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# Endangered Mammals

20 Animals at Risk of Extinction - Quick Reference Guide

This guide includes mammals classified by the IUCN as Vulnerable, Endangered, or Critically Endangered. These categories indicate increasing levels of extinction risk in the wild.

| Mammal | Scientific Name | IUCN Status | Where Found | Main Threats |
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| **Amur Leopard** | *Panthera pardus orientalis* | **Critically Endangered** | Russia and China | Habitat loss, prey depletion and poaching. |
| **Javan Rhino** | *Rhinoceros sondaicus* | **Critically Endangered** | Indonesia | Extremely small population, habitat limitations and poaching. |
| **Vaquita** | *Phocoena sinus* | **Critically Endangered** | Northern Gulf of California, Mexico | Entanglement in fishing gillnets. |
| **Sumatran Orangutan** | *Pongo abelii* | **Critically Endangered** | Sumatra, Indonesia | Forest loss, fragmentation and hunting. |
| **Mountain Gorilla** | *Gorilla beringei beringei* | **Endangered** | Central Africa | Habitat pressure, disease and its small, restricted population. |
| **African Forest Elephant** | *Loxodonta cyclotis* | **Critically Endangered** | Central and West African forests | Ivory poaching and habitat loss. |
| **Snow Leopard** | *Panthera uncia* | **Vulnerable** | Central and South Asian mountains | Habitat and prey loss, poaching and conflict with people. |
| **Red Panda** | *Ailurus fulgens* | **Endangered** | Himalayan and southwestern Chinese forests | Habitat loss and fragmentation. |
| **Ethiopian Wolf** | *Canis simensis* | **Endangered** | Ethiopian highlands | Habitat loss, disease and interactions with domestic dogs. |
| **Saola** | *Pseudoryx nghetinhensis* | **Critically Endangered** | Annamite Mountains of Laos and Vietnam | Hunting and wire snares. |
| **Bornean Orangutan** | *Pongo pygmaeus* | **Critically Endangered** | Borneo | Forest loss, fragmentation and hunting. |
| **Black Rhinoceros** | *Diceros bicornis* | **Critically Endangered** | Eastern and southern Africa | Poaching for rhino horn. |
| **Asian Elephant** | *Elephas maximus* | **Endangered** | South and Southeast Asia | Habitat loss, fragmentation and human-elephant conflict. |
| **Blue Whale** | *Balaenoptera musculus* | **Endangered** | Oceans worldwide | Ship strikes, fishing-gear entanglement, underwater noise and other human activities. |
| **Tiger** | *Panthera tigris* | **Endangered** | Asia | Habitat loss, poaching, prey depletion and conflict with people. |
| **Giant Pangolin** | *Smutsia gigantea* | **Endangered** | Central and West Africa | Hunting and illegal wildlife trade. |
| **Indus River Dolphin** | *Platanista minor* | **Endangered** | Indus River system, primarily Pakistan | Altered river flows, fishing-gear entanglement and habitat fragmentation. |

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| **Iberian Lynx** | *Lynx pardinus* | **Vulnerable** | Spain and Portugal | Habitat pressures and human-caused mortality; recovering through conservation. |
| **Golden-crowned Flying Fox** | *Acerodon jubatus* | **Endangered** | Philippines | Forest loss and hunting. |
| **Ganges River Dolphin** | *Platanista gangetica* | **Endangered** | India, Bangladesh and Nepal river systems | River modification, pollution and fishing activity. |

**Conservation categories:** Vulnerable = high risk of extinction; Endangered = very high risk; Critically Endangered = extremely high risk.

Wildlife conservation status can change as new assessments are completed. For current species assessments, consult the IUCN Red List.