

The Mexican Walking Fish

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General Info

- Genus and Species: *Ambystoma Mexicanum*
- It can be many colors including black, pink, white, and chocolate brown
- It is an amphibian not a fish

General Info

- Has the ability to regenerate body parts
- It breathes through its gills and skin
- Can grow to over 12 inches and live 10 years
- Females lay around 1000 eggs up to several times a year

General Info

- Defends itself against predators by camouflaging itself
- May live alone or with a group
- Cold blooded
- Do not hibernate

Habitat

- They live completely underwater in some lakes
- They originate from a series of lakes in Mexico such as Lake Chalco which don't exist anymore



Food Chain

- Mexican walking fish are carnivores and they eat trout and salmon pellets, bloodworms, wax worms, earthworms and feeder fish.
- Tilapia and Carp are its main predators

Statistics

- The Mexican Walking Fish is endangered because of habitat destruction
- The lakes and waterways that they live in are being drained and polluted by waste water from Mexico City



Statistics

- There were about 1,500 mexican walking fish per square mile in 1998 and now there are around 25 per square mile
- Efforts are being made to make sanctuaries for them in the waters near the Island of Dolls



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