

Prompt: Why the ESA is an important piece of conservation legislation

Why is the Endangered Species Act important?

Did you know that the Endangered Species Act has nearly saved 300 different species of animals already? The Endangered Species Act is a law founded in 1973 to conserve plant and animal species in danger of becoming extinct. The law helps prevent capturing or keeping endangered species. The ESA is an essential piece of conservation legislation because if one animal goes extinct, the whole food chain could fall, it has already saved many **unique** types of plants and animals, and some endangered or soon-to-be-endangered plants could cure sicknesses.

First and foremost, if one animal dies out, the whole food chain could fall. Take the wolves of Yellowstone as an example. There was one time when their populations **diminished**. At that time, their prey (elk and deer) thrived, and they destroyed songbird habitats, which caused mosquito populations to rise. In addition, according to [BBC](#), prey populations are almost always larger than predator populations. This information shows that if the predator populations declined, then prey would basically take over. If you don't want to face the **wrath** of crickets, flies, and other pests, you can save these predators and other species by starting campaigns to stop hunting for these animals. Even a small change would impact the animal community.

Also, the ESA has already saved many adverse types of animals. Some species include the Bald eagle, the Hawaiian monk seal, and the sea otter. Many people would be **heartrended** if one of those species died out! As stated by [NCBI](#), the ESA has saved 291 species from extinction, and has saved roughly 99% of the species under its protection, which is a pretty high percentage of success. You can help the ESA save more species of animals by removing plastic

and other **hazards** from the ocean and making sure tourists don't accidentally spread diseases to them.

Last but not least, Some endangered or soon to be endangered plants could cure people of sicknesses. One example is Rosy Periwinkle. It can support your body when dealing with cancer or diabetes, according to [Greentumble](#). Another example is American Ginseng. American Ginseng can support your immune system and ease stomach aches. Without any of these plants, people would have stomach aches a lot more often! You can try to save these plants by planting some in your backyard or garden.

Some people might say that the ESA spends too much money every year just to save some **puny** and **trivial** animals. However, these "random animals" might actually be the ones that eat termites, or cockroaches, or mosquitoes. So unless you really want to have bed bugs crawling around in your bed or mosquitoes stinging you every day, then don't be **reluctant** to support the ESA!

In conclusion, The ESA is a **substantial** piece of conservation legislation because if one animal is no longer existent, the whole ecosystem could collapse, it has saved many **vital** species of plants and animals, and some endangered or soon to be endangered plants could cure diseases. You can help support the ESA by advocating for endangered predators, removing plastic from the ocean, and planting plants in your backyard.

Sources cited:

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