



## **ENDANGERED SPECIES | VOCABULARY**

- *endangered* a plant or animal species existing in such small numbers that it is at risk of becoming extinct
  - *extinct* the complete loss of a species usually due to habitat loss, pollution, disease, or poaching
  - herbivore an animal that has a diet consisting of only vegetation or plants
  - omnivore an animal with a diet consisting of both plants and meat
  - carnivore an animal that only eats meat for food (e.g. wolves, polar bears, lizards, etc.)
  - poaching to hunt illegally; either protected species or on someone else's land
  - *pollution* something that makes the environment unsafe and harms people and animals
- habitat loss reducing the amount of space where groups of species are able to survive
  - *disease* a condition that impairs one's normal functioning and is shown by symptoms or signs; a rare but potential reason why animals become endangered

