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## ENDANGERED SPECIES

### Glossary of key words

Climate change	Refers to a large-scale, long-term shift in the planet's weather patterns and average temperatures. Often attributed to human use of fossil fuels.
Conservation	The care and protection of natural resources and animals so that they can survive for future generations.
Deforestation	The destruction of trees over a large area, usually to make way for agriculture or housing.
Endangered	When a species of animal or plant is at risk of becoming extinct in the wild.
Extinct	When a species of animal or plant no longer exists in the world.
Habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.
Human-wildlife conflict	When animals pose a direct and recurring threat to the livelihood or safety of people, leading to the persecution of that species.
Illegal wildlife trade	The illegal buying and selling of living things. Often including live animals as part of the illegal pet trade and animal and plant parts used for medicines.
Pollution	Something introduced to the environment which has a harmful effect to living things.
Threatened	When a living organism is faced with something difficult to overcome. A conservation threat might include include climate change, pollution, deforestation, invasive species.