

Animals in danger

As the human population grows, wild animals and humans are squeezed closer together. In many parts of the world, animals' natural **habitats** are being cleared to make room for building or farming. Some kinds of animals can adapt to these changes and live side-by-side with people. But most of them face problems. They do not have enough space to live. They cannot find enough food. These problems mean fewer and fewer of them survive. The animals on this page are all endangered. Could they become extinct?

Endangered!

Name: Goliath frog

Habitat: fast-flowing rainforest rivers

Distribution: equatorial Africa

Problems: habitat loss due to logging, farming and the building of dams. Hunted for food and the pet trade



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Name: Mountain gorilla

Habitat: tropical cloud forests

Distribution: central Africa

Problems: forest habitat has been cleared for timber and to make way for farms, mines and roads



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Name: Kakapo

Habitat: forest and scrubland

Distribution: islands off New Zealand

Problems: hunted almost to the point of extinction by dogs, cats, rats and other predators introduced by human settlers

