



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

