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THREATENED SPECIES ACTIVITY

When you visit Chester Zoo, you might notice that on all our animal habitats we have a sign with an image like this on it:



This is a little bit like a thermometer. It tells us how likely a species is to going extinct, and we call this the conservation status of an animal. This information comes from the IUCN Red List where they collect information from scientists around the world and put species into categories of conservation status (from “not evaluated” to “extinct”).

IUCN Categories:

What does it mean if an animal is endangered?

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What about if it is critically endangered?

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What do you think extinct in the wild means?

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Extinct in the wild is an animal that no longer exists in the wild but can be found in zoos and aquariums. This means that zoos are extremely important! We are the last barrier to make sure animals don't go extinct.

Endangered species have declined by half in the last 10 years and are also at risk of going extinct.

Critically endangered species are facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the near future.

Answers to IUCN Category Questions

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Choose your favourite animal at Chester Zoo and do some research!

Use the IUCN red list website to find out more information on your animal

www.iucnredlist.org

{Some interesting Chester Zoo animals you could research include Orangutan, Rodrigues flying fox, Red panda or Ploughshare tortoise.}

Chosen animal:

Scientific name:.....

Conservation status: (circle or colour in the conservation status below)

NOT EVALUATED	DATA DEFICIENT	LEAST CONCERN	NEAR THREATENED	VULNERABLE	ENDANGERED	CRITICALLY ENDANGERED	EXTINCT IN THE WILD	EXTINCT
NE	DD	LC	NT	VU	EN	CR	EW	EX

Population trend: (circle correct one)

Increasing **Decreasing** **Stable** **Unknown**

Map: Use the map on the IUCN website to find out where in the world they live (you might need to zoom out!)

Can you name the country?

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Number of mature individuals (this means how many adults):

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Name at least one **threat** to this animal:

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