

What is the ESA and why should we support it? Why is it important to save endangered species? The ESA stands for The Endangered Species Act. The ESA has been saving animals and their habitats since 1973. It has saved about 291 species. Animals and plants keep the environment healthy, and a healthy environment can help in many ways. There is the food chain that **tampered** with would cause huge confusion in the animal kingdom. Since the ESA does so much for so many species, this is a sign we should support it.

First of all, how would people feel if we just let every animal and plant species die? How would people feel, letting species die while we could be helping? That would be **incomprehensible**. What if cats or dogs were dying, but we couldn't do anything? The ESA makes sure that doesn't happen by protecting those animals.

Secondly, most plant species help humans and the Earth in one way or another. There are medicinal plants or plants that are used in everyday life. Animals also depend on plants, such as herbivores. Many animals eat plants that have seeds and later on, excrete the seeds. Those seeds will then grow into the same plant, and another of the animal species will eat it. This goes on over and over, but if one species became extinct, the other species would become endangered. Furthermore, according to the Endangered Species Coalition, some plant species help us live our daily lives. Like trees, for example, they take in the carbon dioxide in the air and make it oxygen. Or vegetables, we eat them from time to time to stay healthy.

Thirdly, the habitats of animals are also very important. Some animal species usually **designate** themselves to a specific habitat because they have adapted to that environment. If those types of habitats disappeared, the animal species would have to move to another habitat.

They would not be ready for the sudden change in temperature or **terrain**. There would also be many predators in the new habitat, which could be a potential **hazard** to the newly introduced species.

Moreover, if some species went extinct, the food chain would topple down and it would be **devastating**. If an animal that is preyed on went extinct, the predators would starve to death and would start hunting other animals. As a result, that would lead to the whole food chain erupting into chaos, with different predators fighting each other over prey, killing everything in their path because they are **famished**. The animal population would slowly **recede** until there was nothing left. But if we saved those endangered species with the help of the ESA, none of this would happen. The world would live its life how it is.

In conclusion, the ESA is very important to the world. It has saved many species, and it will continue doing so for many years. Extinction is like a water pipe that has a **trickle**, that trickle will turn into a **deluge**, and it'll be hard to stop it. The future of Earth may depend on how the environment and species are maintained. This is why we should support it.

Plant extinction 'bad news for all species' - BBC News

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Importance of the Endangered Species Act

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