

ENDANGERED SPECIES

SPECIES: a group of animals or plants which have similar characteristics and can reproduce with each other

HABITAT: a place in nature where an animal or a plant lives.

ECOSYSTEM: the connection of plants and animals to each other and their habitat.

BIODIVERSITY: (BIO= life DIVERSITY= variety) all the different plants and animals in one place.

Endangered species are animals or plants that are in danger. They are in danger of disappearing forever. When they disappear forever they become **extinct**.

There are eight million animals and plant species in the world and one million of these are threatened with extinction.

Why?

When a plant or an animal lose their natural habitat they can become endangered. This can happen because of events that man has no control of like meteors, volcanoes or climate change but also by human activity like pollution, agriculture, construction, industry or too much hunting or fishing.

Then what?

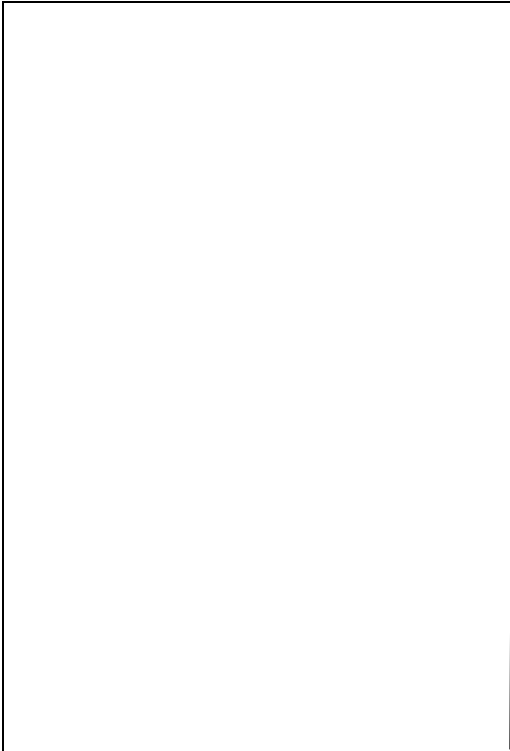
When a species is endangered governments and conservation organizations work to protect it. They make laws to protect endangered animals and the habitats they live in.

Alphabetical list of animal and plants that are becoming extinct.

Asian elephant	Narwhal
Bluefin Tuna/ baobab	Orangutan
Copiapoa	Polar bear
Dragon tree	Quokka
Emperor goose	Rafflesia flower
Fearful owl	Snow leopard
Galapagos penguin	Tiger
Hippopotamus	Ubatuba dwarf frog
Indus river dolphin	Venus fly trap
Jaguar/ Jellyfish tree	Wood's cycad
Koala	Yangtze finless porpoise
Lesser kestrel	Zebra
Malayan tapir	

Choose an endangered animal or plant and research its habitat, its behaviour and its habits.

Then write about it below.



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