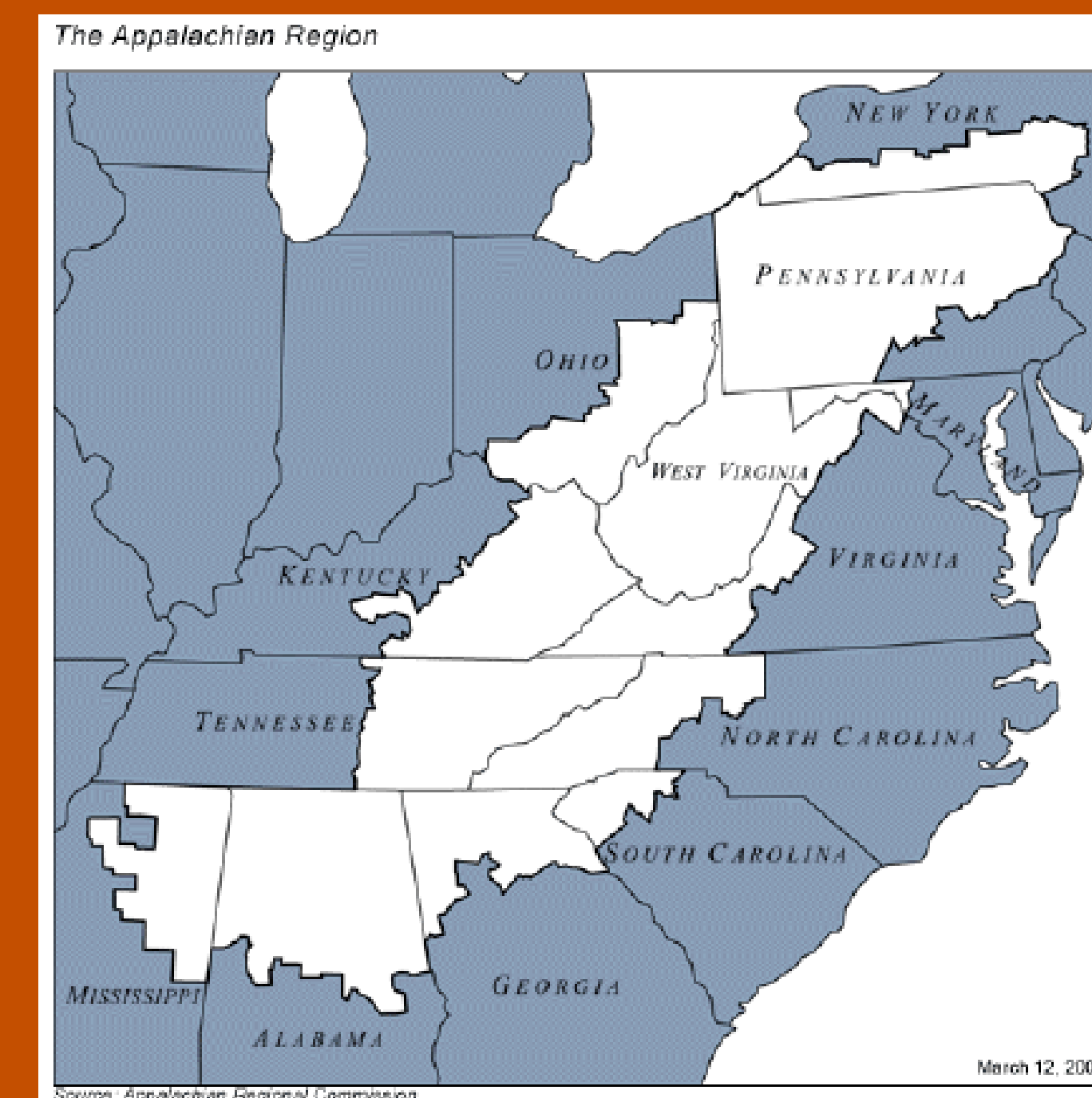


# Jewels of Appalachia

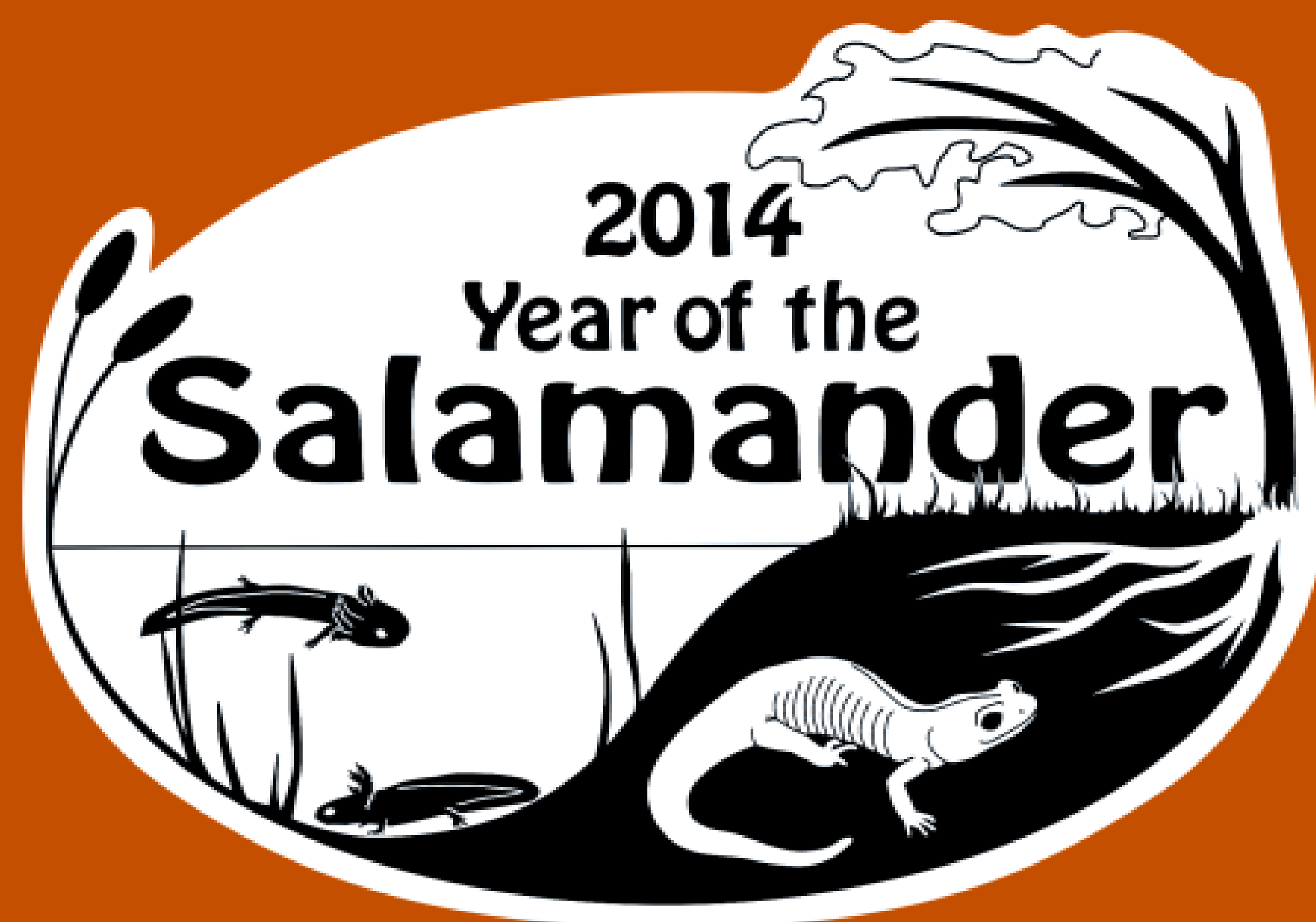


The Appalachian region of the United States is home to 14% of the world's salamander species.

Of the over 70 species of salamanders in this region, nearly half are found nowhere else on earth.



The Appalachian Mountains provide essential habitat for salamanders, a group already facing threats such as climate change, pollution, and disease. Protecting the unique biodiversity hotspot of the Appalachians will be crucial to giving these creatures a fighting chance.



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