

## Roles of the ESA

On Earth, with this much space and habitat, there are about one million animal and plant species that are currently under the threat of **extinction**. Imagine our world. The lush green plants, the chittering animals, and yet one million of those animals are endangered. Some of these species **encompasses** bears, salmon, tigers, pandas... The ESA has some ways to restore the animals back to our world. ESA stands for Endangered Species Act. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the Fish and Wildlife Service, the ESA is a program (and this program gives laws) that protects endangered and threatened species. By protecting our world's animals and plants, you can benefit yourself from a lot of things like cleaner water, food supply and many more benefits to your health. All the cause of animal and plant protection. If it **irks** you when you see trash on the ground, protecting animal and plants should benefit you. The ESA reinforces the protections for endangered species by banning harming or killing endangered species, banning importing or shipping endangered species, and protecting the land of endangered species. If one species go extinct, then their might be **barrage** of problems with the world.

The ESA helps endangered animals and plants by banning harming or killing endangered animals or plants. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, if someone does kill or harm, it will result in a fine of 50,000 dollars. Harming or killing endangered animals can cause extinction. And most of the time, an animal's or plant's extinction can cause our world to be unstable or even collapse. For example, if salmon went extinct, then bears would get hungry and turn into an animal that is endangered or extinct. Causing the next animal and the next. Or, maybe eagles went extinct, then rabbits will grow invasive everywhere. If the world is this unstable, we might not be getting the food we need or the clean water we need. In this case, most

of the human population would probably go down. By banning killing or harming endangered species, we can avoid the unbalanced state of animals and plants.

Not only can the ESA protect endangered species by banning killing or harming endangered species, but the ESA also bans importing or shipping any endangered species. By shipping or importing these species, people can harm the environment the species lives in, the species itself, and the place the animal or plant is going to be settling in. If one species **forsakes** their environment, the things that it eats or eats it may get invasive or it may become an endangered species (assuming it's not at the bottom of the food chain). Another thing is that shipping or importing may harm the species itself. Not only does the person need to get the species in a cage of sorts, and **constrain** it, but the species also needs to adapt to its new **adverse** environment, which may cause stress and the species may die, making the species closer to extinction. Last of all, shipping or importing may harm other species in the new habitat. Perfectly fine prey might become extinct and perfectly fine predators may become invasive. If someone imports or ships an endangered species, it can cause lots of things to go wrong. The ESA can prevent these three devastating things.

Lastly, the ESA can protect the endangered species in the surrounding area. This can also benefit global warming, prevent other species' extinction and many more things. Most of all, protecting endangered species' land can not only protect the endangered species itself, but also protect its surroundings and habitat. Which also benefits that the endangered species doesn't need to change its habits, its life doesn't need to be uprooted to a **sanctuary**. Therefore, protecting the land can benefit from three things, all which our world needs.

Given these points, the ESA protects endangered species by banning harming and killing importing and shipping, and by watching over the land that the animal/plants live in. By doing

these things, the ESA is not only protecting animals and plants, but also helping our environment by doing so. Even if you are **disinterested**, you can still help. Just a little is okay, doesn't need to be your **maximum** effort. Save what we have lost, and save nature.

United States Environmental Protection Agency: <https://www.epa.gov/>

Fish and Wildlife Service: <https://www.fws.gov/>