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Endangered species

Sarah: Wentworth, I heard that animal smuggling has become a fifteen billion dollars-a-year industry worldwide. What do you think about this?

W: I think it's a real shame and human greed is threatening the existence of many species.

Sarah: an estimated 38 million creatures, from butterflies to alligators, panthers and monkeys, are removed from the wild just in Brazil each year. Isn't it awful?

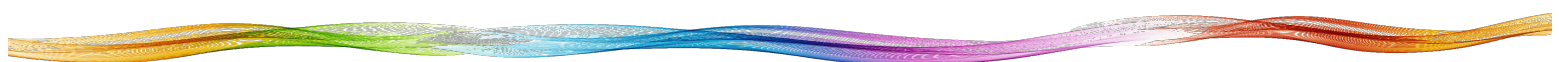
W: definitely. For me the explanation is that with human populations growing, many countries are experiencing habitat destruction and human-wildlife conflict.

Sarah: what makes me sad is so many species are on the brink of extinction, and nobody is reacting.

W: I don't think so. Some animal rights activists are pretty active, and fight against poaching, animal trafficking and smuggling.

Sarah: how can you explain then that the world lost more than 90% of its tiger population in the twentieth century? And what about the whales? Over a thousand of them are killed each year despite a moratorium on commercial whaling! Where are the animal rights activists?

W: Well, they do their best by creating wildlife sanctuaries, by banning ivory trade, and crack down on illegal trading. The problem is they aren't numerous and powerful enough to tip the balance in favour of the animals. Unfortunately, only humans can halt the worst wave of extinction since the dinosaurs died and ensure the survival of many species.





GLOSSARY:

Endangered species	Creatures
To become	Butterflies
To threaten	Alligators
To estimate	Panthers
To remove	Monkeys
To grow	The wild
To experience	The explanation
To be on the brink of extinction	Human populations
To react	Habitat destruction
To fight	Human-wildlife conflict
To explain	Animal rights
To lose/lost/lost	Activists
To kill	Poaching
To do one's best	Animal trafficking
To create	Tiger
To ban	The twentieth century
To crack down	Over a thousand of them
To tip the balance	A moratorium
To halt	Commercial whaling
To die	Wild life sanctuaries
To ensure	Banning ivory trade
Animal smuggling	illegal trading
A real shame	the worst wave of extinction
Human greed	The dinosaurs
The existence	The survival
Many species	Worldwide
A whale	Each year
	Awful
	Nobody
	Pretty active
	Despite
	Numerous
	Powerful
	In favour of



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