

Andean bear

(*Tremarctos ornatus*)

IUCN Status: Vulnerable

Facts: Andean bears are the only bear species found in South America. They are also called spectacled bears because the markings around their eyes make them look like they are wearing glasses.



Exporting Country Clue: Ecuador and Chile share borders with this country.

Importing Country Clue: Lima is the capital of this country.

Did You Know? While not necessarily smuggled across international borders, the trade and sale of Andean bear parts is still a crime. Their parts are sold in markets throughout their range, which includes Bolivia, Peru and Venezuela. Parts are commonly used for alternative medicine, for food, and as an aphrodisiac. These practices are rooted in Incan culture from centuries ago.



Lion

(*Panthera leo*)

IUCN Status: Vulnerable

Facts: Lion populations are decreasing across the entire continent of Africa, with populations considered critically endangered in West Africa. It is estimated that there are fewer than 40,000 lions remaining.



Exporting Country Clue: The largest city in this country is Johannesburg, home to 4.4 million people.

Importing Country Clue: This land-locked country in Southeast Asia is bordered by Vietnam to the east and Thailand to the west.

Did You Know? There appears to be growing demand for trade in lion bones in Asian countries. Although not a historical demand, it is thought that the plummeting populations of tigers may be leading to the use of lion parts in traditional Asian medicines.



Cheetah

(*Acinonyx jubatus*)

IUCN Status: Vulnerable

Facts: The world's fastest land mammal, with the ability to run at 68 mph, can't run away from environmental threats. There are believed to be roughly 6,700 cheetahs remaining in the wild.



Exporting Country Clue: The capital of this large country in the horn of Africa is Addis Ababa.

Importing Country Clue: South of the Persian Gulf, this country shares borders with both Saudi Arabia and Oman.

Did You Know? The high demand for cheetah cubs as status symbol pets in the Middle East is helping to drive cheetah populations to extinction. It is estimated that up to two-thirds of those cubs being smuggled as part of this pet trade die en route.



Slow loris

(*Nycticebus sp.*)

IUCN Status: Vulnerable to critically endangered

Facts: Lorises are the world's only venomous primate. Before biting, they lick an oil gland on their arm. The oil mixing with their saliva produces a toxic mixture, which can be both dangerous and deadly.



Exporting Country Clue: The island of Sumatra belongs to this country.

Importing Country Clue: The Gobi Desert separates this country from Mongolia.

Illegal Act: In 2017, nine slow lorises were found packed into a cardboard box being sent by delivery service on a train. The box had some tiny air holes and no food or water. Some of the lorises already had their teeth cut. This is a common practice used as an effort to make them more manageable as status symbol pets.

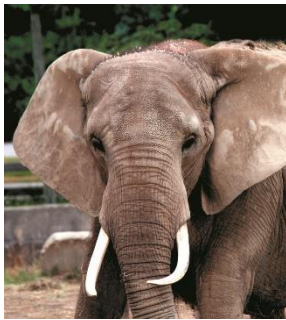


African elephant

(*Loxodonta africana*)

IUCN Status: Vulnerable

Facts: These are the largest living terrestrial animal. Males can weigh up to 14,000 pounds, females to between 6,000-10,000 pounds. They are being driven to extinction largely because of the illegal trade for their ivory tusks.



Exporting Country Clue: The main seaport of this west African country is Douala.

Importing Country Clue: The Great Lakes are part of this northern border of this country.

Caught: In 2008, Tania Siyam was caught using her Montreal, Canada, art import and export business to smuggle raw elephant ivory. Shipments in 2002 and 2003 sent to Ohio, concealed inside pottery and declared as art, included parts from at least 21 African elephants.

Sentence: Prison for 5 years and a \$100,000 fine.



Black rhino

(*Diceros bicornis*)

IUCN Status: Critically endangered

Facts: Rhinos are threatened because of the demand for their horn. Although the horn is made of keratin, the same thing as fingernails, on the black market, it is worth more than its weight in gold.



Exporting Country Clue: The Cape of Good Hope is at the southern tip of this country.

Importing Country Clue: The capital of this country is Beijing.

Illegal Act: New smuggling tactics show the difficulty of combating illegal trade operations. Rather than smuggling whole rhino horns, some smugglers now process the horn into jewelry and trinkets first. Law enforcement is not used to looking for rhino horn in this form, so it is easier to get through airports undetected.

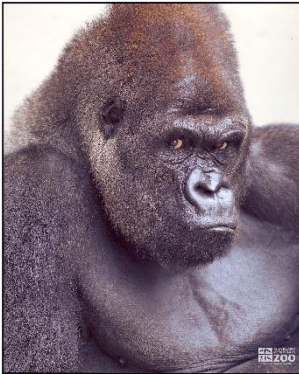


Gorilla

(*Gorilla sp.*)

IUCN Status: Critically endangered

Facts: Eastern gorillas are less numerous than their western gorilla cousins. Fewer than 4500 eastern gorillas remain in Africa due to poaching and habitat loss.



Exporting Country Clue: This large African country is bordered by nine other countries.

Importing Country Clue: The capital of this southeast Asian country is Bangkok.

Did You Know? Baby gorillas are sold on the black market for thousands of dollars. One baby gorilla for sale typically means that the mother and other gorillas were killed in the wild because it is very difficult to take a baby gorilla from its family.



Asian turtles

(various species)

IUCN Status: Vulnerable to critically endangered

Facts: Nearly 80% of the turtles and tortoises found in Asia are threatened by large-scale, unsustainable trade for sale in food markets and traditional medicine.



Exporting Country Clue: This country is made up of many islands, including Palawan, Leyte, and Mindanao.

Importing Country Clue: Covering 3.7 million square miles, this is Asia's second largest country.

Caught: In 2017, two suspects were caught with 70 dead hawksbill turtles. Their shells would likely have been used for jewelry and hair ornaments.

Sentence: Charges have been filed against the suspects. They face up to 20 years in prison and fines up to \$98,000.



Amur Tiger

(*Panthera tigris altaica*)

IUCN Status: Endangered

Facts: Fewer than 500 Amur tigers remain in the wild. An adult Amur tiger, the largest of the tiger subspecies, can weigh between 200 and 400 pounds and grow to be 10 feet long.



Exporting Country Clue: The Pacific island of Sakhalin is part of this country.

Importing Country Clue: The Yellow Sea has coastlines along North Korea, South Korea, and this east Asian country.

Did You Know? The greatest threats to tigers today are habitat lost and poaching. Amur tigers are valued in traditional Chinese medicine. The blood is believed to strengthen willpower and the whiskers to cure toothaches. But the most desired body part is tiger bone because of its supposed pain-relieving power.



Giraffe

(*Giraffa sp.*)

IUCN Status: Vulnerable

Facts: This tallest living mammal can reach heights of 16-18 feet tall. It is also facing a silent extinction as the population in Africa has decreased by 40% in the last 15 years.



Exporting Country Clue: The highest point in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro, is located in this country.

Importing Country Clue: This tiny Middle Eastern country is bordered by the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia.

Caught: Four men were charged with smuggling hundreds of animals, including four giraffes, out of the country in 2010. What became of the animals is unknown.

Sentence: Ringleader Ahmed Kamran skipped bail and is currently wanted by Interpol.

