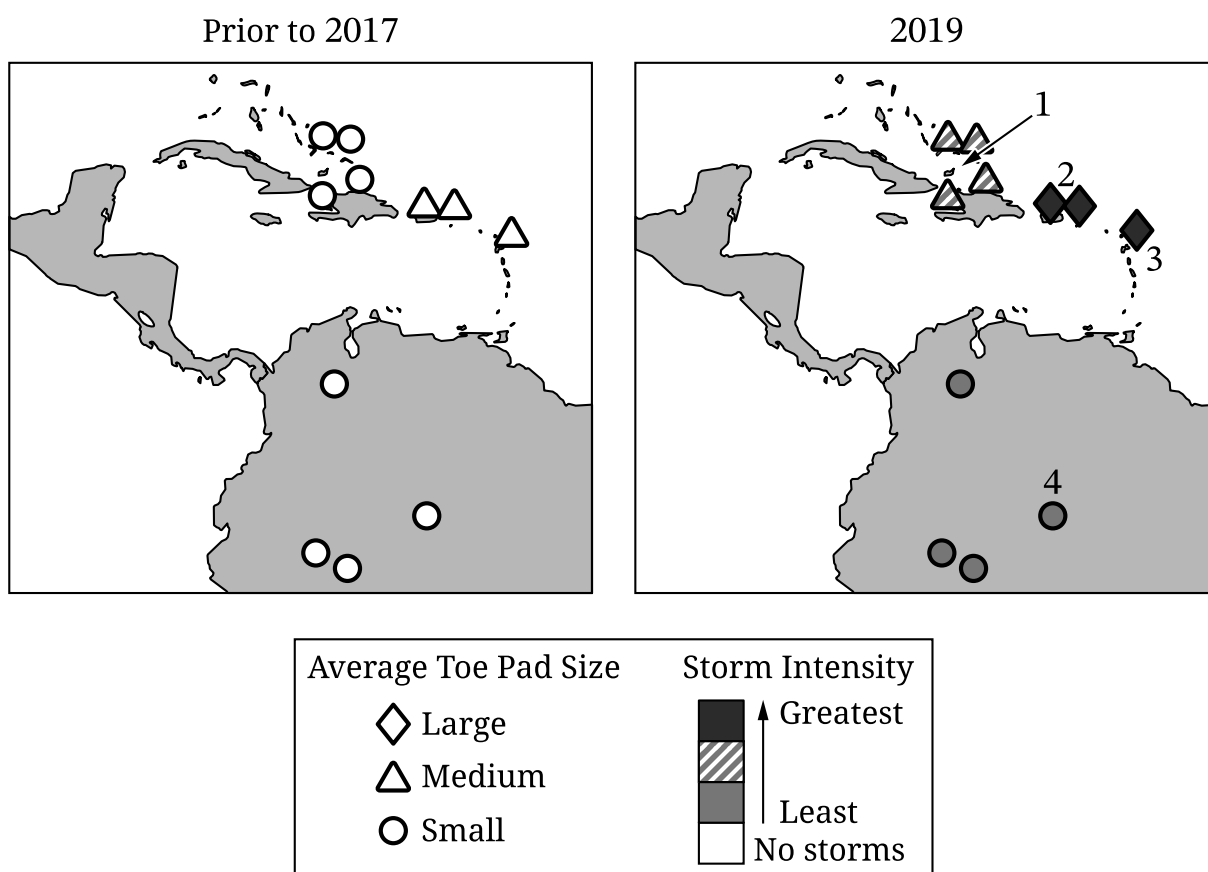


The following information applies to all parts.

5. Anole lizards throughout the Caribbean islands and Central and South America have pads of varying sizes on the bottom surfaces of their toes. The sizes of the toe pads are genetically determined and not the result of phenotypic plasticity. During storms with high winds, anoles cling to trees with the help of their toe pads. In recent years, an increase in both the number and intensity of storms has occurred across the range of anole habitats.

In 2017, two very intense storms occurred in the Caribbean islands within a month. In 2019, scientists investigated the relationship between the intense storms and the average toe pad size of the offspring of lizards that survived the storms. The scientists determined the average toe pad size of the surviving offspring and grouped their measurements into three categories: small, medium, and large toe pads. The scientists then compared the 2019 toe pad measurements with measurements recorded prior to 2017. Their data are represented in the figure.

A Map Representing Toe Pad Size Distributions Prior to 2017 and in 2019



Part A

Describe the role that changes in abiotic factors have in natural selection.

Part B

Based on the figure, **explain** the relationship between storm intensity and average toe pad size.

Part C

Identify the region on the 2019 map, by indicating the number, that experienced the least storm intensity.

Part D

Based on the information provided, **explain** how continued differences in storm intensity can apply different selective pressures on anole populations living on the Caribbean islands, eventually leading to speciation.