

ENDANGERED SPECIES / LESSON OVERVIEW

Objectives

The students will:

- Learn what it means for a species to be classified as an endangered species;
- Learn who decides the "status" of a species;
- Learn about the different species sharks that are endangered;
- Learn how they can help endangered species in the wild.

Lesson Summary

Part 1. Introduction

There are over 8.7 million species of plants and animals in the world with one million of them living in the ocean. Unfortunately, many of these plants and animals are endangered of becoming extinct, meaning they will no longer exist and will never exist again. Why is this happening?

Part 1. What does Endangered Mean?

Students will defined "endangered" and learn the different treaties, laws, and efforts that have been put into place to help protect and preserve endangered species in the wild.

Part 2. Endangered Sharks

Students will explore the importance of sharks in oceans, reasons they are endangered, and how they can help.

Activity 1. Make a Pact

During this activity, students will make a pact with fellow classmates, family, and friends to do everything they can to reduce, reuse, and recycle. With this pact, students will promise to educate everyone they know on conservation issues and show them how they too can help!

Activity 2. Do the Research

During this activity, students will research an endangered species of their choice. They will use their research to create an informational poster that can be put on display throughout the class or even the school! The goal is to spread the word about their species and why everyone should help save them!

Materials

- Poster board/butcher paper
- Pencils, crayons, markers, color pencils
- Computer
- Printer
- Internet access
- Glue
- Scissors