critically endangered (CR)



6. Tehuantepec hare (*Lepus flavigularis*)

## It inhabits the savannas of Oaxaca and the Gulf of Tehuantepec.

It is characterized by its shiny brown fur on the back, white abdomen and two black stripes running from the ears to the neck. Little is known about the number of specimens in existence or their reproductive period, but it is one of the largest hares in Mexico. However, it is an endangered species.

## Located in the waters surrounding the Mexican states of Sinaloa and Sonora.

It is 1.5 meters long and weighs only 50 kilos. It feeds on various fish and squid. This species is one of the characteristic animals of Mexico, since it is only found in this small area of the gulf. It is critically endangered, being one of the most endangered marine animals in the world.

Critically endangered (CR)



7. Vaquita porpoise (*Phocoena sinus*)

## Lynchography

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