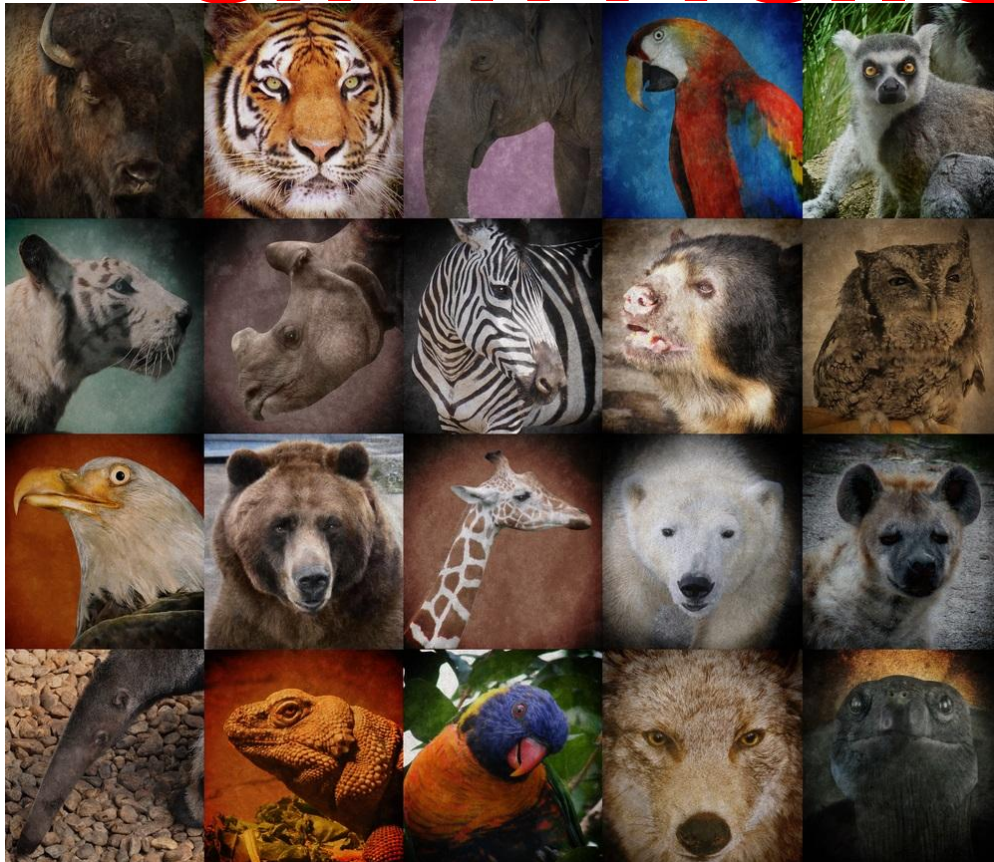
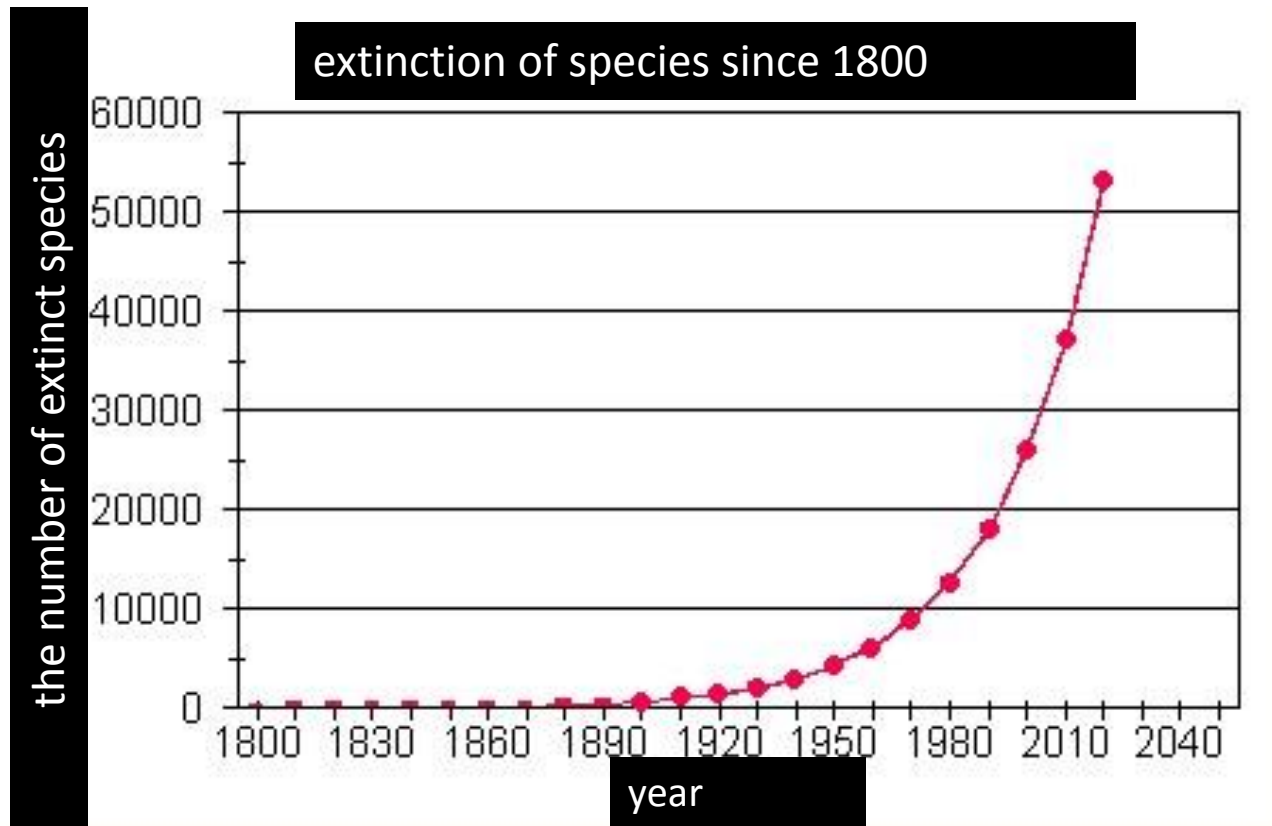


Endangered animals



- Today, more than 40% of all living species on Earth are threatened with extinction . If these extinction rates continue or accelerate , the number of endangered species in the next decade will be in the millions.



To protect and preserve endangered species, people create organizations that make a donation. September 18, 2008 in Kiev the Ukrainian protest under the slogan "STOR ZOOTSYDU IN UKRAINE"



- This is a reason to think everyone on the planet for the disappearance of some species will inevitably lead to global environmental problems, threatening the stability of the entire ecosystem of the Earth.



Animals ARE on the verge of extinction:

- koala
- Amur tiger
- African elephant
- cheetah
- hippopotamus
- African lion
- Giant Panda
- Magellanic Penguin
- polar bear , etc.





I. Koala

Status: vulnerable

- Threats: According to the Australian fund Koala (2008 data) in the wild there are about 100,000 koalas .
- On the koala was actively hunting until the beginning of XX century, when they were on the verge of extinction. Millions of animal skins were sold in Europe and the United States.





2. African elephant

Status: Endangered.

- Threats: In the XX century ivory poaching has gained considerable momentum. In 1970, there were 400,000 individuals, but by 2006 they have only 10,000.





3. Giant Panda

Status: Endangered.

- Threats: Giant panda can now be found only in some mountain ranges in central China. As a result of human activity and deforestation, giant pandas have been driven out of the lowland areas where they once lived.
- Currently in the world there are about 1,600 individuals.





4. Magellanic Penguin

Status: close to the threat of extinction.



Threats: Millions of these penguins live on the coasts of Argentina and Chile. However, the colony of Magellanic penguins suffer from oil spills, which annually kill 20,000 adults and 22,000 chicks. Currently, the number 12 of the 17 species of penguins declines rapidly.





5. Humpback whale

Status: vulnerable.

- Threats: Humpback whales for centuries been the subject of intensive whaling, by 1996 this led to a reduction in their numbers by almost 90%.



Now the number of whales is increasing. However, there are a number of threats: collisions with ships, noise pollution, the ability to become entangled in fishing gear.





- Of course this is a very serious problem nowadays. People must work together to help the endangered animals.



THE END!!! But we don't want such a situation.

