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DEFINITIONS

Endangered Species: a native species or subspecies that is in serious danger of becoming extinct throughout all, or a significant portion, of its range as a result of one or more causes, including loss of habitat, overexploitation, competition, or disease. Endangered species are defined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service based on factors listed in the Endangered Species Act.

Threatened Species: a native species that is not presently threatened with extinction but is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future if not given special protection and management efforts. Threatened species are defined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service based on factors listed in the Endangered Species Act.

Rare Species: a native species that is not presently threatened with extinction but exists in such small numbers throughout its range that it may become threatened if its present environmental conditions worsen. A species may be identified as rare based on scientific data, but the term is not defined legally.

SPECIES NAME: _____

1. What is the status of this species? (See definitions above.) _____
2. Where does it live? _____

3. What does it look like? _____

4. What is its habitat? _____

5. What is the current range of its population? _____

6. Why is it rare, threatened, or endangered? _____

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7. What current actions are people taking to improve its chances of survival? _____

8. What are some ways in which individuals or groups can help this species? _____

9. What other species depend on it? _____

10. Why is it important that this species survive? (Give several reasons.) _____



CAREER CORNER

ENDANGERED SPECIES BIOLOGISTS conduct research to determine whether species are rare or should be listed as threatened or endangered. They work to answer questions like: Why is this species rare or at risk? What are the causes of threats to this species? What can we do to remedy the problem?

