

Endangered Species

What are endangered species? An endangered species can be a plant or animal which is threatened with extinction. They become endangered when the number of individuals in their species becomes very low.

Depending on the extent to which they are threatened, endangered species can be classified as,

Vulnerable Endangered Critically Endangered Extinct in the Wild

Examples of animals which are extinct include dinosaurs, the dodo and the woolly mammoth.

When species become endangered or extinct it can affect other species that share their habitat. Not only because they may share the same problems such as loss of habitat or hunting but also because animals higher on the food chain could be losing their source of food etc.

Many animals are considered to be endangered species so, lets have a look at some of them.

Chimpanzee



This is Fritz, he is one of 8 chimpanzees who call Wingham Wildlife Park home.

Fun fact: Chimpanzees are our closest relatives and share around 98% with us.

Which kind of habitat do Chimpanzees live in?

Please colour on the map where their habitat can be found



How many other endangered species can you discover that share the chimpanzee's habitat?

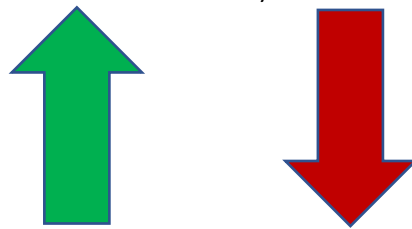
Chimpanzees are classed as, (please circle)

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Three threats facing chimpanzees are

_____, _____ & _____

Can you find out if their numbers are **increasing** or **decreasing** in the wild? (please circle the correct arrow)



Here at Wingham Wildlife Park we are involved in a project which helps to protect chimpanzees in the wild but what other ways can you think of that could help to protect these unique and intelligent animals?

Red Panda



We are home to two adorable red pandas, this is our male, Yuzu and he lives with a female named, Mai.

Fun fact: The Red Panda belongs to a family of its own and even though it shares its name, it is not closely related to the Giant Panda.

Red pandas exist in only five countries, how many can you name?

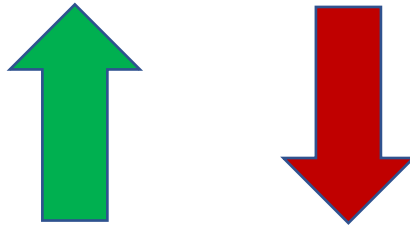
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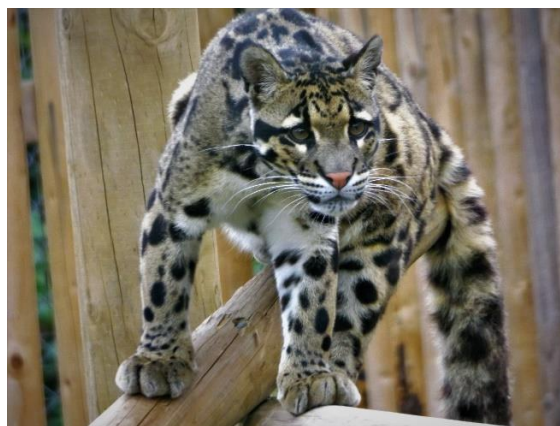
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Why is this? (please give at least two reasons)

Here at our park the red pandas are part of a breeding program so Mai and Yuzu could help to increase their numbers. What can you do to help red pandas?

Clouded Leopard



We are home to two clouded leopards at Wingham Wildlife Park, their names Hari and China.

Fun fact: they have the largest canine teeth, relative to body size, of any feline.

Please colour the map below to show where clouded leopards can be found in the wild.



Image Credit: J. Bruce Jones 2019.

Which kind of habitat do clouded leopards live in?

What is happening to their habitat and why?

Can you name one more threat that this species is facing?

Clouded leopards are classed as, (please circle)

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What ways do you think you could help clouded leopards in the wild?

Talk to your family and see how many endangered species you can come up with together.

A really easy that we can all help to save endangered species is to spread the word and give people information. Why not create a poster about your favourite endangered species to inspire others to help too!