



**ANIMALES ENDÉMICOS EN MÉXICO**

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# ANIMALS IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION IN MEXICO

## SEA COW

Sea cow. (*Phocoena sinus*), marine mammal with the most restricted distribution and that lives in the upper Gulf of California. It shares habitat with a large fish, the Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*), also endemic and which the Autonomous University of Baja California (UABC) reproduces *ex situ* for its future release. One of the main pressures for both species is fishing. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) it is a critically endangered species.

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## RATTLESNAKE (ACTUALLY WITHOUT A RATTLE)

(*Crotalus catalinensis*), endemic to Santa Catalina Island in the Bahía de Loreto National Park. Two of the most notable aspects of this species are its inability to form the typical rattle and its supposed arboreal habits. IT FEEDS, among other species, on the mouse (*Peromyscus slevini*), also endemic to this island.

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## MEXICAN AXOLOTL

Mexican axolotl. (*Ambystoma mexicanum*), or axolotl (Náhuatl name) lives exclusively in central Mexico in the lakes of Chalco and Xochimilco. It has the particularity of maintaining the larval state, even reaching the adult stage and sexual maturation, without undergoing metamorphosis. The phenomenon is called: neoteny. This characteristic is of utmost importance for medical research. It is said that the axolotl was considered a delicacy in ancient times. Particular are its external gills and its ability to regenerate tissues and limbs.

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## DWARF JAY

The dwarf jay (*Cyanolyca nana*) is another of the typical animals of Mexico. It measures about 24 centimeters and weighs 40 grams. It is distributed throughout the humid forests of Xalapa and between Oaxaca and Caripán. The species is characterized by having dark blue plumage with black areas and a light-colored chest. It is part of the passerine birds, an order to which more than half of the birds in the world belong, and which are distinguished for being singers.

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## GULF SPINY IGUANA

This species of iguana (*Ctenosaura acanthura*) lives in the northern part of Mexico, where it lives in forested areas with trees and rocks. It feeds on leaves and fruits that it finds. The Gulf spiny iguana is diurnal and loves to sunbathe, like other iguana species. It is easy to recognize by its dark body topped with pointed scales in the back area.

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