

Fact Sheet: The African Lion

The African lion is in danger. On March 1, 2011, Humane Society International and The Humane Society of the United States, along with Born Free USA, Born Free Foundation, Defenders of Wildlife, The Fund for Animals, and the International Fund for Animal Welfare, petitioned to have the African lion listed as “endangered” under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Why?

There are fewer than 40,000 African lions left in the wild—some scientists estimate as few as 23,000. Over the past 30 years, their population has dropped by at least 48.5 percent. The survivors have lost most of their homelands.

Protection under the Endangered Species Act could save the African lion. In addition to losing their habitat, African lions are being killed for trophies and souvenirs. The United States is the number one importer of lion trophies, parts, and products. Protecting lions under the Endangered Species Act would make it illegal to import these products into the United States.

African lions need all the help they can get if they are to survive. Support our petition to give the African lion ESA protection. For more information on how you can help, visit humanesociety.org.



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