

Assumptions about the Race-X Empire

As a player character, you will know little to nothing about Race-X outside of the extreme basics. Anything you would not know will be marked by a ! warning message. Using info you would not be aware of in-game is a violation of the Server Guidelines. Please keep this in mind while reading.

Race-X remains one of the least understood extraterrestrial forces by Humanity.

Unlike the Xenian organisms that emerged following the Resonance Cascade, documented encounters with Race-X have been comparatively rare. Most verified sightings originate from surviving HECU personnel present during the Black Mesa Incident, with additional reports emerging throughout the Portal Storm crisis of 2001-2004.

Initial assumptions categorized Race-X as another branch of Xenian life. This theory was eventually abandoned following numerous recorded engagements between Xenian organisms and Race-X entities. Reports consistently described extreme hostility between the two groups, with neither side displaying any indication of cooperation or shared command structures.

Researchers have since concluded that Race-X likely originates from a location entirely separate from Xen.

Further distinctions can be observed in their behavior. Whereas many Xenian lifeforms operate through instinct, territorial aggression or centralized control; Race-X forces display signs of coordinated military organization. Units frequently operate in support of one another, demonstrate tactical awareness, and exhibit behavior suggestive of planning rather than simple aggression.

Perhaps most concerning is the apparent method by which Race-X enters a target dimension. Unlike Xenian incursions, which typically accompany portal storms or dimensional instability; Race-X sightings have been reported in locations where no such activity was detected. This has led some researchers to theorize that Race-X possesses an independent means of interdimensional travel that does not rely upon Xen as a transit point and nullifies the need to use the Borderworlds entirely.

The long-term objectives of Race-X remain unknown.

Unlike Xenian lifeforms, Race-X entities demonstrate a degree of coordination and battlefield adaptability rarely observed among other species. Their forces frequently employ complementary

attack patterns, life specialized for combat and biological weaponry seemingly engineered for their specific tactical roles. This has led many researchers to conclude that Race-X is not a collection of unrelated creatures, but rather a unified civilization or military structure.

Exactly how large that civilization may be remains a matter of debate.

Some theories suggest that Race-X originates from a separate Borderworld or dimensional ecosystem entirely disconnected from Xen. Others propose that it represents a larger interdimensional power whose presence on Earth was merely one element of a broader conflict beyond human understanding.

The strongest evidence supporting this theory comes from the creatures themselves. Unlike Xenian organisms, which largely rely upon instinct, territorial behavior, or direct control from higher powers, Race-X lifeforms appear purpose built. Many display traits suggesting deliberate biological engineering with entire species seemingly developed to fulfil specific military, logistical, or environmental roles.

The fate of Race-X following the Black Mesa Incident remains one of the greatest unanswered questions of the Portal Storm Crisis. However, what is known is that not all of Race-X forces disappeared.

During the years between the Resonance Cascade and the Seven Hour War, increasing evidence emerged of Race-X activity throughout South America. Regions of dense rainforest began exhibiting extreme biological abnormalities with local ecosystems gradually being replaced by invasive alien growths and unfamiliar lifeforms. Entire areas became inaccessible as native flora and fauna were displaced by an expanding extraterrestrial biosphere.

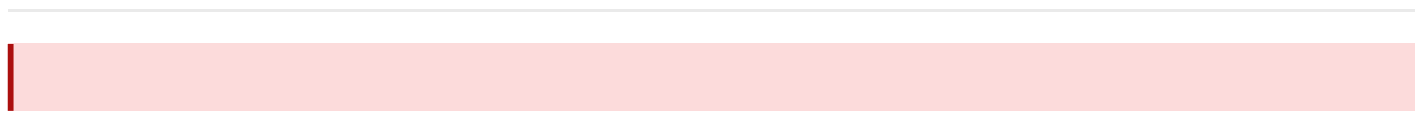
By the time the Combine arrived on Earth, much of this activity had become concentrated around a single organism believed to be a surviving Gene Worm. Unlike the specimen destroyed at Black Mesa by Shepard, this creature successfully established itself and continued the process of environmental transformation across large sections of the continent.

The subsequent closure and stabilization of interdimensional portals by the Combine would dramatically alter the situation.

Cut off from whatever realm they originally came from, the surviving Race-X population became effectively stranded on Earth. No confirmed reinforcements have been observed since the end of the Portal Storm Crisis, leading many researchers to believe that the South American population represents an isolated remnant rather than the spearhead of a larger invasion.

Whether Race-X now seeks expansion, survival, or merely adaptation to its new environment remains unknown.

What is certain is that South America remains one of the most heavily altered regions on the planet, and one of the few places where the influence of Race-X continues to grow long after the end of the Portal Storm Crisis.



Information from this point onward is not common and thus no player character would know this information without being an extremely high-ranking official under the Overwatch branch of the Combine on Earth.

Restricted Combine Intelligence:

Recovered Combine intelligence provides a significantly different picture of Race-X than that understood by humanity.

Contrary to earlier assumptions, Race-X is not regarded by the Combine as an isolated collection of hostile organisms. Internal records repeatedly classify Race-X as a persistent interdimensional threat possessing a degree of organization, adaptability, and resilience uncommon among species encountered by the Combine.

While no available records suggest that Race-X rivals the Combine in scale, territory, or military capability; reports consistently describe them as unusually difficult to eradicate. Their reliance upon biological adaptation rather than technological infrastructure makes conventional assimilation strategies largely ineffective. Where the Combine seek to improve species through integration and augmentation, Race-X appears capable of altering itself to meet new environmental and military challenges without external assistance.

Several reports note repeated instances of Race-X organisms successfully overwhelming isolated synthetic formations despite significant material disadvantages. Particular concern is given to their tendency to rapidly adapt to hostile environments, establish self-sustaining ecosystems, and continue operating even when cut off from external support.

Perhaps most concerning to Combine analysts is the apparent absence of any centralized infrastructure. Unlike conventional civilizations, Race-X does not rely upon factories, logistical networks, communication relays, or fixed industrial centers. Entire populations are capable of functioning through biological processes alone, making the identification and elimination of strategic targets significantly more difficult.

Further analysis indicates that Race-X possesses the capability to alter not only its own biology, but entire planetary ecosystems through a process of large-scale biological terraforming.

Central to this process are organisms designated as Gene Worms. Combine investigations suggest that these entities function as planetary conversion organisms, capable of integrating themselves into native ecosystems and gradually reshaping environmental conditions to support Race-X life. Unlike conventional terraforming methods, this process appears entirely biological in nature, relying upon the gradual replacement of native flora, fauna, and microbial systems with Race-X equivalents.

Records relating to the surviving Gene Worm located within Sector ## indicate that the process remains incomplete. Despite significant environmental alteration throughout large portions of South America, current biomass accumulation rates remain insufficient to sustain full planetary

conversion. Analysts believe the organism requires vast quantities of biological matter to continue its growth and adaptation cycles, severely limiting the speed at which the transformation can progress.

As a result, Earth is not currently considered at risk of immediate ecosystem collapse; however, projections indicate that continued biomass acquisition may significantly accelerate the process over time.

Additional records reference the existence of a Race-X origin world, though the overwhelming majority of related material remains heavily redacted. Surviving fragments describe a hostile biological environment of extreme complexity, consisting of interconnected organic structures spanning vast regions of the planet's surface.

Several reports describe the region as functioning as a form of living defensive network. Unauthorized vessels attempting transit through the area reportedly encounter aggressive biological responses designed to immobilize, isolate, or consume intruders. The same reports suggest that species native to the region are capable of navigating these defenses without difficulty, indicating a level of biological recognition or integration currently not understood by Combine science.

The reason for the extensive redaction of these records remains unknown.

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