

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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Where are they now? The beautiful animals that we are losing all over the world daily due to poaching, hunting, killing because they are destructive to farmers or townscapes.

Both in Asia and Africa due to extension of cities near the forests and jungles where the wild animals live, cities with large apartment buildings, shopping centers, highways and bridges across lakes and rivers force animals to a smaller space in the jungle. As we saw in the 60 minutes on Sunday, that a herd of elephants was marching through Shanghai, probably their old route from one place to another where they find their grazing fields best. Mumbai in India was built near the jungles. It is one of India's biggest city now. Still, leopards, monkeys, and lions walk into the city on the highways built. The most dangerous are the leopards because they get angry at people when they are chased and get wilder and wilder and jump on them. If the leopards taste human blood once, they desire it even more and get used to coming into town and attacking humans. There is a wildlife protection agency in Mumbai, who are tracking these animals by electronic collars with good and bad success. Indonesia is one of the last countries where orangutans still live. The orangutan population is about 70,000 in Indonesia but it is only a small fracture of the past population. They also have a chance to visit cities as their jungles are close. The orangutan has the closest personality compared to humans. They have facial expressions showing their feelings, they can laugh, they can show sadness and they can use their bodylanguage as they feel. Of course they can climb trees better than humans. People have been stealing orangutans for exportation and home entertainment. The Indonesian Government is protecting the orangutans now and they have a marvelous orphanage for them where they teach the young ones and babies found alone how to be an orangutan and when they are competent they are taken to protected forests and let fend for themselves. The population of orangutans are growing this way.

Eventually I wish to mention the rhinoceros and elephants. Rhinos are also reduced in their numbers because they naturally only have one baby per every two year. They are hunted for their horn which is a big market piece in some countries. This is a mistaken belief that rhino horns are medicinal or magical but you cannot fight human stupidity constanly. In Asia, rhinos live close to farmlands and as they are vegetarians, they destroy farmland, not to the happiness of the poor farmers. They shoot a lot of the rhinos. The elephants are in a similar situation, except their ivory tusks are the market makers and they are shot by poachers. Many African governments have very strict prohibitions against poaching, with not too great of a success. Where are these animals and what will happen in the future?

Do you know that in the Communist China back a few years ago – the government restricted families to have more than 2 children? Think about the consequences, if the world followed this example!!!!!!
