

ENDANGERED ANIMALS

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1 What comes to mind when you hear these words?

Endangered

Rare

Extinction

Protected area

Zoo

2 What endangered species living in Finland do you know?

3 True or false? Mark right (R) or wrong (W).

- Poaching also threatens Finnish species
- Collecting bird eggs is permitted
- Killing lizards is permitted
- The parents and babies of all animals are protected
- Human activity is always harmful to endangered animals



4 Animal species are classified internationally according to their level of endangerment. The classification is marked on the species info sign and on Korkeasaari Zoo's website with a scale like this.

Connect each threat category to the correct place on the scale with a line. Also write an example species for each category after the term.



near threatened critically endangered vulnerable

least concern.....

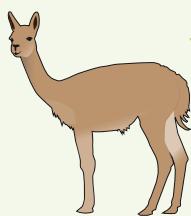
extinct in the wild

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a) Find the following animal species and name them.
b) Think about the conditions they live in in the wild and match the pictures to the threats they face. One animal can have more than one threat.



habitat destruction



being captured as a pet



persecution &
harrassment

overhunting



diseases from
domestic animals



6 For reflection

Which things could also threaten humans?

What are the good and bad aspects of zoos in protecting endangered species?