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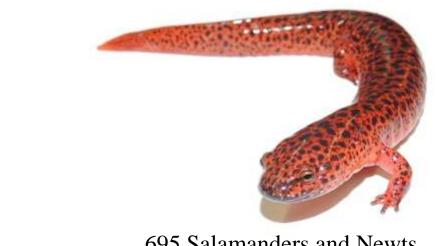
## Amphibians in Crisis

#### Amphibians in Decline

► 7660 Species



6,760 Frogs and Toads



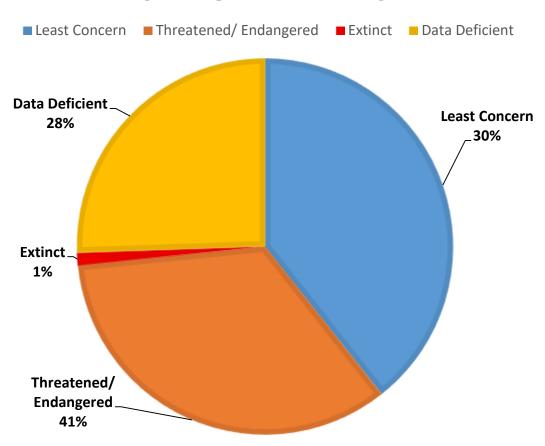
695 Salamanders and Newts



205 Caecilians

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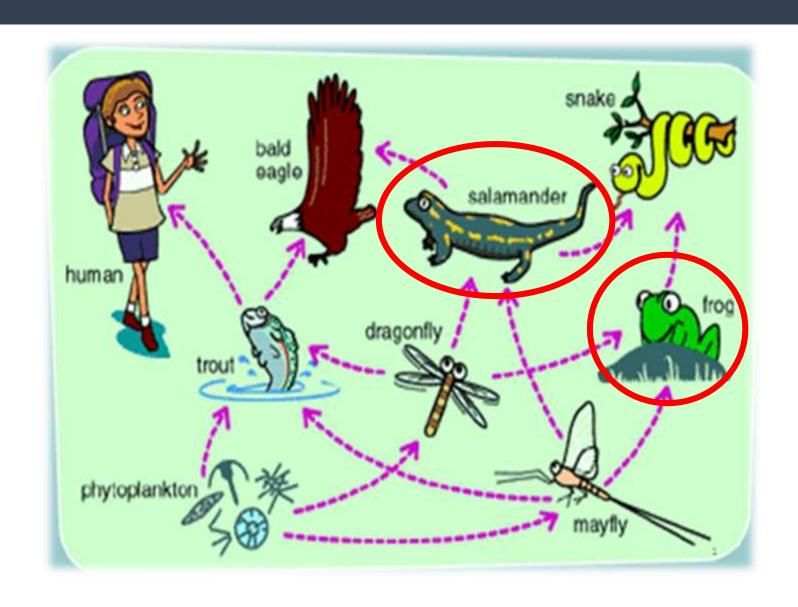
#### **STATE OF AMPHIBIANS**



- Declining: 42%
- ➤ Increasing: <1%
- Threatened by Order:
  - Frogs/Toads: 32%
  - Newts/Salamanders: 50%
  - Caecilians: 6%
    - ► 65% Data Deficient



IUCN estimates as of 2016





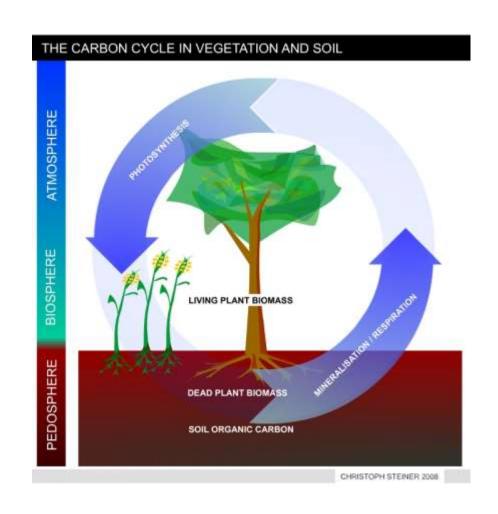


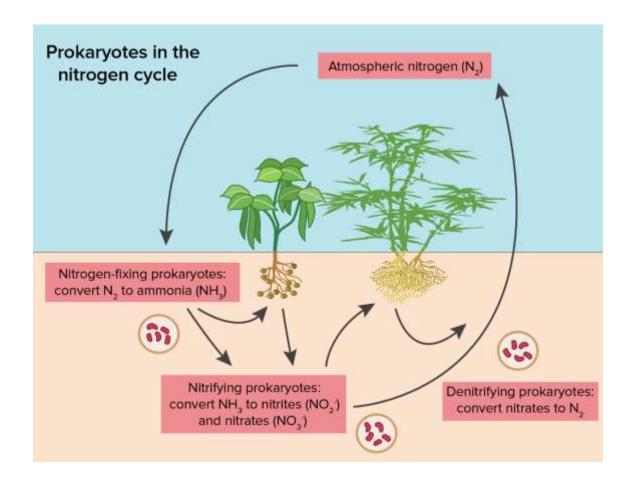














## Amphibians in Decline: Why is it happening?

- \* Habitat Fragmentation
- > Disease
- **№** Pollution
- **™** Climate Change





## Climate Change and Amphibians

- Late hibernation
- Early emergence







- > Diseases
  - **Fungus** 
    - > Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis
    - \*\*Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans
    - Saprolegnia spp.
  - Virus
    - \* Ranaviruses
  - **Others** 
    - Misc. bacteria
    - \* Parasites





- Seasonal breeders
- Rainfall dependency
- > Vernal pools









Helping the Problem

#### > Disease

- \* Treatments
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