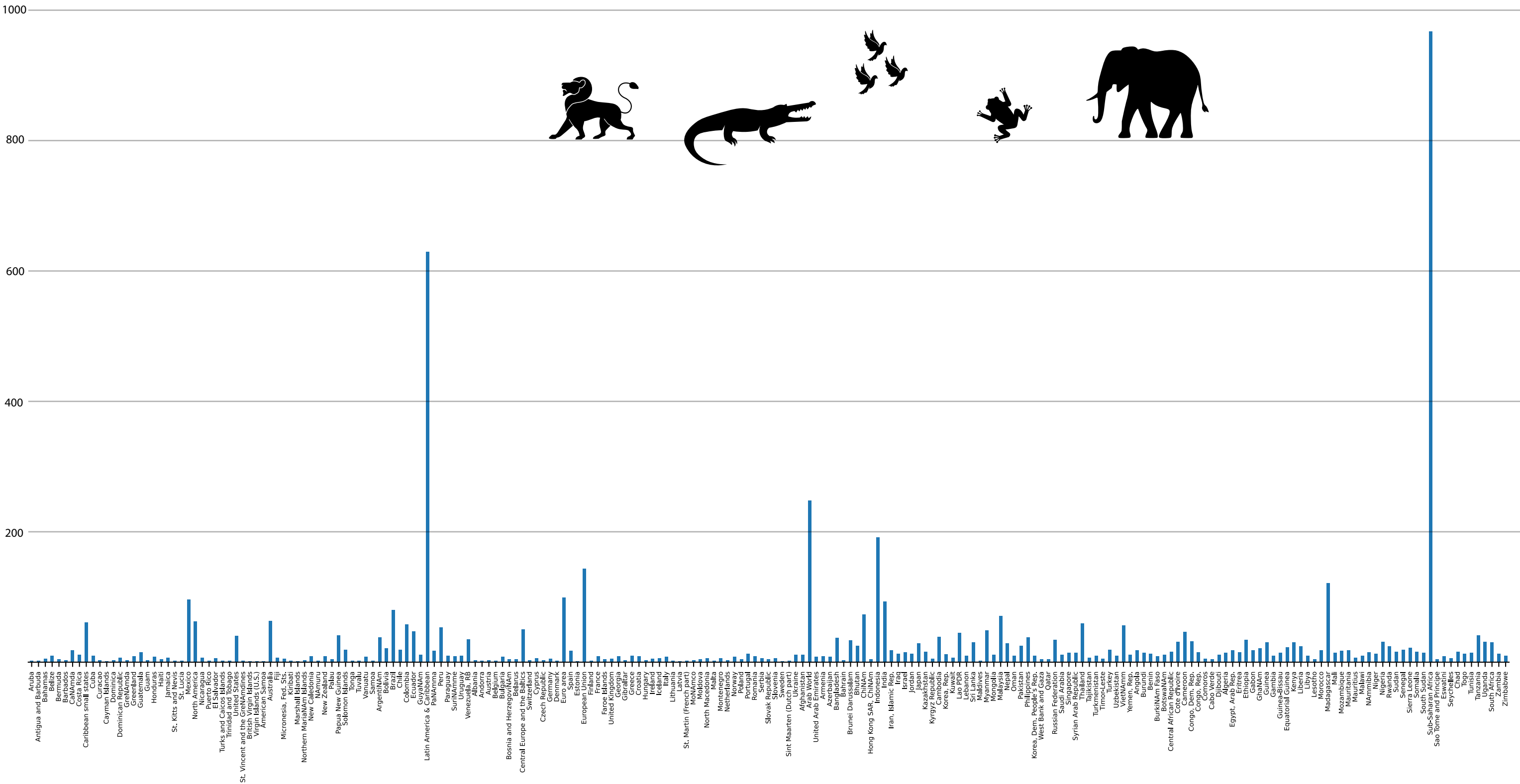


WHERE ARE THE MOST ENDANGERED SPECIES?



The ongoing sixth mass species extinction is the result of the destruction of component populations leading to eventual extirpation of entire species.

The degradation of ecosystem services resulting from population and species extinctions has severe implications for society.

The distribution of species on the brink overlaps significantly with hundreds of other endangered species, indicating regional biodiversity collapses.

Assuming similar trends for all species on the brink, it is estimated that over 237,000 populations of those species have vanished since 1900.

The disappearance of species on the brink has negative cascading effects on other species, leading them towards extinction.

The results highlight the urgent need for expanded worldwide actions to protect wild species and preserve humanity's life support systems from this existential threat.