

Animal Endangerment

There are more than a thousand different plants and animal species on earth. Scientists had estimated that about 35% of plants and animals are going to be extinct by 2050. My name is Mark Fill, and today I will share with you all about endangered species. I believe that plants and animals that are endangered or close to endangerment should not be hunted. Thousands of species had already gone extinct because of humans and their acts in the past. Animals are getting hunted because of their specific resources which are used to maybe make medicine, furniture, clothes, and mostly for money.

One reason that I believe that plants and animals that are endangered should not be hunted is because they are necessary. One example is they may be needed for medical research or in traditional medicine, these animals were used for medical reasons and are now close to extinction. Rhino horns were used to treat four conditions which led them to be endangered and now it is illegal. Water buffalos are still getting hunted for their fur and their alternative to the rhino horns treatment, even while they are endangered. There are fewer than 200 chinese alligators in the wild and they have organs with medical properties. These are only three of the many animals used for medicine. As you're reading this the number of animals that are endangered has probably gone up. You might think it is fine but endangered animals can be really important not only for the medical properties.

That may be the same case for plants because some plants have really helpful medical benefits but also have good taste. For example, about nine plant species had gone extinct because they were used for food and spices. According to the "United States Botanic Garden" two plants are endangered and one is critically endangered. The plants that are endangered are called "the tree of life" or "lignum vitae" and the other one is called "koki'o ke'oke'o" or "the white hibiscus". The flower that was critically endangered is called "the florida yew" and their population is estimated to be about twenty. The Florida yew was used to treat two types of cancer and helped with kidney disease. The Florida yew also helped treat leukemia. You can help with

endangered or closely endangered plants by maybe trying to find the seeds and planting them to try and help reproduce or you can protect the environment that they grow in by not polluting. You can tell others about this problem and persuade them to help save the plants and animals. You can also pass on the message to others. Wildlife is very important to both people and animals as if some plants or animals did not exist then the food chain would be affected too. If you think about it, there is a large percentage of medicine made from plants and certain animal resources so without them what would happen, about 25 percent of medicine is made from certain plants and over 50 percent of medicine also come from animals. This shows that animals and plants can be really important if you think about it. People also kill the wildlife unknowingly by killing the environment they may live or grow in. You can always help in some ways by regrowing the plants or donating to programs to help. Remember there are many ways to help and it's your choice if you want to.

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