

Good morning my name is Joel Tzunun. I'm going to be talking about a topic that is really important to me, protecting wildlife. Have you ever thought about the effects of people killing animals for sport, putting plastic in the ocean, and starting wildfires to the ecosystem? Well this is causing animals to become endangered and even extinct. Soon we won't be able to see elephants, lions, and many more animals. We must protect the ecosystem at any cost!

Animals aren't just valuable accessories, they're part of mother nature's greatest invention, that's why we should stop poachers from killing mother nature's creatures. Many poachers hunt illegally, and then trade animal parts. They use their skin, blood, and organs to make products to sell. For example, elephants are used for their tusks which is called illegal ivory trading. This causes tons of elephants to die every year. According to Born to Free USA there are currently 415,000 African elephants left in the world.

Plastic pollution is harmful to both animals and humans. Animals can suffocate from the plastic or get hurt. Plastic does not decompose so particles known as microplastic come out of the plastic and end up in the ocean. Then the microplastic ends up in an animal's digestive system to choke on. Plastic is a real hazard to the animals and us. For example, sea turtles like eating jellyfish, so when a sea turtle sees a plastic bag it gets fooled by the plastic bag thinking it's food and the sea turtles instantly die. "In 2019, a turtle hatching no bigger than a palm of a hand was found dead with 104 pieces of plastic in its stomach."

Many animals are losing their homes from wildfires. Baby animals are screaming, looking for their mom as the jungle burns into ashes. This causes many animals to migrate to different habitats, or they get lost in the wildfires and burn too. Animals have a strong sense of danger, once a wildfire comes to the jungle or forest they can run into different habitats to avoid serious injuries. "Some animals do die in the flames of wildfires, mostly the elderly and very young animals who can't escape" According to National Forest Foundation it says "Wildfires causes wildlife to move, avoiding flames and searching for new habitat. This migration can cause animals to wander into densely human populated areas and come into contact with humans they would normally avoid."

Overall, this is animal abuse. We need to stop hunting and we need to make trading illegal for eternity, because many animals are becoming extinct. Look at the animals, they're calling for help as we speak. We can all make a change. We can reuse or recycle so that the plastic does not end up in the ocean or the pile of garbage that does not decompose. Marine animals live in the ocean, that's their habitat and we are hurting it. We're supposed to protect it, not affect it. We need to stop causing wildfires. This causes animals to die or leave their habitat. It also causes less oxygen for us and the animals. Thank you for your time and I hope you will do your share to help the Earth.