

Humanity has wiped out 60% of Animal

Populations since 1970

a.k.a the Sixth Mass Extinction

• "If there was a 60% decline in the human population, that would be equivalent to emptying North America, South America, Africa, Europe, China and Oceania.

That is the scale of what we have done." - Mike Barrett, executive director of science and conservation at WWF

 Humankind has destroyed 83% of all mammals and half of plants since the dawn of civilization; even if the destruction were to end now, it would take 5-7 million years for the natural world to recover.

 The biggest cause of wildlife losses is the destruction of natural habitats, much of it to create farmland. Killing for food is the next biggest cause – 300 mammal species are being eaten into extinction – while the oceans are massively overfished, with more than half now being industrially fished.

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