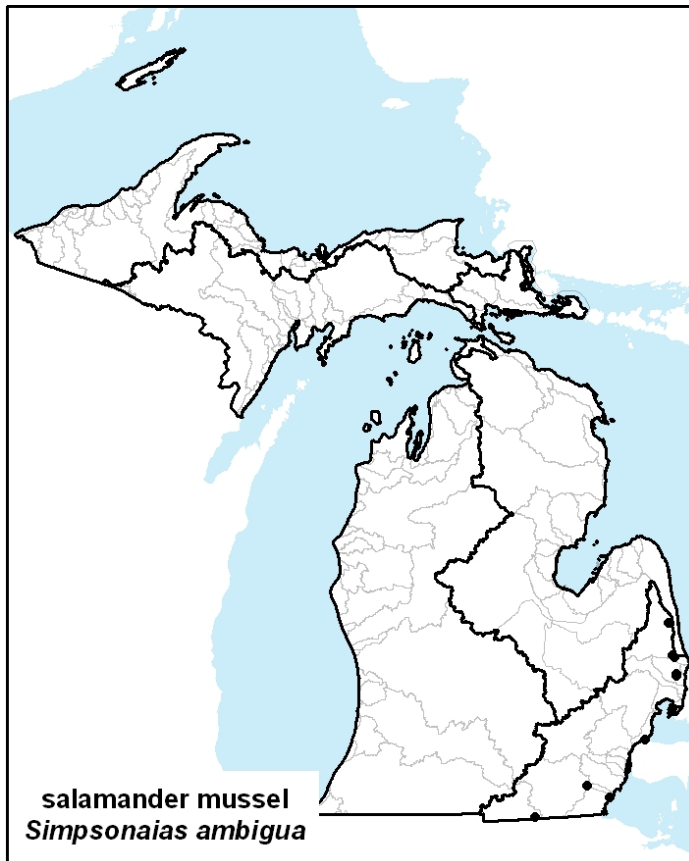


MUSSELS



salamander mussel

(*Simpsonaias ambigua*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: State listed as endangered. Since 1980, this species has only been found in 2 watersheds. Abundance is unknown.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: medium rivers; large rivers; rock substrates; soft substrates

ASSOCIATED THREATS: other biological interactions (host species, mudpuppy, also species of greatest conservation need)

COMMENTS: The mudpuppy is the salamander mussel's only known host, and hence its populations are tied to the mudpuppy. This species may be overlooked in surveys because they are small and reside under flat rocks and similar objects, as does their host. Targeted surveys are needed to determine distribution and population status of this species.