

A survey of endangered wild life species on the African Continent

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The environment in which species of organisms exists does not remain constant over long periods. A specie can be threatened, endangered or even extinct. Species in danger of becoming extinct are called endangered. The focus of this paper is on the endangered wild life species on the African continent. The African continent is indeed the home of many species of exotic animals found in the grasslands and the forest vegetation zones of the continent. The wild life species selected for the survey study include Africa Elephants, Mountain Gorillas, Rhinoceros, Cheetah, Zebra and large African Antelope. It was found out that these species are endangered due to habitat loss, hunting, poaching, civil wars, pollution and other human interferences. In the continent as human population expand and natural habitats shrink people and animals are increasingly coming into conflict over living space and food. The human wild life conflict is identified as one of the main threats to the continued survival of many species in different parts of the continent. The wild life species are important for the maintenance of biodiversity, environmental sustainability, boosting of tourism, besides making the African environment beautiful and exciting place to live. African governments should therefore put more efforts towards the protection of endangered species so that they do not become extinct due to their importance and relevance to development.

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