

Kids' pages Investigations

Topic: *Endangered Species*



Summer 2021 edition

Instructions: Read through the appropriate *Kids' Pages* edition and answer the questions below. Once all the questions have been completed, refer to the Answer Key to check your work.

Multiple Choice (choose one):

- What does the term "threatened" mean with regard to a species?
 - In danger of extinct in all of its home range
 - Does not exist naturally in the wild
 - Population has not yet declined
 - Likely to become endangered in the near future
- What is the conservation status of the Florida panther, according to the Endangered Species Act?
 - Endangered
 - Species of Special Concern
 - Threatened
 - Near-Threatened
- Which bird is the only bird that lives exclusively in Florida?
 - Wood stork
 - Florida scrub jay
 - Roseate spoonbill
 - Bald eagle
- More than how many species have been recorded to take refuge in a gopher tortoise's burrow?
 - 350
 - 3,892
 - 10,000
 - 250
- What is the conservation status of the great hammerhead shark, according to the IUCN?
 - Endangered
 - Data Deficient
 - Critically Endangered
 - Vulnerable

Fill in the Blank:

- The term "endangered" means a species is in danger of _____ throughout most or all of its home range.
- The International Union for the Conservation of Nature, or IUCN, created the _____ (two words) which is a comprehensive list of species evaluated for protection.
- Wood stork populations have suffered due to degradation, or destruction, of Florida's _____.
- Staghorn and Elkhorn were the first two _____ to be added to the Endangered Species List in 2006.

Short Response:

- According to the Conservation Corner of *Kids' Pages*, bald eagle populations overcame the threat of extinction with the passing of laws such as the Bald and Golden Eagle Act, and the banning of the pesticide DDT. What is a population facing extinction that you would like to save and if you were able to pass a law to protect them, what would that law be named?

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ANSWER KEY

Multiple Choice

1. D
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. C

Fill in the Blank:

6. The term "endangered" means a species is in danger of **extinction** throughout most or all of its home range.
7. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature, or IUCN, created the **Red List** (two words) which is a comprehensive list of species evaluated for conservation status.
8. Wood stork populations have suffered due to degradation, or destruction, of Florida's **wetlands**.
9. Staghorn and Elkhorn were the first two **corals** to be added to the Endangered Species List in 2006.

Short Response:

10. Answers will vary. *Example answer: I would like to protect the declining elkhorn and staghorn coral species in the Florida Keys. If I could pass a law that protected those two species, it would be named the Caribbean Acropora Protection Act.*