D-4: Threatened and protected 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.

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
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
IUCN: International Union for the Conservation of Nature
UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme
WCMC: World Conservation Monitoring Centre