

Species ID Cards — Mammals

Print, cut along the frames, and use for sorting, matching, or conservation-status discussion. For grades 3–8.

Giant Panda

Ailuropoda melanoleuca

VU

VULNERABLE

RANGE

Mountains of central China

DID YOU KNOW?

Eats bamboo 10–16 hours a day.

African Savanna Elephant

Loxodonta africana

EN

ENDANGERED

RANGE

Sub-Saharan Africa

DID YOU KNOW?

Largest land animal; its trunk has 40,000+ muscles.

Sea Otter

Enhydra lutris

EN

ENDANGERED

RANGE

North Pacific coasts

DID YOU KNOW?

Has the densest fur of any animal and uses tools.

African Lion

Panthera leo

VU

VULNERABLE

RANGE

Sub-Saharan Africa

DID YOU KNOW?

The only big cat that lives in social groups.

Polar Bear

Ursus maritimus

VU

VULNERABLE

RANGE

Arctic sea ice

DID YOU KNOW?

Its fur is translucent, not white.

Mountain Gorilla

Gorilla beringei beringei

EN

ENDANGERED

RANGE

Virunga & Bwindi, Africa

DID YOU KNOW?

Shares about 98% of its DNA with humans.

Red Panda

EN

Ailurus fulgens

ENDANGERED

RANGE

Eastern Himalayas

DID YOU KNOW?

Has a 'false thumb' for gripping bamboo.

Brown Bear

LC

Ursus arctos

LEAST CONCERN

RANGE

N. America, Europe, Asia

DID YOU KNOW?

Can eat 30 or more salmon in a single day.

Asian Elephant

EN

Elephas maximus

ENDANGERED

RANGE

South & Southeast Asia

DID YOU KNOW?

Has one finger on its trunk tip; African elephants have two.

Harbor Seal

LC

Phoca vitulina

LEAST CONCERN

RANGE

Northern Hemisphere coasts

DID YOU KNOW?

Each seal's spot pattern is unique, like a fingerprint.

West Indian Manatee

VU

Trichechus manatus

VULNERABLE

RANGE

SE United States & Caribbean

DID YOU KNOW?

More closely related to elephants than to whales.