

Hello, my name is Emma Namajuska and I am a 5th-grade student at P.S.216. I think many species are becoming endangered because of our unthought-out actions. After reading a few sections on animal endangerment I learned we pollute the earth, destroy habitats, and make surviving for many species very hard. I know we also need these resources to make the everyday products we use, but I think if we follow a few simple steps we can help endangered species thrive!

The first way you can help endangered animals is by reporting to the local federal wildlife enforcement office if you see people shooting animals or committing illegal hunting. Poaching and overhunting is a big problem. Many animals we know are becoming endangered because of this. If you decide to do a report, it can help out wildlife. When you do this these poachers will get fined or even arrested for their irresponsible actions. This can lower the amount of poaching near you.

According to the Endangered Species Coalition Program, there are 10 easy ways you can help wildlife. Reason 9 is that hunting and poaching are bad for the environment. The WWF wildlife endangerment program also shows that poaching and overhunting are big issues.

Toxic chemicals are also one of the main reasons why animals are becoming endangered. When animals are exposed to these chemicals their nervous systems and immunity get damaged. Most of these chemicals come from factories, but believe it or not you may use them at home. The best way to deal with this problem is by making sure you have no products made with these chemicals. You can also read the labels of the brands you use. For example, some thermometers and detergents use toxic chemicals.

According to Britannica Kids, pesticides and other chemicals are harmful, and the number of animals is decreasing because of this. In Toxix, they show how one way to help wildlife is to make sure you use products without toxic chemicals.

Another reason why many animals are becoming endangered is because of the plastic we release into the ocean. Single-use plastic is a big problem. It takes hundreds of years for the earth to break down plastic, and we have only used it for a few minutes. Over 270 species worldwide are known to be affected by marine debris. These animals confuse plastic for food or they accidentally get tangled in it. Marine life also has another huge problem, microplastic. When the elements finally break down the plastic into smaller pieces. But they don't disappear because plastic is still there. These microplastics can be easily ingested by animals and, if they eat them they will eventually die. Luckily there's a way you can help out, you can avoid using single-use plastics, and use reusable items (bags, cups, packaging). Doing this can make a big difference.

According to A B C science, (plastic addition) pollution is a big problem around the world. In, Plastic and Biodiversity they show how plastics are negatively affecting the environment.

Many people underestimate the damage we do to the environment. Our plastic ends up in the oceans, people poach and over hunt animals, and we poison the land. We do a lot of harm to wildlife, but I think if we follow the steps I mentioned you can be a big help to wildlife. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my speech. I hope you agree with me and take action to save wildlife.