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Saving Endangered Species

I believe in saving endangered species. I love all kinds of plants and animals and I would hate to see any species go extinct.. It is very important to help endangered species from the brink of extinction for many reasons. Extinction is a natural process, but scientific evidence and research shows that human activity is mainly to blame. Humans should help save endangered species, especially since our actions endangered them. Healthy ecosystems depend on all types of plant and animal species to survive. The extinction of just a single species of plant or animal could drastically change an ecosystem. When a species becomes endangered, it is a sign that the ecosystem is slowly falling apart. Every species that is lost eventually leads to the loss of many other species within its ecosystem. A single plant or animal could not live by itself. It has to interact with other organisms as well as the environment in order to survive. Removing one plant or animal species from the ecosystem will change the life of the other organism or organisms that have to interact with it. Humans need healthy ecosystems for a clean environment. Without healthy forests, grasslands, rivers, oceans and other various ecosystems, we would not have clean air, water, or land. If we allow our environment to become contaminated, people's lives could be at risk. One lost plant species could potentially result in the loss of around thirty other insects, plant or animal species. Over half of the one-hundred and fifty most prescribed medicines were originally made from a plant or other natural product. Only about five percent of known plant species have been tested for medicinal uses and there are thousands of plant species that have yet to be identified. Tens of thousands of Americans die every year from illnesses that have no cure. The cures for these diseases may eventually come from plants, so we must protect all species before they are lost forever. If a plant species goes extinct, so does the medicinal value within it. Some species of animals have some medicinal value as well. Once a species is extinct, it cannot be recreated or duplicated. Studies show that ninety-nine percent of species that are currently endangered are at risk because of human activity. Habitat loss is the main reason for endangered animals being endangered. People have a responsibility to help save endangered species because we are the top reason for endangerment. We clear these creatures’ habitats by methods such as deforestation, mining, or expanding. Humans take away animals homes and destroy plant life. Most of these animals, plants, or insects are at risk because of human activity such as pollution from cars or factories. Since the sixteenth century, more than five hundred species, subspecies, and varieties of our nation’s plants and animals have become extinct. Habitats such as tropical rainforests around the world, which may contain up to one half of all living species, are losing millions of acres every year. Uncounted numbers of species are lost as these habitats are destroyed, and the number of endangered species sadly increases every year. Humans need to protect endangered species and save their habitats before it’s too late.