



Paradise Under Threat

Ages 12-15

Links in with the National Curriculum through Key Stage 3 Geography and Key Stage 3 Biology.

PRE ACTIVITY

Objective - To encourage pupils to begin thinking about topics such as conservation and threats facing different animals on Earth.

Group task

Divide the class into several small groups. Allocate each group one of the following words (conservation, habitat, endangered, extinct, protected) and instruct pupils to discuss the meaning of their given word in terms of threats to wildlife and habitats.

Allow suitable time for discussion and then ask each group for the definition they decided upon. If pupils are unsure give a brief description which will be elaborated upon during the classroom session.

POST ACTIVITY

Objective - To allow pupils to begin thinking independently about issues surrounding conservation.

Individual task

For the following habitats/animals, list or describe ONE possible threat that they face and ONE possible solution to this threat. If there is no possible solution that the pupil can think of, they can instead list a reason why the threat is present (or list the effect that the listed threat will have on the animal or habitat).

As a secondary task, ask pupils to consider how sharks specifically are under threat. Why are numbers declining? Is there anything that can be done to stop population numbers from declining?