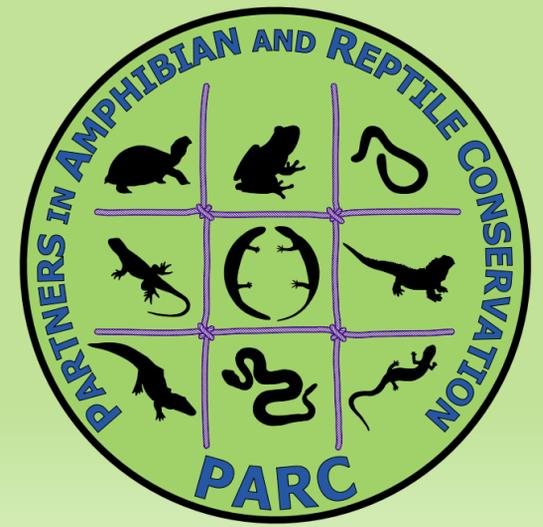


PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION



THE PARC MISSION: To conserve amphibians, reptiles, and their habitats as integral parts of our ecosystem and culture through proactive and coordinated public/private partnerships.

WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE DECLINES?

The 1999 PARC Conference identified six threats to amphibians and reptiles worldwide. These threats include:

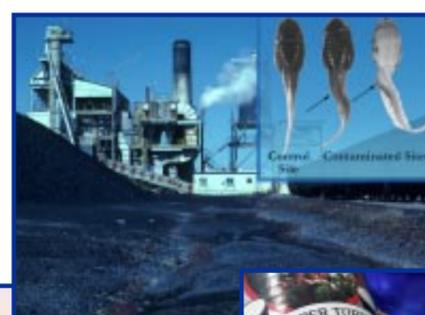
Habitat Loss



Invasive Species



Environmental Pollution



Upper Respiratory Tract Infection



Disease and Parasites

Global Climate Change

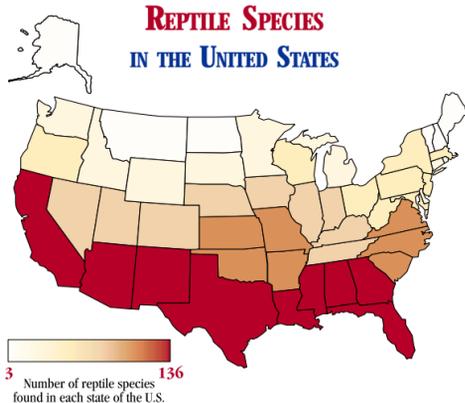
Unsustainable Use

DISTRIBUTIONS IN THE U.S.

CURRENT DISTRIBUTION OF NATIVE AMPHIBIAN SPECIES IN THE UNITED STATES



CURRENT DISTRIBUTION OF NATIVE REPTILE SPECIES IN THE UNITED STATES



Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC) is a new multi-sector partnership dedicated to the conservation of herpetofauna—amphibians and reptiles—and their habitats. PARC was formed in 1998 to address these needs and to find solutions. The key to PARC's success will be the inclusion of all individuals, organizations, and agencies with an interest in amphibian and reptile conservation.

PARC is not a funding organization or a policy maker. PARC will increase communication and cooperation among many diverse groups who are interested in the conservation of amphibians and reptiles. PARC will enable each and every person and group involved to become more aware of national and regional issues confronting amphibians and reptiles. PARC also will give individuals a better idea of how their agency/organization can contribute to conservation of herpetofauna and their habitats. The diversity of participants makes PARC the most comprehensive conservation effort ever undertaken for amphibians and reptiles.

For more detailed information on PARC structure, visit the PARC web site at www.parcplace.org or e-mail PARC@SREL.edu

PARC PRIORITIES

- Educate the public about herpetofauna and conservation.
- Establish a dynamic database on the ecology and habitat requirements of amphibians and reptiles.
- Standardize data collection and inventory techniques.
- Create a user-friendly database of all management information and existing policies on herpetofauna.
- Establish a PARC Fellowship and Internship Program.