

## Science Lesson: Endangered Animals

### Let's Take Care of Animals

There are some animals that can only be found in one particular country or area, such as the kangaroo in Australia and the panda in China. They are called **native animals**.



**Animals habitats are affected by human actions.** It is possible that our actions have a negative impact on the environment, causing animals to lose their habitats. If animals have no place to live, they are **at risk of extinction** and can disappear from the planet forever.

### Let's Help Our Animals

Many animals are endangered because they are **hunted** for meat, fur or feathers. Sometimes they are **captured** and sold as pets.

**Endangered animals** need more protection than other animals because there are **fewer** of them on earth.

One example is the spider monkey. These monkeys live at the top of the tallest trees in rain forests of Central and South America.

**Deforestation** is another reason they are at risk. Deforestation is when all the trees in an area are cut down.

To keep animals safe, humans should **take care of animal habitats** and **stop hunting**. Some parks and reserves have been created to help protect animals. Every country has native animals that need to be protect.