

Endangered species of living organisms

Endangered animals

- ▶ World Animal Day, designed to combine the efforts of people in the conservation of wildlife on our planet and protect the rights of animals, is celebrated on October 4th. Every day in the world disappear dozens of species of flora and fauna. One way to fight for the preservation of biodiversity on our planet - the protection of rare and endangered species of plants and animals. Natural disasters and changes also affect the animal world. On many birds and animals we know only from literature or through museum exhibits. And for some we can only guess. Along with natural disasters considerable share of the blame in this regard rests with the man himself. There is, however, a "mitigating" circumstance of our predecessors - ignorance. Not everyone knew about the threat of disappearance of certain species. Hunter, shooting game or beast, had no idea that this shot will determine the disappearance of a species on earth.

SNOW leopard (ounce)

▶ **SNOW leopard (ounce) - a rare, small appearance. In the Red Book of Russia awarded him the first category - "look, endangered at the limit of the range." The total number of snow leopards in Russia, according to the World Wildlife Fund experts, is no more than 80-100 individuals.**



Amur tiger

▶ **Siberian Tiger - one of the rarest predators of the planet, the largest tiger in the world, the only representative of the species living in the snow. The Amur tiger is listed in the International Red Book, in Russia, these animals live only in the Primorsky and Khabarovsk Territories. According to the latest census, the population of a rare beast in Russia has about 450 individuals.**



The Far Eastern leopard

- ▶ **The Far Eastern leopard - a subspecies of leopards class of mammalian order Carnivora, the family cat. This is one of the rarest felines in the world. Many experts consider the most beautiful leopard subspecies of leopards and is often compared it with the snow leopard. South of Primorsky Krai - Russia's only habitat of the Amur leopard. According to the latest census, it is currently in the Ussuri taiga is home to about 50 species of leopard. Scientists of many countries and WWF are concerned about the preservation of endangered species.**



Komodo varan

- ▶ **Komodo Varan** - species of lizard of the family of lizards, the largest lizard of the world fauna. According to one hypothesis, namely the Indonesian island of Komodo lizards were the prototype of the Chinese Dragon: adult lizard can exceed three meters in length and weigh more than one and a half kilograms. This is the largest lizard in the world that kills with one blow tail deer, found only in Indonesia and refers to the number of endangered species.



Sumatran rhinos

Over the past 20 years the number of Sumatran rhinos has declined by about 50% - due to poaching and deforestation of tropical forests. Currently, South-East Asia inhabits only about 200 representatives of this species. All the world knows five types of rhino: three in South and South-East Asia, and two - in Africa. All kinds of rhinos are listed in the Red Data Book of the International Union for Conservation of Nature. In October this year, the World Wildlife Fund reported that one of the species of rhinoceroses - Javanese - was completely destroyed in Vietnam.



Loggerhead

- ▶ **Loggerhead** - species of marine turtles, the only member of the genus loggerhead sea turtles or a tadpole. Distributed by the view of the waters of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, Loggerhead can be found in the Far East (Peter the Great Bay) and the Barents Sea (Murmansk region). The meat of this turtle is not considered the most delicious food it is used only by local tribes, but its eggs are a delicacy. Their unlimited collection led to a very serious reduction in the number of species of turtles over the past 50-100 years. This type of turtle is listed as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild flora and fauna in the Red Book, is protected by the laws of Cyprus, Greece, USA, Italy.



Sea ape

▶ **Sea otter, - a predatory marine mammal family Mustelidae, form close to otters. Kala has several unique features of adaptation to the marine environment, and is also one of the few animals neprimatov using guns. Kala live on the northern shores of the Pacific Ocean in Russia, Japan, the United States and Canada. In XVIII-XIX centuries otters because of its valuable fur subjected to predation, with the result that the form was on the verge of extinction. In the twentieth century, sea otters were listed in the Red Book of the USSR, as well as security documents of other countries. As of the 2009 hunting sea otters virtually banned in all regions of the world. On sea otters are allowed to hunt only indigenous people of Alaska - the Aleuts and Eskimos, and exclusively for the maintenance of crafts and diet, historically in the region.**



Aurochs

▶ **Bison is the heaviest and largest land mammal in Europe and Europe's last representative of wild bulls. Its length is 330 cm, height at withers up to two meters and weigh up to one ton. The destruction of forests, increasing the density of human settlements and intensive hunting in the XVII and XVIII centuries, exterminated the bison in almost all European countries. At the beginning of the XIX century, wild bison were, obviously, only two regions in the Caucasus and in the Bialowieza Forest. The number of animals was about 500, and for a century decreased, despite the protection of the Russian authorities. In 1921, as a result of anarchy during and after World War bison were finally destroyed by poachers. As a result of the purposeful activity of many experts at 31 December 1997 in the world in captivity (zoos, nurseries and other reserves) were 1096 bison in free populations - 1829 individuals. The Red Book of the International Union for Conservation of Nature classifies this kind of in the category of vulnerable, on the territory of the Russian Red Data Book (1998) put bison in category 1 - endangered.**



African wild dog

- ▶ African wild dog, or as it is called, hyena like, was once common throughout the African plains and savannas of Sub-Saharan Africa - from the south of Algeria and Sudan to the extreme southern tip of the continent. African Wild Dog is included in the Red Data Book of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's kind of how a small, endangered.



Florida Panther

▶ **Florida Panther, along with the rest of its subspecies is listed in the International Red Book. Hunting it is prohibited, in addition, the animal is included in Appendix II of CITES, which regulates trade in rare species of animals. Earlier cougar inhabits the territory in the south of North America, and Central and South America until Chile. In this case separate populations existed in the territory of Florida. In the 60s of the last century because of hunting and development of natural areas number cougars Florida dropped to 20-30 individuals. Thanks to the efforts for the conservation of these medium-sized wild cat with distinctive long legs population currently stands at 100-160 individuals.**



Gray whale

- ▶ **The gray whale is listed in the Red Book of the Russian Federation. Whales live in the northern part of the Pacific Ocean, making regular seasonal migration. These marine animals - champions for the movement range: whale swims in a year an average of 16 thousand kilometers. At the same time a whale rather slug, his usual speed - 7-10 kilometers per hour. According to zoologists, maximum recorded life span of gray whales was 67 years old.**



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