

Term Paper BEE

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Problems faced by wild animals

1 Introduction

My term paper topic is all about the problems faced by wild animals in current time.

1.1 Wildlife is suffering

Wildlife on planet Earth is under siege from all sides, facing down habitat loss and the impact of climate change. Some of the biggest threats to wildlife include illegal wildlife trade, habitat destruction, invasive species, pollution, and climate change.

1.1.1 Illegal Wildlife Trade

The illegal wildlife trade is the fourth largest criminal industry in the world, after drugs, arms, and human trafficking. Gathering in over 20 billion a year, it is also one of the biggest threats to some of the most iconic species on the planet, like the rhino and the elephant.

1.1.2 Habitat Destruction

The fires that swept across the Amazon and Australia rightly drew attention to just how fragile the most important ecosystems are. Half of the world's original forests are gone, and what remains is being cut down ten times faster than it can be replaced.

1.1.3 Invasive Species

Whether accidentally or intentionally introduced, the non-native species grow and reproduce rapidly, then spread across ecosystems aggressively. They are one of the leading threats to native wildlife, putting 42 percent of threatened or endangered species at risk.