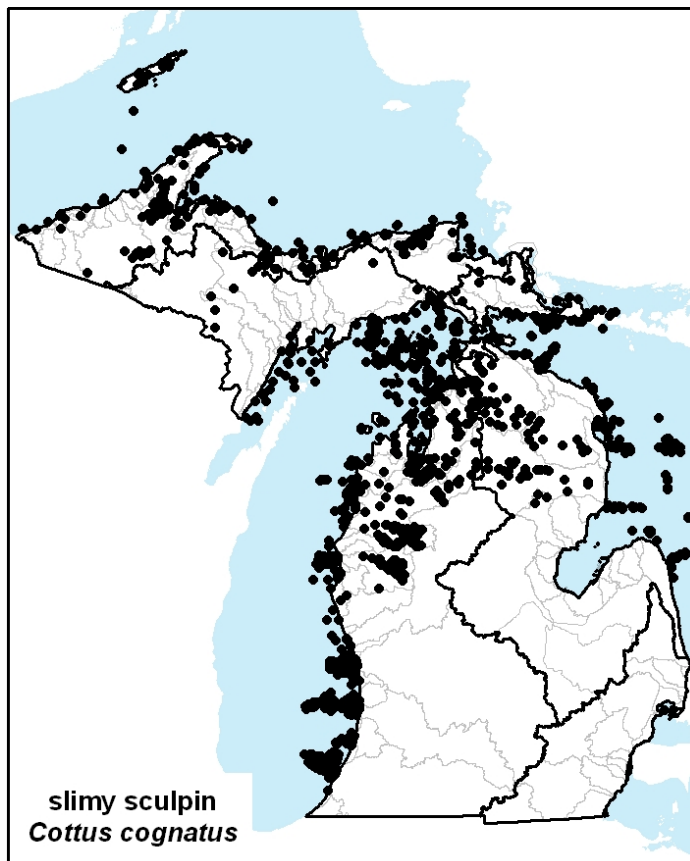


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slimy sculpin

(*Cottus cognatus*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Common and populations inland appear stable, however the Great Lakes populations appear to be declining. Abundance is unknown.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: shoreline; nearshore; offshore; small lakes; medium lakes; large lakes; trophic status: oligotrophic; cold headwaters & small tributaries; cool headwaters & small tributaries; cold medium rivers; cool medium rivers; cold large rivers; cool large rivers; gradient: moderate; gradient: fast; rock substrates; vegetation; woody structure; clear water; other (crevices - shelter and spawning)

ASSOCIATED THREATS: invasive plants & animals (gobies)

COMMENTS: Reasons for decline in Great Lakes is unknown and needs to be determined. Great lakes populations need to be assessed.