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DATA ANALYSIS ON ENDANGERED SPECIES AND FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE AT THE PARK BY LINVO YUNUS (linvo.yunus@students.mq.edu.au)

- The given data in file species_info.csv contains 5824 data which means 5824 sample have been observed.
- The information contained in the data are the category, the scientific name, the common names, and the conservation status.
- Part of the table is shown below:

	category	scientific_name	common_names	conservation_status
0	Mammal	Clethrionomys gapperi gapperi	Gapper's Red-Backed Vole	nan
1	Mammal	Bos bison	American Bison, Bison	nan
2	Mammal	Bos taurus	Aurochs, Aurochs, Domestic Cattle (Feral), Domesticated Cattle	nan
3	Mammal	Ovis aries	Domestic Sheep, Mouflon, Red Sheep, Sheep (Feral)	nan
4	Mammal	Cervus elaphus	Wapiti Or Elk	nan

- The data observed includes 5541 species, which are categorized in 7 types of category:
 - 1) Mammal
 - 2) Bird
 - 3) Reptile
 - 4) Amphibian
 - 5) Fish
 - 6) Vascular plant
 - 7) Non-vascular plant

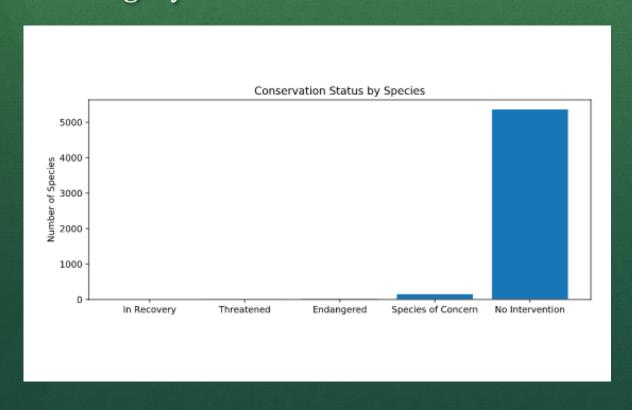
Every species is in the list of the conservation status which is summarized in the table below:

0	Endangered	15
1	In Recovery	4
2	No Intervention	5363
3	Species of Concern	151
4	Threatened	10

Most of the species observed are in the category of 'no intervention' in the conservation status, means that they are not endangered species

The least of them are in the 'in recovery' status.

The bar chart showing the composition of species in the category of conservation status



ENDANGERED SPECIES

The table below shows the category of the species in percentage

category	not_protected	protected	percent_protected
Amphibian	72	7	0.088608
Bird	413	75	0.153689
Fish	115	11	0.087302
Mammal	146	30	0.170455
Nonvascular Plant	328	5	0.015015
Reptile	73	5	0.064103
Vascular Plant	4216	46	0.010793

ENDANGERED SPECIES

- From the previous table, it looks like mammals are the most likely type of species to be endangered, followed by birds.
- Using Chi-Square Test, with p-value = 0.688, the difference between mammals and birds above is not significant.
- The Chi-Square Test to examine the significance of the difference between reptiles and mammals gave p-value of 0.038, means it is significantly difference.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION ABOUT ENDANGERED SPECIES

- The hypothesis of the difference in the percentages of birds and mammals in the protected category is a result of chance, can be accepted.
- Certain types of species are more likely to be endangered than others.
- Conservationists to put more concern on the category of birds and mammals as they are more endangered than other types of species in the national parks.

OBSERVATIONS BY NATIONAL PARKS

The record of total number of sheep observed in each national parks for 7 days is provided in the table below:

park_name	observations
0 Bryce National Park	250
1 Great Smoky Mountains National Park	149
2 Yellowstone National Park	507
3 Yosemite National Park	282

FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE AT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

There was a program have been running at Yellowstone National Park to reduce the rate of foot and mouth disease. The calculation was made to test if the program is working by reducing at least 5% of the disease.

Using the level of significance 90%, and the information recorded from Bryce National Park last year that 15% of sheep at the park have foot and mouth disease:

- Sample size needed is 510 sample
- The time needed to be spent at Yellowstone National Park to observe 510 sheep is 1 week.