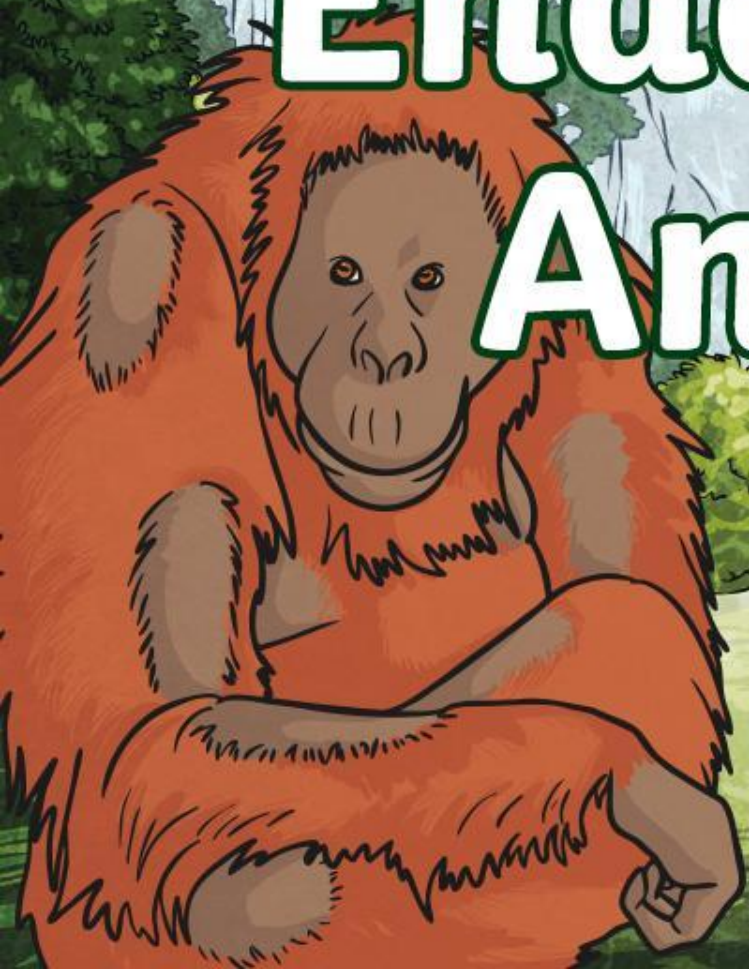


Endangered Animals

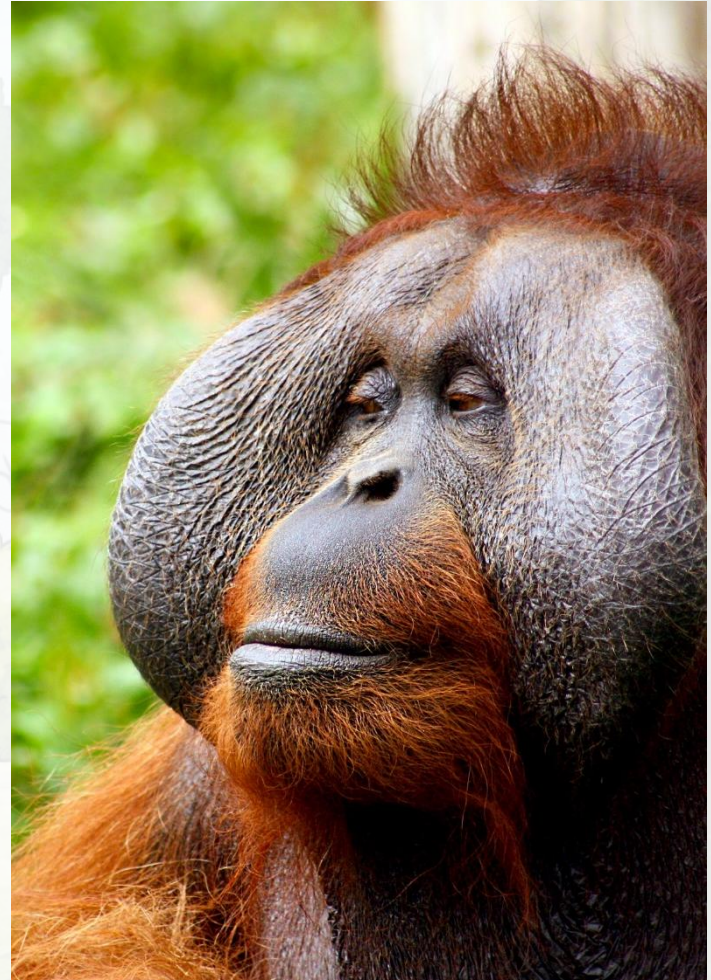


What Is an Endangered Species?

An endangered animal is:

- a species that is threatened with extinction;
- a species with a small habitat;
- a species that has a small population.

An **orangutan** is an example of an endangered animal. It is thought there are only around 7500 left in the world.



How Might a Species Become Endangered?

- **Habitat loss:** As forests and wild areas are cleared to make way for humans, many habitats are destroyed, leaving animals and plants homeless.
- **Hunting:** Some animals are hunted because they damage crops or homes. Others are hunted as 'sport'. Poachers hunt animals illegally. Rhinos are killed because people want their horns. *Can you think of reasons why an animal species becomes endangered?*
- **Disease:** Introduced by humans or invading species, new diseases can attack plants and animals.
- **Climate change:** Weather becomes more extreme, unpredictable and varied with climate change and this can affect habitats.

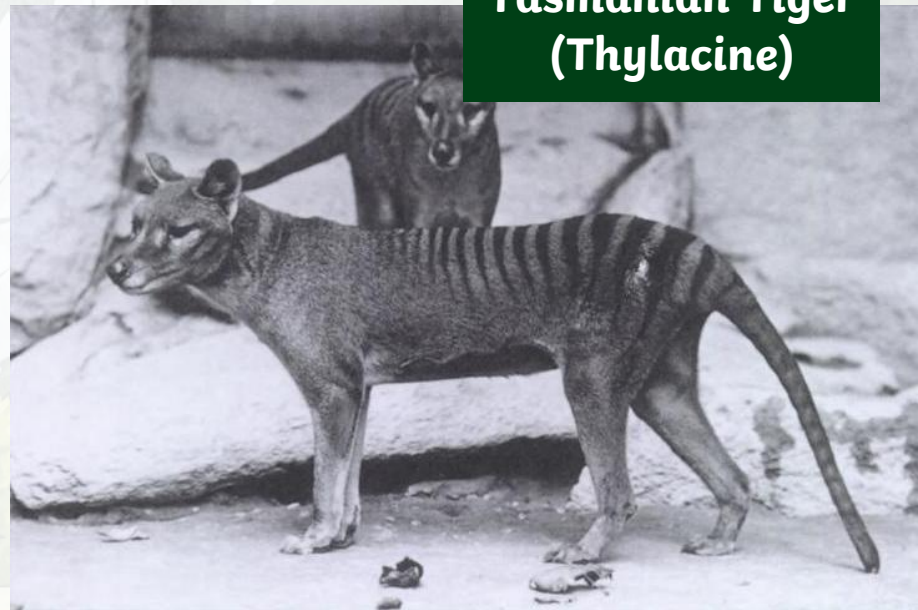


Extinct!

Do you know what these animals are? Click to reveal!



Dodo



**Tasmanian Tiger
(Thylacine)**

Both species were hunted to extinction. The Tasmanian tiger was seen as a pest by farmers and the dodo, a flightless bird, was an easy target for hunters.



Conservation Challenge!

You have 1 minute!

Do you know any endangered species?

Work in a group to list as many endangered species as you can.



What Animals Are Endangered Today?

Do you know many of the animals, plants, and birds of the world, that are said to be endangered.



X

Sea Turtle

Oceans across the World



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Why Are Species Endangered?

These species are endangered for different reasons. Can you think why?
Click on each animal to reveal more information.



Polar Bear



Red
Squirrel



Sea Turtle



Mountain
Gorilla



Conservation Challenge!

You have 15 minutes to help to save a species!

Choose an endangered species you have looked at today and design an eye-catching poster to use to explain to people about endangered species.

- What does your species look like?
- Where can this species be found?
- Why is this species endangered?



What Is Conservation Status?

Some species are more endangered than others so scientists have created a scale to show how endangered a species is. This is known as the **Conservation Status**. The Conservation Status shows the risk of a species becoming extinct in the near future.

1 **Critically Endangered**

2 **Vulnerable**

3 **Endangered**

Click to Reveal

Can you order the words to create a scale from **least endangered** (less at risk of extinction) to **most endangered** (most at risk of extinction)?



What Is Being Done to Protect Endangered Animals?



Discover

Study the species:

- Where does it live?
- What are the dangers?
- How many individuals are there in the wild?



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What Is Being Done to Protect Endangered Animals?



Protect

Breed more animals in captivity and release them back into the wild.

Create nature reserves.

Make laws to make hunting illegal.



What Is Being Done to Protect Endangered Animals?



Take Action

Give people information so they know how to help.



