



## The IUCN Red List: Endangered Species

### **Background:**

**Endangered Species** are threatened species of plants, animals, and fungus whose population levels are dropping, putting them at risk of **extinction**. Once a species is extinct, there are *none left in the world*.

Established in 1964, the **International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List** (IUCN) of Threatened Species has evolved to become *the world's most comprehensive* information source on the global extinction risk status of animal, fungus and plant species.

<https://www.iucnredlist.org/about/background-history>

More than 31,000 species are threatened with extinction due to hunting, habitat loss, pollution, or other anthropogenic (human caused) factors.

## Activity:

[https://www.worldwildlife.org/species?gclid=CjwKCAjw7-P1BRA2EiwAXoPWA2akPFjLTHdPWeeITX6ngGSIKU6gx9LELB639C4cPrXU\\_eBCnYUM6hoCDKIQA\\_vD\\_BwE](https://www.worldwildlife.org/species?gclid=CjwKCAjw7-P1BRA2EiwAXoPWA2akPFjLTHdPWeeITX6ngGSIKU6gx9LELB639C4cPrXU_eBCnYUM6hoCDKIQA_vD_BwE)

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