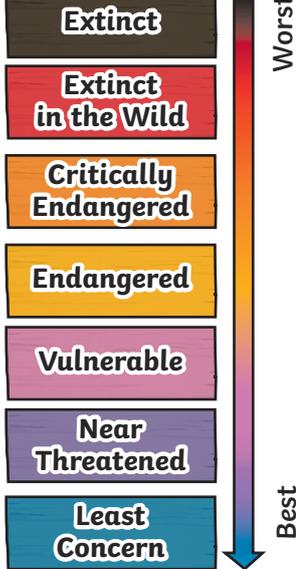


Endangered Animals

What Are Endangered Animals?

The phrase 'endangered animals' is a general term used to describe creatures at risk of extinction. Endangered animals are categorised using a system called the 'Red List'.



Name: Javan rhino



Critically Endangered

Current Status:

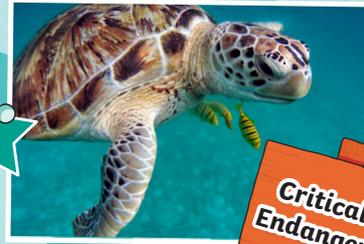
Habitat: forest

Location: Indonesia

Population: around 70

The Javan rhinoceros is a creature on the edge of extinction. They now only exist in a tiny area of protected parkland in Indonesia. This area is vulnerable to tsunamis as well as eruptions from the Anak Krakatau volcano. Either of these events could easily wipe out all of the remaining creatures.

Name: hawksbill turtle



Critically Endangered

Current Status:

Habitat: marine

Location: West Atlantic (Caribbean) Ocean, Indian Ocean

Population: around 8000

The hawksbill sea turtle occupies the coral reefs of tropical oceans across the world. They are an essential part of the marine ecosystems they live in. They perform critical jobs that ensure the health of coral reefs.

Hawksbills are a protected species but currently face a number of significant threats. They often become tangled in fishing nets and many are poached by the illegal wildlife trade. Their magnificent shells are made into ornaments and jewellery.

The Javan rhino's habitat is also threatened by ever-expanding human settlements. In recent years, a number of rhinos are also thought to have died from diseases passed to them through domestic cattle infecting wild breeds.



Name: **Sunda tiger**
(Sumatran)



Endangered

Current Status:

Habitat:

rainforests,
grasslands,
savannas

Location:

Sumatra, Asia

Population:

<400

The tropical island of Sumatra is the only place where tigers, rhinos, orangutans and elephants live together in the wild. It is an extraordinary refuge sheltering some of the world's most endangered creatures.

Conservationists have worked relentlessly to combat the illegal poaching of tigers. However, at least 40 tigers are still lost each year to the illegal wildlife trade.

The habitat of the Sunda tiger is also threatened by humans clearing the forest to plant palm oil trees or build settlements. This reduces the tigers' habitat and also isolates them from each other, inhibiting breeding, feeding and dispersing.

How Can You Help?

Simply raising awareness of the dangers faced by these precious creatures can help. Most conservation work that is done to protect endangered species is funded by charities. Could you arrange a charity event in your school or community?



Questions

1. Where does the Javan rhino live? Tick one.

- Caribbean
- Indonesia
- Sumatra
- India

2. Look at this sentence. Underline the word which means the opposite of 'legal'.

They often become tangled in fishing nets and many are lost to the illegal wildlife trade.

3. Draw **four** lines and match each creature to the correct fact.

hawksbill turtle ●

Javan rhino ●

Sunda tiger ●

orangutans ●

● <400 remain in the wild

● live in Sumatra

● at risk from tsunamis

● help keep coral reefs healthy

4. Fill in the missing words.

_____ animals are _____ using a system called the 'Red List'.

5. Look at the section about the Sunda tiger.

Find and copy one word which means 'without stopping'.

6. What is the habitat of the Javan rhino?

7. Do you think humans are having a positive or negative impact on endangered animals?

Answers

1. Where does the Javan rhino live? Tick one.

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 Indonesia
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 India

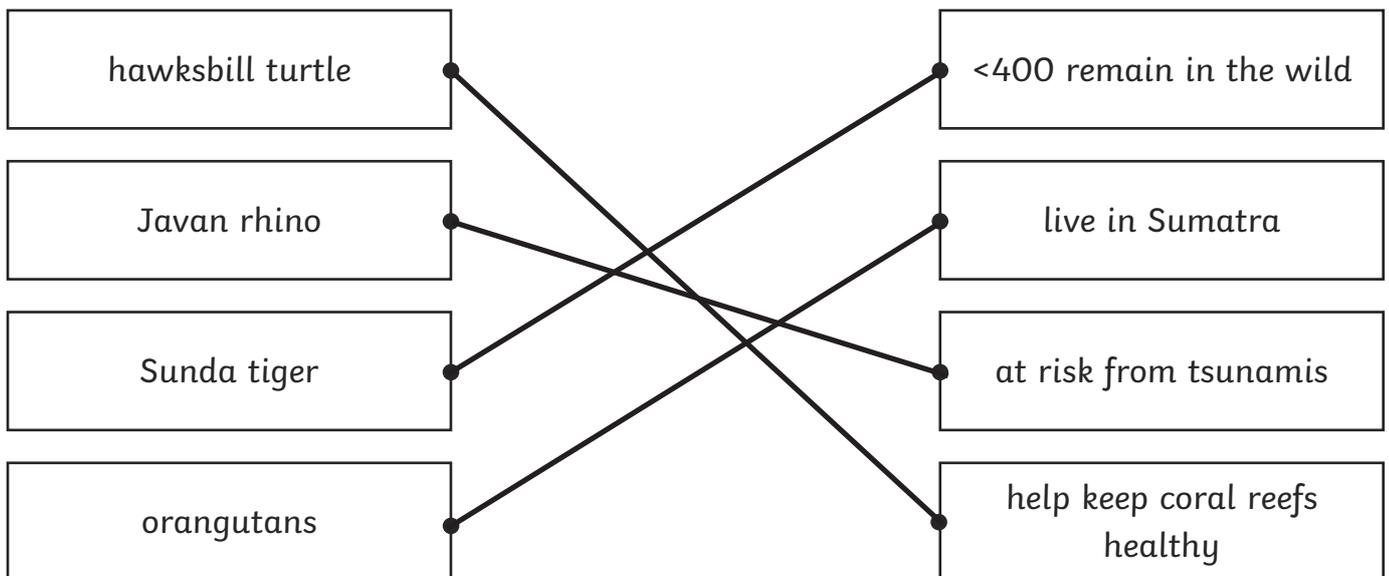
2. Look at this sentence. Underline the word which means the opposite of 'legal'.

They often become tangled in fishing nets and many are lost to the illegal wildlife trade.

Award 1 mark for:

- **illegal**

3. Draw **four** lines and match each creature to the correct fact.



4. Fill in the missing words.

Endangered animals are **categorised** using a system called the 'Red List'.

5. Look at the section about the Sunda tiger.

Find and copy one word which means 'without stopping'.

relentlessly

6. What is the habitat of the Javan rhino?

The habitat of the Javan rhino is the forest.

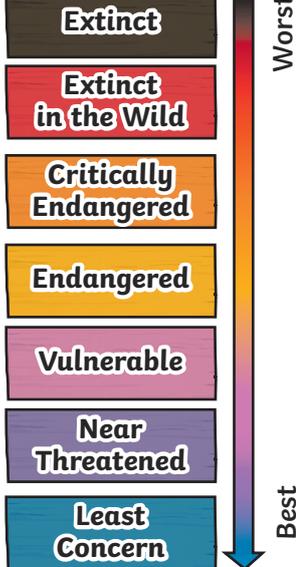
7. Do you think humans are having a positive or negative impact on endangered animals?

Pupils' own responses, such as: Humans are having a positive impact on endangered animals because lots of conservationists are working hard to help protect them and learn how to make sure they do not become extinct.

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Critically Endangered

Current Status:

Habitat: forest

Location: Indonesia

Population: around 70

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Name: hawksbill turtle



Critically Endangered

Current Status:

Habitat: marine

Location: West Atlantic (Caribbean) Ocean, Indian Ocean

Population: around 8000

The hawksbill sea turtle inhabits the coral reefs of tropical oceans across the world. They are an essential part of the marine ecosystems they live in. They perform vital roles that ensure the health of coral reefs.

Although hawksbills are a protected species, they currently face a number of significant threats. They often become tangled in fishing nets and many are lost to the illegal wildlife trade. Their magnificent shells are made into ornaments and jewellery.

The limited habitat where these rhinos live is also threatened by expanding human settlements. In recent years, a number of rhinos are also thought to have died from diseases passed to them through domestic cattle infecting wild breeds.



Name: **Sunda tiger**
(Sumatran)



Endangered

Current Status:

Habitat:

rainforests,
grasslands,
savannas

Location:

Sumatra, Asia

Population:

<400

The tropical island of Sumatra is the only place where tigers, rhinos, orangutans and elephants coexist in the wild. It is an extraordinary sanctuary sheltering some of the world's most endangered creatures.

Conservationists have worked tirelessly to battle the illegal poaching of tigers. However, it is estimated that at least 40 tigers are still lost each year to the illegal wildlife trade.

The habitat of the Sunda tiger is under threat from humans clearing the forest to plant palm oil trees or build settlements. Not only does this reduce the tigers' habitat but it isolates them from each other, inhibiting breeding, feeding and dispersing.

How Can You Help?

There are many ways you could help protect the world's endangered animals. Simply raising awareness of the dangers faced by these precious creatures can help. Most conservation work that is done to protect endangered species is funded by charities. Could you arrange a charity event in your school or community?



Questions

1. Which of these animals does **not** live in Sumatra? Tick one.

- orangutans
- tigers
- hawksbill turtles
- elephants

2. Look at this sentence.

Underline the word which suggests that the hawksbill turtle does an important job.

They perform vital roles that ensure the health of coral reefs.

3. Draw **four** lines and match each creature to the correct fact.

Javan rhino

hawksbill turtle

Sunda tiger

elephant

currently listed as
'endangered'

lives in Sumatra

inhabit coral reefs

at risk from tsunamis

4. Fill in the missing words.

The limited _____ where these rhinos live is also threatened by
_____ human settlements.

5. Look at the section about Javan rhinos.

Find and copy one word which means the same as 'edge'.

6. How many Sunda tigers are left in the wild?

7. Why do you think the Javan rhino only exists in one small area of protected parkland?

8. Summarise the impact that human beings have had on endangered animals.

Answers

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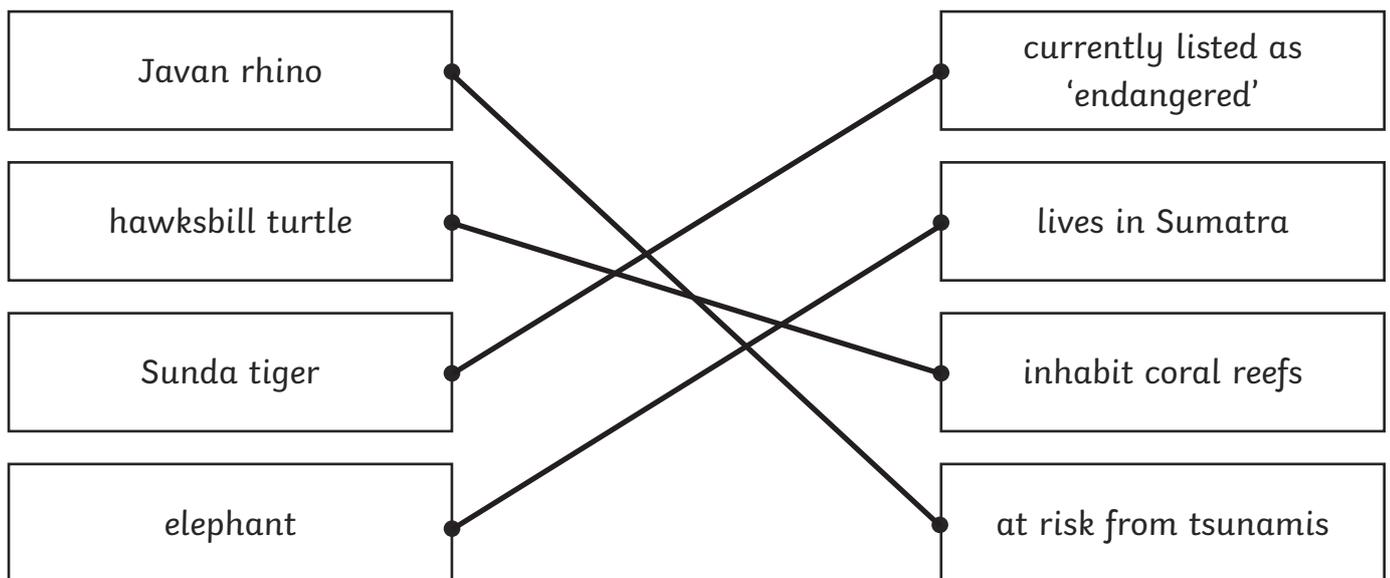
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They perform vital roles that ensure the health of coral reefs.

Award 1 mark for:

- **vital**

3. Draw **four** lines and match each creature to the correct fact.



4. Fill in the missing words.

The limited **habitat** where these rhinos live is also threatened by **expanding** human settlements.

5. Look at the section about Javan rhinos.

Find and copy one word which means the same as 'edge'.

verge

6. How many Sunda tigers are left in the wild?

Less than 400 Sunda tigers are left in the world.

7. Why do you think the Javan rhino only exists in one small area of protected parkland?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the Javan rhino only exists in one small area of protected parkland because they have disappeared from other areas of Indonesia due to the threats they face. For example, the threat from natural disasters and growing human settlements that have taken over their habitat.

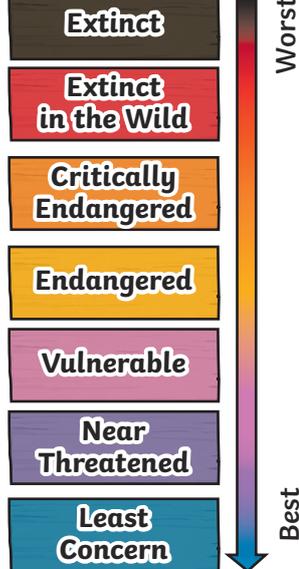
8. Summarise the impact that human beings have had on endangered animals.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that human beings have had a negative impact on the environment and especially on endangered animals. I think that many of these animals would not be endangered at all if it wasn't for the actions of humans. For example, the illegal wildlife trade, loss of habitat and pollution are all caused by humans.

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Critically Endangered

Current Status:

Habitat: marine

Location: West Atlantic (Caribbean) Ocean, Indian Ocean

Population: around 8000

Name: **Javan rhino**



Critically Endangered

Current Status:

Habitat: forest

Location: Indonesia

Population: around 70

The hawksbill sea turtle is found gliding around the coral reefs of tropical oceans across the world. They are an essential element of the marine ecosystems they inhabit, fulfilling vital roles that ensure the health of coral reefs.

Hawksbills currently face a number of significant threats to their existence. They are vulnerable to entanglement in fishing nets and - despite being a protected species - many hawksbills are still lost to the illegal wildlife trade. Their magnificent shells are sought after due to their beautiful patterns and are made into ornaments and jewellery.

The Javan rhinoceros is a creature on the brink of extinction. They now only exist in one small area of protected parkland in Java, Indonesia. Some of the main threats to the Javan rhinos are natural disasters, habitat loss and diseases.

The only area where the Javan rhino exists is vulnerable to tsunamis as well as eruptions from a nearby volcano. Either of these events could easily wipe out most, if not all, of the remaining creatures. The limited habitat where these rhinos live is also threatened by encroaching human settlements around it as well as invasive plant species, such as the arenga palm. In recent years, a number of rhinos are thought to have died from diseases passed to them through domestic cattle infecting wild breeds.

Name: **Sunda tiger**
(Sumatran)



Endangered

Current Status:

Habitat:

rainforests,
grasslands,
savannas

Location:

Sumatra, Asia

Population:

<400

The tropical island of Sumatra is the only place where tigers, rhinos, orangutans and elephants coexist in the wild. It is an extraordinary haven of biodiversity; sadly, it is not without its risks. The current status of the Sunda tiger suggests that they could disappear from the wild altogether in just a few short years.

Conservationists have worked tirelessly to combat the illegal poaching of tigers and impose harsh punishments on those perpetrating wildlife crimes.

However, it is estimated that at least 40 tigers are still lost each year to the illegal wildlife trade. The habitat of the Sunda tiger is under near-constant threat from humans clearing the forest to farm palm oil trees or build settlements. Not only does this reduce the tigers' habitat but it often isolates them from each other - inhibiting breeding, feeding and dispersing.

How Can You Help?

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Questions

1. Which of the creatures mentioned is listed as 'endangered'? Tick one.

- hawksbill turtle
- Sunda tiger
- elephant
- Javan rhino

2. Look at this sentence.

Underline the adjective that describes the arenga palm.

The limited habitat where these rhinos live is threatened by encroaching human settlements around it as well as invasive plant species, such as the arenga palm.

3. Look at the section about hawksbill turtles.

Find and copy one phrase which means the same as 'popular'.

4. Fill in the missing words.

_____ have worked _____ to battle the illegal poaching of tigers.

5. Which plant is causing problems for the Javan rhino?

6. Why do you think the author chose to use the word '**gliding**' to describe the hawksbill turtle swimming around coral reefs?

7. The author uses the phrase **haven of biodiversity** to describe Sumatra.
What impression does this give you?

8. Discuss how humans could have a positive impact on the plight of endangered animals.

Answers

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- hawksbill turtle
- Sunda tiger**
- elephant
- Javan rhino

2. Look at this sentence.

Underline the adjective that describes the arenga palm.

*The limited habitat where these rhinos live is threatened by encroaching human settlements around it as well as **invasive** plant species, such as the arenga palm.*

Award 1 mark for:

- **invasive**

3. Look at the section about hawksbill turtles.

Find and copy one phrase which means the same as 'popular'.

sought after

4. Fill in the missing words.

Conservationists have worked **tirelessly** to battle the illegal poaching of tigers.

5. Which plant is causing problems for the Javan rhino?

The arenga palm is causing problems for the Javan rhino.

6. Why do you think the author chose to use the word '**gliding**' to describe the hawksbill turtle swimming around coral reefs?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the author chose to use the word gliding to describe the hawksbill turtle swimming around coral reefs because it gives a really descriptive image of how these creatures move elegantly around their environment.

7. The author uses the phrase **haven of biodiversity** to describe Sumatra.
What impression does this give you?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The phrase 'haven of biodiversity' gives me the impression that Sumatra is a wonderful habitat that supports many of the worlds' most beautiful and threatened species. It also suggests that there is a wide variety of creatures sharing the same space.

8. Discuss how humans could have a positive impact on the plight of endangered animals.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Humans could have a more positive impact on the situation of endangered animals by raising awareness, controlling the growth of settlements that are removing vital habitats of endangered creatures and taking an international approach to ending the illegal wildlife trade.