



endangered species

student worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

1. What does "bio" mean?

2. Give a definition for:

a. biodiversity _____

b. endangered _____

c. extinct _____

3. When was the Endangered Species Act (ESA) passed? _____

4. What government agency is responsible for coordinating, implementing, and enforcing the ESA?

5. As of 2008, how many total plants and animals were listed as threatened or endangered?

a. over 100

b. over 500

c. over 1,200

6. Define ecosystem. _____

7. List three reasons why species are becoming endangered.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

8. What are some benefits of biodiversity? _____

9. Why should we save endangered species? _____

10. List two ways you can help endangered species?

a. _____

b. _____

11. What are some threatened or endangered species you saw at the Aquarium?

Research Project (optional): Research your favorite plant or animal at the library or on the Internet. Is it threatened or endangered? If so, why is it endangered or threatened, and what is being done to conserve it? Are there ways you can help?