

Abstract

A fully illustrated and comprehensive guide to the world's endangered plants and animals

Full colour maps and graphics provide at-a-glance information on species lost, threatened and surviving today, including trees and other plants, birds, animals, reptiles and insects.

Up to 20 percent of species may be extinct by 2030, a loss that could threaten our own security. The Atlas of Endangered Species locates and identifies different species of wildlife and shows how human survival depends on biodiversity. It traces the movement of animals and plants across continents and catalogues the inhabitants of different ecosystems, including forests, wetlands and mangroves, coastal systems and coral reefs. It examines the major threats to biodiversity - from loss of habitat to hunting - and assesses the steps being taken towards conservation.

Accompanied by photographs of rare birds, mammals and plants, topics include:

prehistory - early habitat loss and extinctions

measuring biodiversity

threats to biodiversity

what lives where - ecosystems and their communities

conservation and sustainable development

planned reintroductions

trade and protected species