

Beavers Global Issues Badge

Create A 'Zoo' Of Endangered Animals. Find Out Why They Are Endangered

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Overview

For the first part of this task the children will in team's piece together some pictures of animals that are in danger of becoming extinct.

Preparation before the meeting

1. Print the endangered species animal pictures in this document you need enough copies for each **team of 4**
2. Mix up each full set and keep them together using a paperclip

Leader Speak

As part of your Global Issues badge you need to learn about animals that are in danger of becoming extinct. We are going to carry out an activity which will give you an idea of some of the animals that are in danger of becoming extinct.

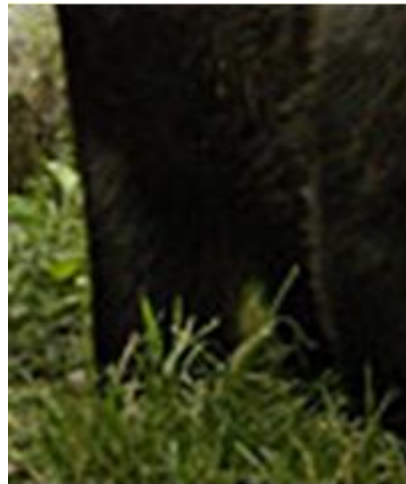
Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Action** - Give each team a set of the animals
2. **Speak** - In your teams I want you to piece these animals together to make their full picture and add their matching labels to them. Spend a couple of minutes looking at the completed pictures
3. **Action** - Once the children have finished piecing the animals together read the labels out to them so they can learn a bit about each animal.
4. **Speak** - Then ask them..."Can anyone think of something you can do today to help protect these animals"
5. **Action** - Now go through the page.. "Four things you can do today to help 'Wildlife Conservation'

The Andean bear is South America's only bear species.

The land they usually live on is increasingly being chopped up for agriculture, grazing lands, and human settlements.

Andean Bear



Red Squirrels

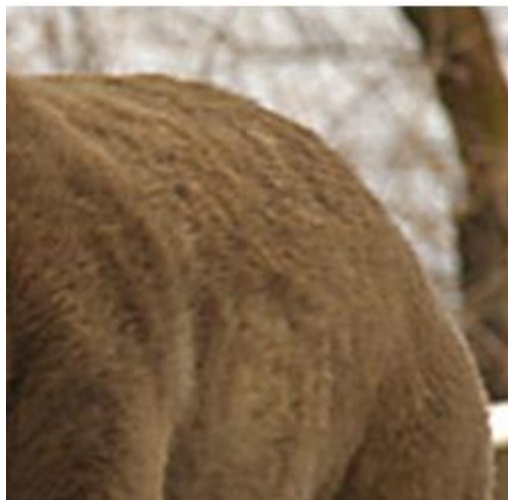
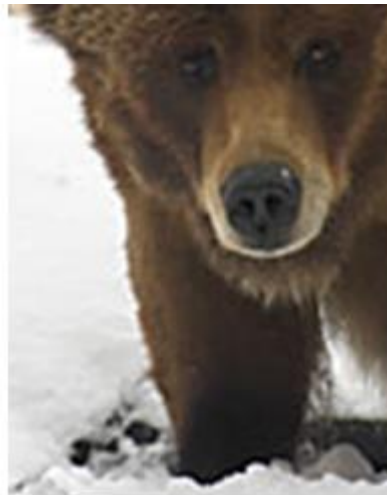
Britain's red squirrels are under threat from increasing numbers of grey squirrels, plus disease and traffic. It is estimated that only 140,000 remain, compared to more than 2.5m greys.



Grizzly bears once occurred from the Mississippi River west to the Pacific Ocean, and from northern Mexico up to the northern coast of Alaska.

Grizzly Bear

The biggest threat to grizzly bears today is increased conflict with humans as they construct more roads in and around wild areas and build new homes in previously undeveloped areas.



Song Thrush

The Song Thrush is commonly found in well-vegetated woods and gardens over all of Europe.

Song Thrushes are a popular garden songbird whose numbers are declining seriously, especially on farmland.





Tiger



The tiger is endangered, and in many countries entire local populations have gone extinct. As ever-growing expanses of Asia are carved up for roads, farms and urban development, tigers are losing their natural habitats.



Bluefin are the largest tuna and can live up to 40 years. They migrate across oceans and can dive more than 4,000 feet. Bluefin tuna are made for speed and built like torpedoes.

Tuna are a top predator in the marine food chain, maintaining a balance in the ocean environment.

Bluefin Tuna



Rhinos are one of the oldest groups of mammals, virtually living fossils. They play an important role in their habitats and in countries like Namibia.

Black Rhino



Sumatran elephants feed on a variety of plants and deposit seeds wherever they go, contributing to a healthy forest ecosystem.

Sumatran Elephants

Four things you can do today to help 'Wildlife Conservation' is...

ONE - Cut down on hamburgers from big fast food chains...

If it has been imported from south or central America, the chances are that rainforest has been cleared to raise the beef cattle. And because the forest has been cleared more animals that lived there will become extinct - an expensive price to pay for a burger!

TWO - Travelling

Try to walk or cycle to work or school instead of going in the car. If it is too far away to do this, then take public transport instead. This will save petrol, which is made from oil and comes from below the ground and so, like plastic, can cause the destruction of rainforests.

THREE - Wood and timber - are they rainforest friendly?

Once you start looking you'll be surprised at just how many wood products are made from rainforest trees such as mahogany or teak. In particular, look out for toilet seats, furniture, picture frames and charcoal. Ask if they are produced sustainably or if rainforest has been destroyed in order to produce them.

Those products which are certified will have the Forest Stewardship Council's (FSC) seal of approval. The FSC makes sure that the wood it approves comes from sustainable sources and does less damage to wildlife habitats.

FOUR - Recycling

Recycling services are improving quickly: in many places, paper, glass, aluminium (drinks and food cans), kitchen and garden waste and plastic bottles are now collected from your house, office or school just as your rubbish is collected.

Even if they aren't, there are usually recycling banks in towns and cities where you can take them. In some areas you can even recycle plastic packaging. Clothes, shoes, old books and toys can also be recycled by giving them to a charity shop or to other people who will appreciate them. Remember, 80% of household waste is actually recyclable!

You can also help by making sure you don't waste paper and by always using both sides of a piece of paper: why not keep a store of scrap paper from one-sided photocopies or print-outs that you don't need any more? You can also recycle printer cartridges and mobile phones.