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6) Clearing of forests...

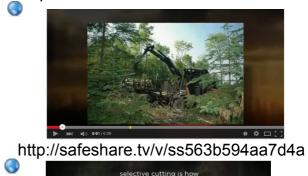




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7) Use of pesticides and fertilizers...



The Future of Biodiversity 'Species at Risk'

Saving Species One at a Time

- Captive-breeding programs
 - Hope of reintroducing such species back into the wild
 - Ex. condors
 - Preserving genetic material
 - Germ plasm is any form of genetic material
 - Used for future use in research and species-recovery efforts
 - Zoos, aquariums, parks and gardens
 - Typically, a last resort for a species' survival
 - More study needed

Preserving Habitats and Ecosystems

- The most effective way to save a species
- More species can be targeted in conservation efforts
- Focus on hotspots and those areas that are linked to larger networks

Legal Protection for Species

- Such laws protecting species are recent
- Endangered Species Act
- Habitat conservation plans attempts to target certain species across large areas of land through trade-offs and cooperative agreements
- International agreements happen through the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature)
 - Red lists
 - CITES (Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species)
 - The Biodiversity Treaty from the Earth Summit

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The 10 most recent animal extinctions in Canada

These creatures have either died out entirely or are extirpated from Canada by Blog of Lists



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Species of Risk Levels...

There are seven different designations that COSEWIC uses to determine the level of risk for a species. Under the SARA, COSEWIC uses seven categories to indicate the level of danger an at-risk species currently faces:

Extinct - a species that no longer exists anywhere on Earth.

Extirpated - a species that no longer exists in the wild in Canada, but is still living in other areas of the world.

NOTE: SARA

'Species at Risk Act'

Endangered - a species that is facing imminent extirpation or extinction.

Threatened - a species that is likely to become endangered if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to its extirpation or extinction.

Special Concern - a species that may become threatened or endangered because of a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats.

Data Deficient - a category that applies when there is not enough available information to determine if the species is at risk or not.

Not at Risk - a species that is not at risk of extinction.

Species at Risk in Canada

- Since the arrival of the first European settlers, more than 30 wildlife species have become extinct in Canada.
- At present, over 500 plant and animal species are considered at risk in Canada.
- . Everywhere in Canada, people are engaged in recovery activities that benefit more than 200 species.
- All Canadians can take simple actions every day to help species at risk.



