



**COSEWIC...**  
**Committee**  
**On the**  
**Status of**  
**Endangered**  
**Wildlife**  
**In**  
**Canada**

### The 10 most recent animal extinctions in Canada

These creatures have either died out entirely or are extirpated from Canada

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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.

**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.

**NOTE: SARA**  
'Species at Risk Act'

## 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.



## B.C. humpbacks lose 'threatened' status, opening door for Northern Gateway



### CTV National News: Politics vs. preservation



Omar Sachedina explains why downgrading the extinction threat of humpback whales is about politics and preservation.

### Power Play: Eliminating red tape for pipeline



Mark Matton, Lake Ontario Waterkeeper president, says downgrading the status of humpback whales removes barriers for the Gateway pipeline.

### CTV News Channel: Humpbacks not threatened



Keith Stewart of Greenpeace says political considerations are the main reason for the whales' removal from the threatened species list.

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