

## What is the ESA and Why Should we Support it?

What is the ESA and why should we support it? The ESA stands for Endangered Species Act. It has been doing wonderful things for the environment for a long time. It is the establishment for the protection of fish, animals and plants; it was enacted on Dec, 28 1973. After it was enacted, the ESA has prevented the extinction of roughly 291 different species. We should support the ESA because it's the right thing to do, it is because of us that these species are dying, and the food chain would become unbalanced if one species died out.

We should support the ESA because it is the right thing to do. By not supporting the ESA you are leaving many species of endangered animals and plants to die. If you support the ESA you would be reaching out a helping hand to those animals and plants that are endangered. Support the ESA so you can continue on this **unique legacy** that they have started. Even if it is in an indirect way it still makes an impact and is the right thing to do.

Plants and animals are dying because of habitat loss, pollution, and over-hunting. According to the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, the bald eagle which preys on many farm animals such as lamb and chickens because of this, **agitated** farmers often shot bald eagles and didn't give them an **iota** of kindness. This **diminished** the bald eagle population. Soon after World War II DDT was introduced as a new pesticide which was a **hazard** to the bald eagle's environment. There was a huge **decrease** in the bald eagle's population so the ESA listed the bald eagle as endangered, this helped other organizations breed these eagles in captivity and in June, 28 2007. Is it not such a great thing to hear that these animals are recovering? Not to

mention what would happen to our nation if its capital went extinct. This is why we should support the ESA. These life-saving seeds they plant can **germinate** and grow!

What is a food chain? A food chain is a series of animals that are dependent on one another to survive. If one animal goes extinct, its entire food chain would take a blow. Eco Bear says that if mice and rats were to go extinct, predators that prey on mice and rats would have a hard time surviving. Those that rats and mice prey on would overpopulate. All animals are **vital** to the ecosystem. If we do not support the ESA animals might go extinct and many food chains would struggle and maybe even collapse. These animals will never recover completely **unscathed** but the ESA can prevent them from going truly extinct and unrecoverable.

In conclusion, the ESA should be supported because it is the right thing to do, it's because of us that these plants and animals are dying, and the food chain would become unbalanced if one species died out. By not supporting the ESA you would be making a big mistake, we should support the ESA so they can continue keeping species of animals and plants alive. The ESA can help steady the food chain by preventing animal and plant extinction. You might say, why is this my business? Why should I care? You should care because how would you feel if your home was being polluted and destroyed; then people just sit and watch your home getting destroyed while not doing anything when they could be doing something? You would be doing the right thing in all ways by supporting the ESA.

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