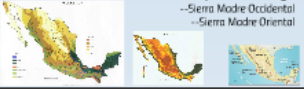


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- Open to environmental damage by hurricanes in the region

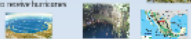


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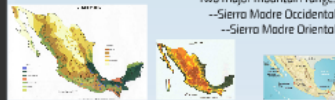
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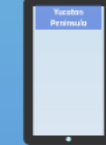
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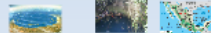
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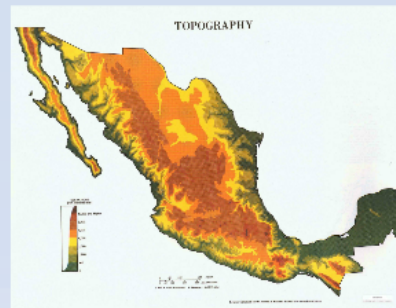
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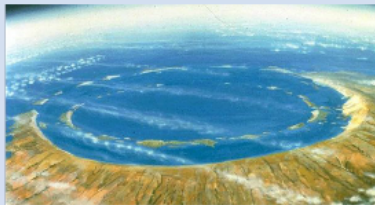
Mexico's Central Plateau

- Mexican Altiplano
- fertile, high elevation plateau between Sierra Madre Mountain Ranges
 - receives a high amount of rain due to orographic effect
 - orographic effect is rain created by elevation changes
- Sierra Zacatecas Mountains
 - separate plateau into Northern and Southern sections
 - most people and agriculture remain to the North



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--Sierra de Baja California mountain range splits the peninsula into an east and western half

--The west coast is fertile, while the east is arid



--Separated on three sides by water: Pacific Ocean to the west and the Sea of Cortes to the east

--The "World's Aquarium"

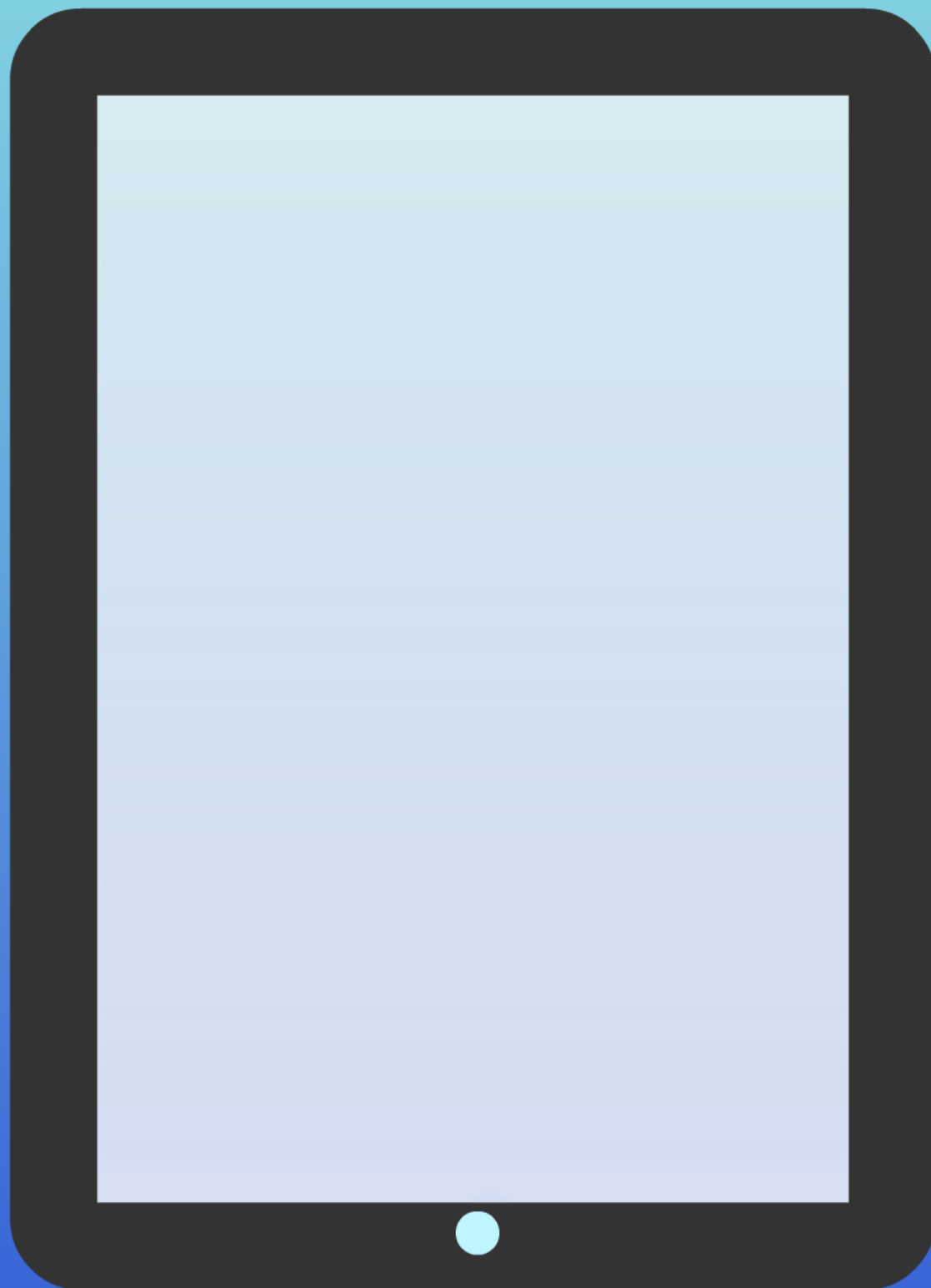
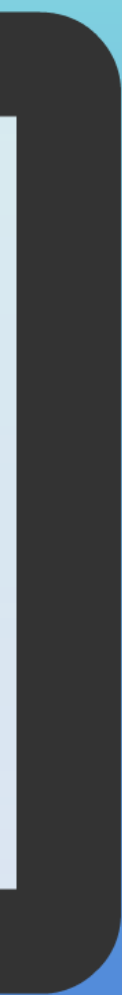


--1/3 of the world's marine species are found here

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 - **wider than the same plains in the United States
- concerns over pollution and damage to fresh water in the region

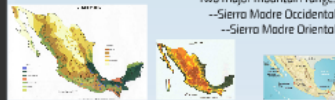




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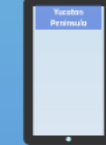
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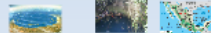
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