

ANIMAL EXTINCTION

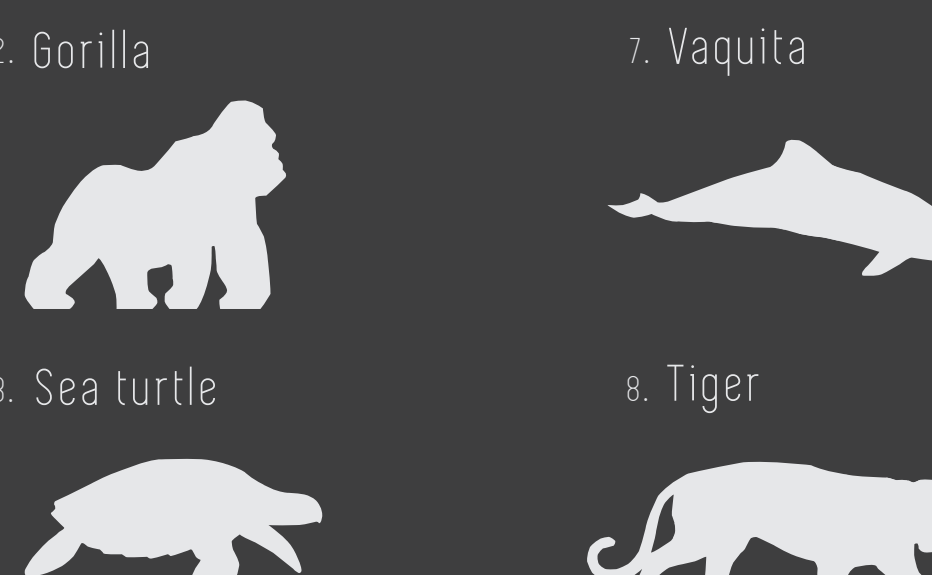


What is it?

Extinct animals are animals who once flourished and held their own which no longer exist on Earth in a living state.

Why do animals become extinct?

In many cases, animals become extinct because humans interfere.



We kill and eat animals, or take their food and land away, and so on.

Did you know...

The most endangered

10 species in the world are:

1. Amur Leopard



6. Saola



2. Gorilla



7. Vaquita



3. Sea turtle



8. Tiger



4. Orangutan



9. Rhino



5. Sumatran Elephant

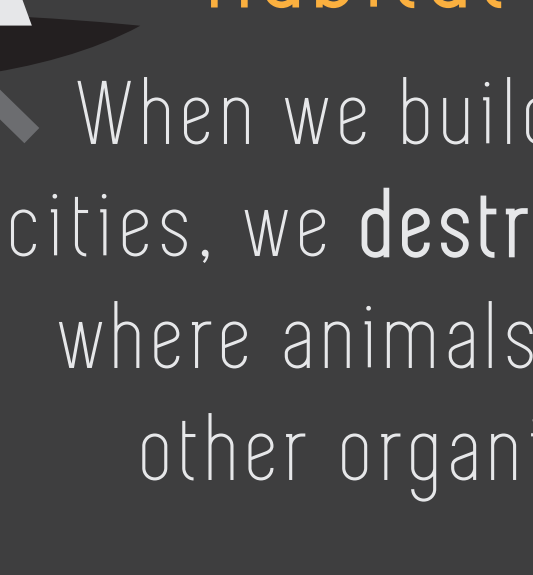


10. Pangolin



The Amur Leopard

While all of these animals are critically endangered, the **Amur Leopard** is by far the closest to extinction.



The leopard is being hunted and killed for its **unique** fur, and according to IUCN there are less than

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leopards alive today.

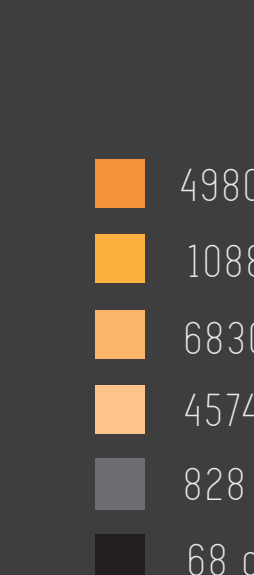
Some of the biggest causes of extinction include:

Habitat loss
When we build roads and cities, we **destroy** the homes where animals, plants and other organisms live.



Overexploitation

Overusing resources like extreme **farming** and **fishing** is harmful to the environment and contributes to a less diverse ecosystem.



Climate Change

Melting of the **ice caps**, **hurricanes** and **droughts** are a few examples of these man-made changes in weather.



We now have

100,000,000

species on Earth and

10,000-100,000

species going extinct every year.

IUCN Red List

The IUCN Red List has evaluated **71,576 species** since 1964 and has a statistic on



In this statistic the **UK** contributes to

83

species total with

14

mammals,

11

birds,

8

reptiles, as well as other species.

So what can **you** do to help save endangered species?

Learn about endangered species in your area

It is important to learn about how special and important the species are in order to protect them.

Never buy products from endangered species

It can be thrilling to buy souvenirs on vacation but sometimes they can be made from endangered species. Be careful of your purchases.

Recycle and buy sustainable products

Buy recycled paper and sustainable products like organic food and reusable coffee cups.

Adopt an Animal

Pay small monthly fees to support the protection of wild habitats of many endangered species.

