

D-5: Trends in the number and distribution of selected species

Glossary and abbreviations

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Critically endangered species:	Species facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future.
Endangered species:	Species which are not "critically endangered" but are facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future.
Endemic species:	Species that are unique to a defined geographical area.
Flagship species:	Species of particular intrinsic (cultural and historical) appeal to the citizens of the country as a whole or its regions, which are selected to act as an ambassador, icon or symbol for a defined habitat, issue, campaign or environmental cause.
Keystone species:	Species that play an essential role in the structure, functioning or productivity of a habitat or ecosystem at a defined level (habitat, soil, seed dispersal, etc.). The loss of these species will significantly affect the population sizes of other species in the ecosystem, potentially leading to further species loss ("cascade effect"). Examples include the bats and insects role in maintaining pollination.
Protected species:	Species, which are protected in accordance with national legal provisions.
Threatened species:	Sum of species "critically endangered", "endangered" and "vulnerable".
Vulnerable species:	Species which are not "critically endangered" or "endangered" but are facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future.

Abbreviations:

CBD:	Convention on Biological Diversity
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CITES:	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
EEA:	European Environment Agency
EIONET:	European Environment Information and Observation Network
ETC/BD:	European Topic Centre/Biological Diversity
EU:	European Union
EUNIS:	European Nature Information System
GIS:	Geographic Information System
IUCN:	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
UNEP:	United Nations Environment Programme
WCMC:	World Conservation Monitoring Centre
WWF:	World Wide Fund for Nature