

Assembly Resource

Read through the resource below, which provides information about wildlife conservation and examples of what we can do to support it.

What is wildlife conservation?

Wildlife conservation is protecting wild species and their habitats to prevent them from becoming extinct.



How many species are at risk of extinction?

According to the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature), around 27,000 species around the world are at risk of becoming extinct.

Success stories of wildlife conservation from the WWF (World Wildlife Foundation)

Tracking Wildlife

Community monitoring of wildlife takes place in Columbia. Camera traps are set so that locals are able to help track and conserve their natural resources.

Drones and Tags

The Amazon river is home to four species of river dolphin that aren't found anywhere else in the world. Drones and tags are used to combat the threats from dams and accidental capture by fishing gears. Innovative research is also taking place to better understand the river dolphin.

What are the threats that some habitats face?

Habitat destruction

This is when the area where wildlife lives is destroyed, this can happen when people build or farm land.

Pollution

There are different types of pollution that can affect wildlife including air pollution (caused by burning fossil fuels such as coal) or toxic chemicals, which could be caused by oil spills.