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WHAT DOES WILDLIFE CONSERVATION MEANS?

According to the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972, wildlife includes any animal, bees, butterfly, crustacean, fish and moth and aquatic or land vegetation, which form part of any habitat. Therefore, wildlife refers to living organisms (flora and fauna) in their natural habitats.

Wildlife Conservation: Introduction

There are hundreds of wildlife species like lions, crocodiles, rhinoceros present in the forest. They usually get hunted for their skins, nails, horns and meat. Skins are used for manufacturing clothes, ropes and many useful items. Human beings kill these animals only to fulfil their needs, which are unnecessary and can be fulfilled by other alternatives. So, preventing wildlife species from uneven poaching and killing is wildlife conservation. It is the distinctive approach for protecting the wildlife on Earth and their habitat so that their future-generations can exist without any fear. Here, we understand different examples of wildlife and learn the steps for promoting wildlife conservation.

Definition of Wildlife

Wildlife refers to those organisms that live in forests and remain unfamiliar with the interaction of humans. In simple words, wildlife refers to undomesticated animal species that live away from humans in their habitat.

Example of Wildlife

Animals who live in a wild environment can be called wild animals, which are also referred to as "wildlife" in the modern world. Some of its examples include: Fox, Eagles, Bull, Bear, Crocodile, fox, wild sheep, wild cat, mountain goat, gazelle and so forth. Deserts, forests, rainforests, plains, and grasslands are some places where wildlife is found.

Definition of Wildlife Conservation

Wildlife Conservation can be defined as preventing wildlife from uneven killing and poaching. It also involves the practice of making people aware by telling them about the importance of wildlife.

Wildlife Conservation is very important to maintain the food chain and ecosystem balance. If all the tigers get hunted for skins, then the count of deers increases drastically. Along with this, if humans kill all the hens for meat, then there would be no source of eggs. So, Wildlife conservation is necessary to maintain the population of animals on Earth to maintain their role in the ecosystem and food chain.

Importance of Wildlife Conservation

Let's understand why wildlife conservation is important:

Maintain Balance in the Ecosystem

On Earth, all living beings are interconnected to each other. Whether a lion or a human, every organism plays a significant role in the ecosystem. Wildlife conservation aims to maintain this interconnected ecosystem between different species.

Maintains Natural Habitat

Along with protecting animals, the maintenance of natural habitat is the secondary goal of wildlife conservation. The laws under this do not allow the cutting of trees so that the natural habitat of animals does not get disturbed.

Maintains the Food Chain

In the food chain, all living organisms are interrelated. If any single organism is removed from the food chain, it will disrupt the food chain. For instance, if all the lions are killed, then the count of herbivores will increase. This will lead to disbalance in the ecosystem.

Steps for Promoting Wildlife Conservation

Let's understand the different measures taken for promoting wildlife conservation.

- The governments of different countries form different laws for restricting the hunting of animals
- They also ensure immediate actions if anyone attempts such an act
- Many natural sanctuaries are built to preserve natural habitats for future generations

- To promote the survival of endangered species, many natural parks and sanctuaries provide habitats to endangered animals to breed
- Wildlife Conservation also ensures the protection of natural habitats from pollution and other human activities
- Pollution may ruin the natural environment of animals
- · So, the governments of many countries prohibited Industrial work near the forest
- Reduced meat-eating is increasingly being promoted by various organisations, both for the protection of animals and for good health
- · Governments of many countries have restricted or even banned hunting
- · People have to pay a large fine if they hunt without permission

Wildlife Sanctuaries

Wildlife sanctuaries are areas where endangered animals are kept so as not to get extinct. In these areas, any human interference is prohibited. They play a major role in wildlife conservation.

Importance of Wildlife Sanctuaries

Let's understand the importance of wildlife sanctuaries.

Wildlife sanctuaries provide a natural habitat for animals to breed easily. In this way, they help protect the planet's natural environment. Endangered animals like giant pandas, tigers, whooping cranes, Asian elephants and so forth live in these wildlife sanctuaries. Here, they can enjoy their habitat and can breed easily.

Top Wildlife Sanctuaries in India

- Kaziranga National Park, Assam
- Periyar National Park
- Jim Corbett National Park
- Ranthambore National Park, Rajasthan
- Bandhavgarh National Park, Madhya Pradesh
- Manas Wildlife Sanctuary

Top Wildlife Sanctuaries in the World

• Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, Australia: for preserving kangaroos, platypus, and birds

- Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary, Borneo: for preserving orangutans.
- Noah's Ark, USA: for preserving bears, tigers, and lions

Conclusion

Wildlife conservation is essential to maintain the balance of the ecosystem. It is necessary to protect the rare and extinct species of animals. In India and around the world, there are different wildlife sanctuaries to protect and preserve some distinctively rare animals like Kaziranga National Park, Jim Corbett National Park, Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary etc. The governments of many countries have implemented strict norms to promote wildlife conservation. The life of human beings without wildlife is impossible on Earth and therefore, wildlife conservation is very significant.



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