

Endangered Species

Most Endangered Species in the World

Listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List (2009), the Javan **rhino**(**Rhinoceros sondaicus**) is considered to be one of the most endangered large mammals in the world with only two populations existing in the wild, for a total number of less than 60 animals.

What Is An Endangered Species?

An **endangered species** is a group (population) of plants, **animals** or other organisms that is in danger of becoming extinct. This could happen because there are few of those animals left, its predators have grown in number, or the climate that it lives in is changing, or the places it lives in have been destroyed.

Lion populations are untenable outside designated reserves and national parks. Although the cause of the decline is not fully understood, habitat loss and conflicts with humans are currently the greatest causes of concern. Within Africa, **the West African lion population is particularly endangered.**

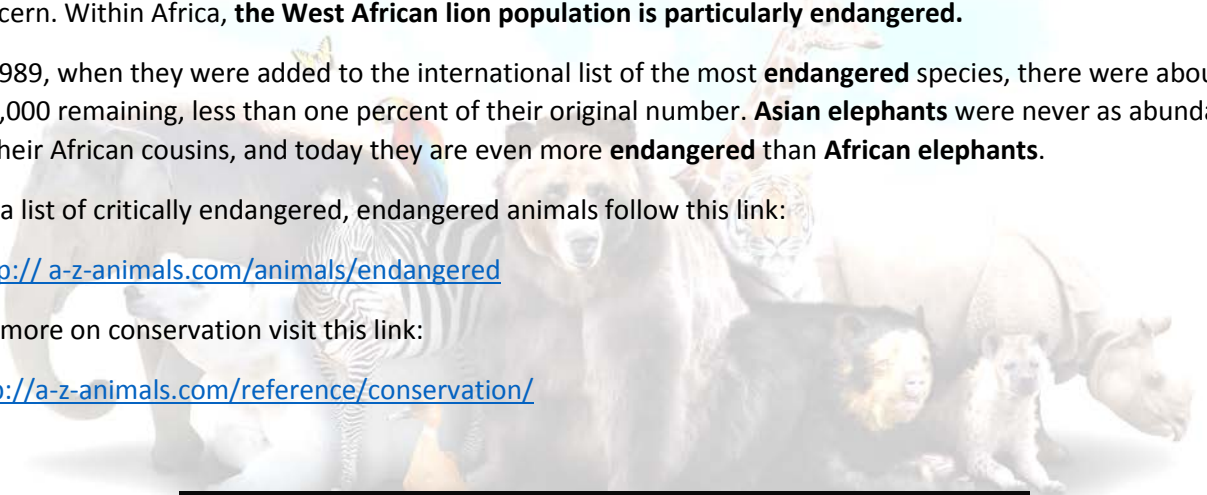
In 1989, when they were added to the international list of the most **endangered** species, there were about 600,000 remaining, less than one percent of their original number. **Asian elephants** were never as abundant as their African cousins, and today they are even more **endangered** than **African elephants.**

For a list of critically endangered, endangered animals follow this link:

<http://a-z-animals.com/animals/endangered>

For more on conservation visit this link:

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*The question is, are we happy to suppose
that our grandchildren may
never be able to see an elephant
except in a picture book?*

-David Attenborough

