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Protect Horseshoe Crabs



Polar Bears in Danger

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Polar bears are in danger. The number of polar bears is decreasing. There are less than 20,000 polar bears left. In fact, there are just a few people hunting polar bears. The main problem is the climate change. Polar bears are endangered because of the global warming. Humans use too many electric products and cause the environmental pollution and produce carbon dioxide.

The weather gets hotter and hotter so the ice is melting. Polar bears have nowhere to go and cannot find any food. It is sorrow that most of them are starved to death. If we don't want the polar bears become extinct, we must help protect them immediately. What can we do for them? Firstly, we should use less electric products. We can use public transport instead of private cars. We can also use energy-saving light bulbs.

Sumatran Tiger



The Sumatran tiger is a large size of cat that live in Indonesia. You can find it only on the island that call Sumatra. Their body colour is orange with long black stripes. On that island, they will hunt deer and hogs, but they also hunt the other animals that they see. However, the Sumatran tiger is in trouble. They are endangered animals that are struggling to survive.

The Sumatran tiger is becoming endangered because human keep hunting them and hunters will use Sumatran tiger's skin, bones and other body parts. They can sell these things to get money because their body parts are very expensive. They also make Chinese medicines, clothes, ornaments and other luxury gifts. Some of the hunters put Sumatran tiger's head on the wall like as statue. If it is, the number of all kinds of tigers will decrease the eco-system because tigers are the king of the jungle. We do about this? Firstly, we should use less electric products. We can use public transport instead of private cars. We can also use energy-saving light bulbs.

PROTECT THE JAGUARS

Jaguars are the largest cats in Central and South America. They are mammals. They are yellow or brown with spots. They live for up to twenty years in the wild. They live in places like forests, wetlands and grasslands. They eat deer, snakes, crocodiles, turtles and frogs.

Loss of habitat is one of the reasons why jaguars are endangered. Since people have destroyed their homes for building houses, they have lost their homes and they have no food to eat.

Hunting is another reason why jaguars are endangered. When they walk into farms looking for food, they are shot by farmers. Moreover, people hunt them for their fur to make coats.

To help jaguars, we can buy fewer coats that are made of jaguars' fur and we can donate money, to some organizations, to protect jaguars. I hope more people will be willing to change and save the jaguars.

5B Ho Ching Yan, Hazel

WHALE SHARK- THE BIGGEST FISH IN THE OCEAN

Whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*) are the largest fish in the world. They weigh around 11 tons, and are as long as 60 feet. They feed on plankton and live mostly in the tropical oceans of the world.

The whale shark roams the oceans around the globe generally alone. However, a large number of whale sharks often gather in areas with abundant plankton food. The distribution of whale sharks indicates the presence of plankton and the overall health of our oceans.

Unfortunately, whale sharks are threatened with extinction. In February 2016, there were only 7011 whale sharks left in the world!

The decline of whale sharks has happened mainly because of the impact of fisheries, by catch losses and vessel strikes.

So how can we help? We should participate in whale shark research and reduce our seafood consumption. We can also educate people about the problems faced by whale sharks, so that everyone can take action.

5B Lee Wang Lap, Wanard





Animals in Danger



SHARKS ENDANGERED

Sharks are a large group of fish that have inhabited the oceans for over 400 million years, even before dinosaurs populated our planet. Modern sharks have five or six pairs of gills and several rows of teeth. They eat a lot of fish every day.

The number of sharks has declined by up to 90% in the last five decades at Queensland coast. In some countries, people love to eat shark fin soup and it is estimated that as many as 73 million sharks are killed for it every year!

What can we do? We can stop eating shark fin soup or buying any products made of sharks so that we can protect the sharks. If we donate money, then some organizations will be able to protect the sharks better. This will help them too.

I hope more people will help save the sharks. Less consumption of shark-fin soup is a good way to save them.

5B Lam Sum Wing, Serene

SAVE THE LOVELY POLAR BEAR

The polar bear has a big body with white fur. It has two small black eyes, a big black nose and a big mouth. It has four legs and it lives in the polar region. It usually catches fish for food and plays with other polar bears on ice.

Human pollution growth has led to global warming and the ice at polar regions melting. Polar bears have lost their habitat. Because of the shortage of food, they have to eat other polar bears to survive. Some of them even die of hunger.

Global warming not only affects polar bears, but also humans. It is because global warming causes the increase of the sea level and then flooding may occur. Finally, many people may lose their homes because of the flooding.

To protect the polar bears and ourselves, we should stop polluting the environment. We have to protect the polar bears so they will not become extinct and we will have a better place to live.

5B Chiu Yat Fei, Fred



NOWHERE TO ESCAPE-EGYPTIAN VULTURE

The Egyptian vulture is an animal which lives in Southwest Europe and Northern Africa. It is a rare vulture. Although it is not the most beautiful kind of bird in the world, it is special. Their wings are black and white, and their tails are wedge-shaped. They sometimes rob others' eggs and break them with stones. They are one of the birds which are known as master egg-crackers.

The Egyptian vulture is becoming endangered because people use poison bait in the wild and for poaching in Europe. There are only around 12000-15000 Egyptian vultures left!

If people keep poisoning the Egyptian vulture, we will not see vultures flying in the sky in the future. Vultures play an important role in the environment as they eat dead animals before their bodies become a problem to the environment. If vultures disappear, other animals may get sick from different diseases.

What can we do about this? Firstly, we can protect the Egyptian vultures by teaching people that some chemicals are harmful to the vultures. Secondly, we can also tell the farmers to use different farming techniques if possible. This is important because it is about their lives. We should do more. We can do more.

5A Guan Yuet Tung, Yolonda



PROTECT THE CHINESE ALLIGATOR

The Chinese alligator has a long, rounded snout and it is black. It is a reptile. It has a powerful tail that is used both in defense and in swimming. The alligators live in wet-lands and swamps, ponds, lakes as well as freshwater rivers and streams. There are only fewer than 230 alligators left in the wild.

They have become endangered because of habitat-lost, pollution and over hunting. The number of alligators will most likely drop and they will become extinct in the future.

Humans sometimes kill alligators because they believe that the meat can cure colds and prevent cancers and their organs are sold for medicinal purposes.

What can we do about this? We should protect wetlands and waterways that are important for alligators. The government must control hunting and trading so that they will not become extinct in the future. We must take action now!

5A Lam Ka Yi, Janice





PROTECT HORSESHOE CRABS

Horseshoe crabs are greenish brown animals, with hard shells, that live near the seashore in Asia. A horseshoe crab looks like a horseshoe with a long tail. Its name is "crab" but actually it is a relative of spiders. It has eight legs and a mouth which located at its tummy. It feeds mainly on sea worms.

Recently, they are becoming endangered because of human overhunting for eating and drawing their blue blood in medical usage. Besides, water pollution affects their birth rates.

Scientists predict that there will be a big drop in number over the next ten years. One of the reasons is the habitat lost around the shore by urbanization.

So how can we help? We should try to reduce pollution. We should carry out the 4Rs— reduce, reuse, recycle and replace things as much as possible to lower the amount of plastic that we produce. We can also help to educate people about the problems faced by the horseshoe crabs, so that everyone can take action.

5A Lai Man Son, Manson

ENDANGERED ANIMALS-SUMATRAN TIGER

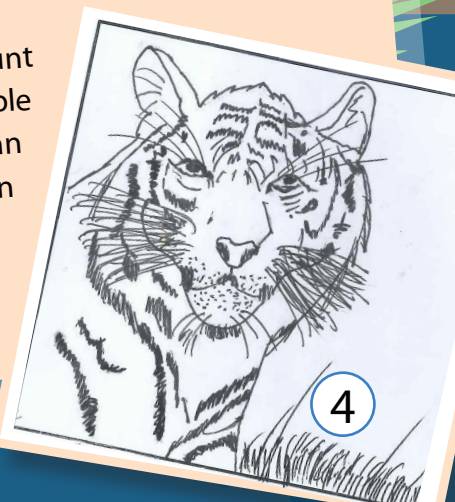
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Because of these, the number of all kinds of tigers has decreased to 3000 in the world. If hunters keep hunting them, it will damage the eco-system because tigers are apex predators and other animals may become overpopulated.

What can we do about this? Firstly, we can tell more people not to hunt all the endangered animals by posting some blogs on the Internet. People will receive the message through the Internet easily. Secondly, we can also donate some money to wildlife protection and conservation organizations. I believe we can help!

5A Chan Ming Him, Ryan





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The weather gets hotter and hotter so the ice is melting. Polar bears have nowhere to live and cannot find any food. It is sorrowful that most of them starve to death. Some of them are drowned in the sea. Scientists speculate that polar bears may become extinct after 20 years.

If we don't want the polar bears to become extinct, we must help protect them immediately. What can we do for them? Firstly, we should use fewer electrical products. We can use public transport or bikes instead of private cars. We can also plant more trees. It is important because it can reduce carbon dioxide. Secondly, we must follow the 3R rules—recycle, reduce and reuse. It protects the environment and lowers pollution. Moreover, we can donate money to conservation organizations helping polar bears. We should do this because those organizations will try their best to save the polar bears. Lastly, we should tell others about it so that more people can join and help the polar bears.

Polar bears urgently need our help! Why don't we take action from now on?

5A On Tsz Yu, Annice





GIANT PANDAS

The giant pandas are mammals that live in the bamboo forest. Many people like them because they are fat and adorable. The giant pandas like to eat. They especially like to eat bamboo leaves in the bamboo forest.

A decade ago, there were 1000 wild life giant pandas in the world. Today, there are just 500 giant pandas left. The number of giant pandas has fallen. It is because people have chopped down the bamboos and use the place to build houses. This has caused danger to the pandas.

After that, giant pandas' reproductive abilities are very weak, so we should protect them. Or else they will become extinct.

How we can help to save giant pandas? We can stop chopping down the bamboos, so that giant pandas will not be hungry. If we do these things, we can help the giant pandas.

5C Leung Chun Him, Hugo

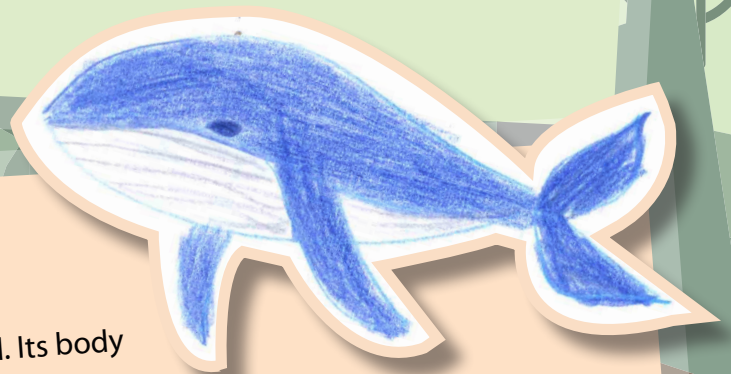
BLUE WHALES

The blue whale is the largest mammal in the world. Its body is blue and its fins and tail are blue-grey in colour. It can be found in all the world's oceans.

Nowadays, the numbers of blue whales have fallen. The numbers have fallen because there is lots of water pollution and from over-hunting. The chemicals and waste in the oceans are destroying their habitats. People also hunt them for their oil and meat.

How can we help to save the blue whales? First, we can stop polluting the oceans. We should stop throwing rubbish into the sea. Second, we can stop eating their meat so that we can protect them from hunters. If we do these things, we can help the blue whale.

5C Man Chak Lam, Karl





GIANT PANDAS

One of the most adorable animals in the world is the giant panda. However, they are endangered now. The panda has black and white fur. They live in bamboo forests in China. Because of deforestation, giant pandas have lost their habitats.

The habitat loss is the main reason that causes giant pandas to be endangered. Habitat loss makes the food and living area of pandas reduced. As a result of city development, the bamboo forest has been destroyed by humans. The pandas cannot find enough food to eat. They cannot find a suitable environment to live.

Besides, illegal hunting has also caused the pandas to be endangered. The number of pandas has been reduced by the hunters. They may also get caught in snares set for other animals.

To help the giant pandas, we should increase the area of panda habitat. We should set up a nature reserve so that the pandas can live well. We can also help to educate people about the problems faced by the giant pandas, so that everyone can take action to protect the pandas.

5D Lee Tsz Ho, Torres

SAVE THE SUMATRAN TIGERS!

The Sumatran tiger is a big cat that lives in the forests and jungles of Indonesia. It can only be found on the island of Sumatra. The Sumatran tiger has orange fur with thick and long black stripes and it has strong legs so that it can run very fast. It likes hunting for fish, monkeys and deer and tapirs. However, they are in big trouble, because they are endangered. We need to help them, because they will become extinct in the future.

They are being hunted for their fur and bones. People are hunting the tiger to make carpets and rugs as well as traditional Chinese medicines. They sell them in the black market to earn lots of money. It is illegal. We need to stop them.

If this continues, they will be extinct. Today there are around 400 of them left in the wild. One hundred years ago, there were more than 100000 of tigers all over Asia.

We can help place some tigers into conservation areas to help the tigers breed. We can help them to have more cubs then release the tigers into the wild. This can help rebuild the population and stop them being endangered. We should share this information so more people learn about it and take action too.



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