

EXPLORERS MISSION

ENDANGERED SPECIES!

The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (also known as the IUCN Red List or Red Data List), founded in 1965, has evolved to become the world's most comprehensive inventory of the global conservation status of biological species. It uses a set of criteria to evaluate the extinction risk of thousands of species and subspecies. These criteria are relevant to all species and all regions of the world,

Your Mission is to identify 4 animals in the reptilariium from different threat levels using the clues!

Animal #1

I can change colour

I have a very long tongue

My conservation status is
LEAST CONCERN

A least concern species is a species which has been categorized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as evaluated but not qualified for any other category. They do not qualify as threatened, near threatened, or conservation dependent.

Animal #2

I have a similar name as #1

I can also change colour

I am very small and hard to see

My Conservation Status is
NEAR THREATENED

A near-threatened species is a species which has been considered threatened with extinction in the near future.

Animal #3

I have eyelashes!

I live in New Caledonia

You may see me sticking to the glass

My conservation status is **VULNERABLE**

A vulnerable species is one which has been categorized as likely to become endangered unless the circumstances that are threatening its survival and reproduction improve. Vulnerability is mainly caused by habitat loss or destruction of the species home. Some species listed as "vulnerable" may be common in captivity

Animal #4

I also have sticky feet that make me stick to the glass

I am a type of lizard that is active at night time

I live in the Vietnamese Rainforest

I am **ENDANGERED**

An endangered species is a species which has been categorized as very likely to become extinct, it is the second most severe conservation status for wild populations in the IUCN's schema after Critically Endangered (CR).

Now that you have found 4 animals from across the range of threat levels, did you know that its not just far away exotic creatures that are at risk. In the UK we have many species that have been categorised as being at risk.

Such as Hedgehogs, Red Squirrels, Dormice, Newts & other Amphibians, Adders and many many others.