# **Mussels of Texas**

An Online Database for Accessing Texas Mussels Distribution Information Yang Cao, Charles Randklev, Jennifer Morton, Brian Pierce, Ross Anderson, and Roel Lopez





Presumed / Possibly Extinct 12%

Secure/ Apparently Secure 32%





Critically Imperiled 25%

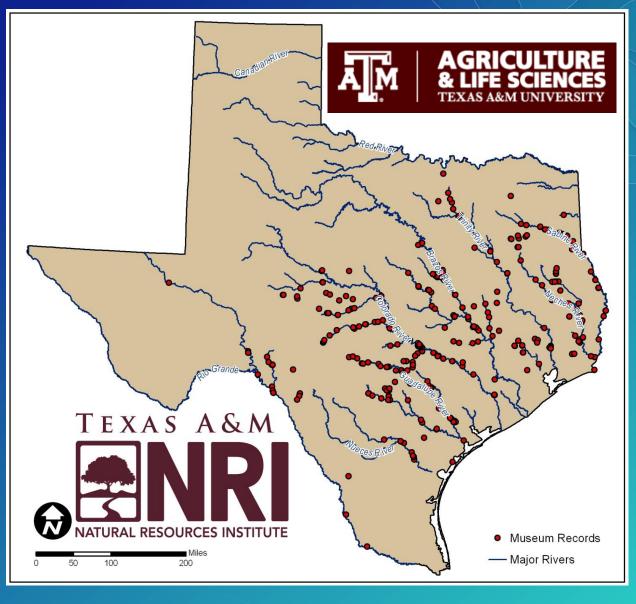
#### Vulnerable

Data Source: 1997 Species Report Card. 16%

Photo Source: Wikipedia.

Imperiled 15%

## Our Mission



Locations of freshwater mussel species contained in the Texas Freshwater Mussel Database Credit: Kirk Winemiller et al., (2010) , "Status of Freshwater Mussels in Texas"

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## What we do

Current Texas mussel database

- Only for threatened species
- Hard to inquiry
- Lack status assessment maps

2011 Contemporary sampling + historical records (≈7,000)

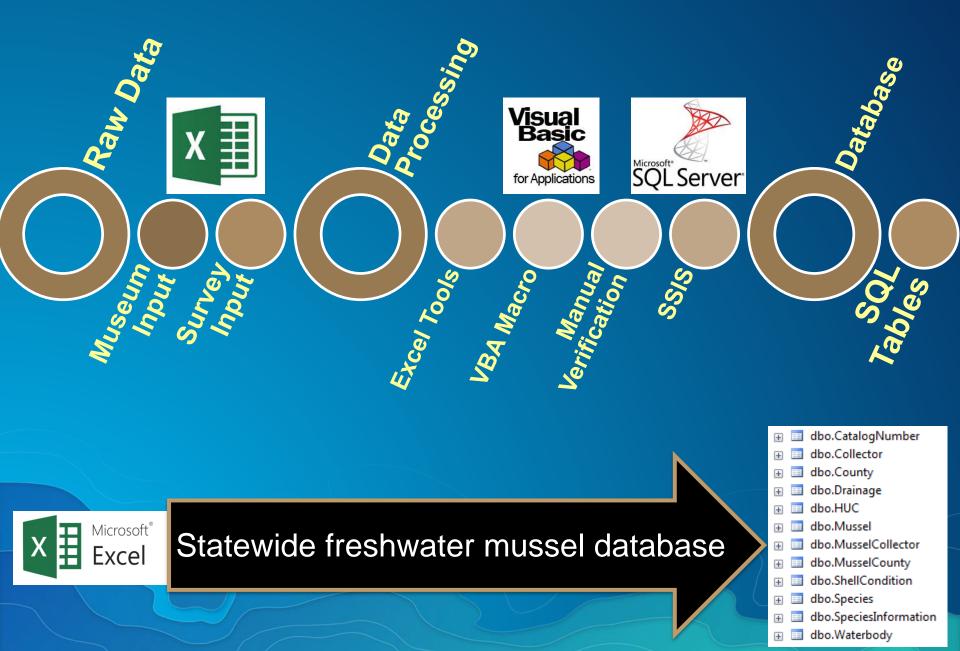
2015 Partners – CPA, TPWD, FWS, UT-Tyler, TSU, TAMU, BIOWEST, SARA, TRA, LCRA, etc. ( $\approx$ 10,000)

Annual Institute investment...

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#### How we implemented the Database



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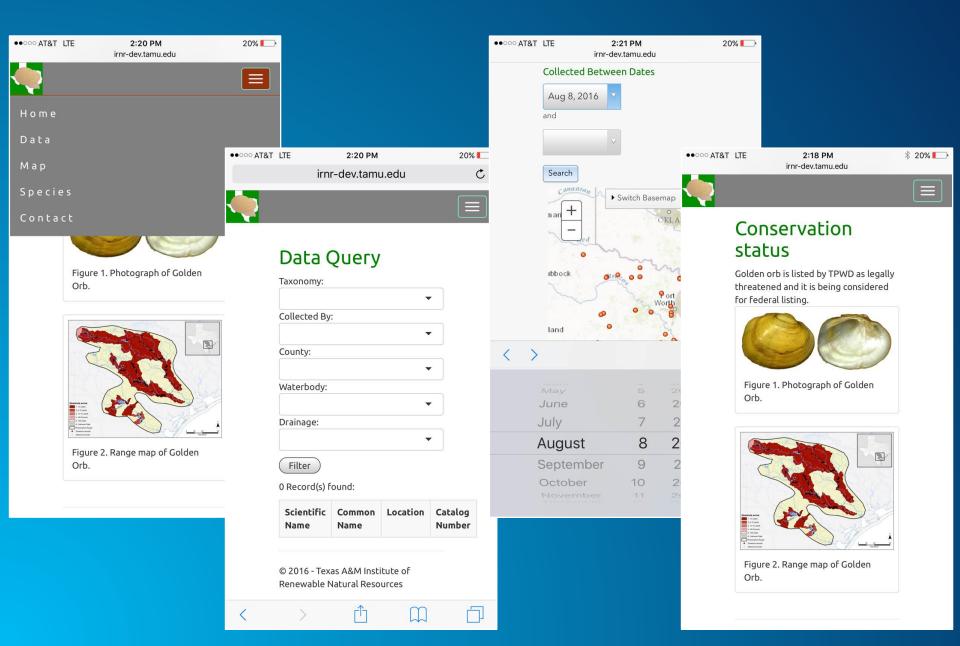
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## **C# & ASP.NET Development Environment**

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## **MVC Makes Mobile Friendly**



#### Data Query

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Data Page

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#### HUC Layers

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#### Map Display

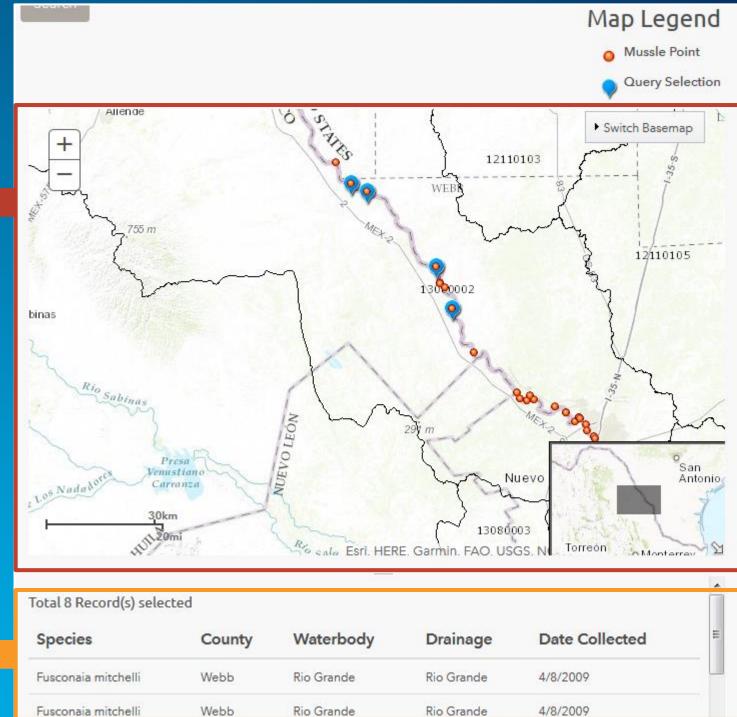
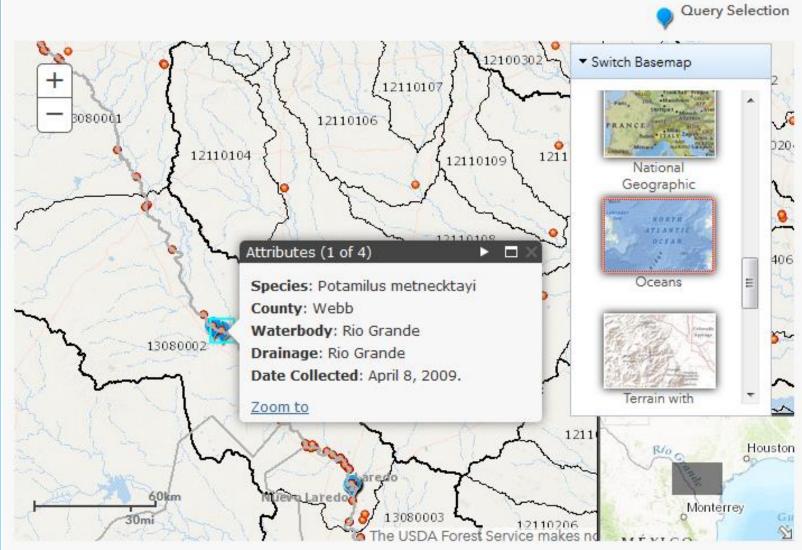


Table Display



# Other GIS functions



Map Legend

**Mussle Point** 

#### Search



#### Golden Orb

#### Description

Shell shape: ranges from oval to nearly round, subquadrate and somewhat subrectangular.

Shell: moderately compressed, solid and moderately thick; posterior ridge is broad and rounded and is sometime double; anterior end rounded; dorsal margin slightly curved; ventral margin straight to slightly curved; posterior end almost truncated.

Umbo: elevated above the hinge line, but not high or extremely full; beak cavity is moderately deep.

Pseudocardinal teeth: two left and one right, are large, but not massive; left pseudocardinal teeth are triangular or square, slightly compressed, posterior-most tooth somewhat less elevated than anterior tooth.

Lateral teeth: are relatively short, only slightly thickened and straight to very slightly curved.

Periostracum: yellowish-orange, orangish-tan, brown, dark brown or black, sometimes with green vague rays; typically no external sculpturing, but some specimens may have faint pustules on the central disk.

Nacre: white or bluish-white, iridescent posteriorly

#### Habitat

Often abundant in riffles but can occur in other habitat types in mud, sand and gravel.

#### Range

Endemic to the Nueces-Frio and San Antonio-Guadalupe drainages. Extant populations remain throughout most of its presumptive range, though its taxonomy is in question.

#### **C**onservation status

Golden orb is listed by TPWD as legally threatened and it is being considered for federal listing.



Figure 1. Photograph of Golden Orb.

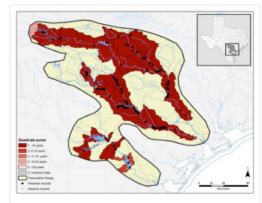


Figure 2. Range map of Golden Orb.

## **Benefits**

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Photo Source: Wikipedia.



Mussel Data

Analyses



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 Project can help

 For all the mussel species

 Conservation status assessment maps

#### **Future Possibilities**



#### More Data



#### More Search Keywords



#### User Account Management

# **Thank You**



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