

Name _____

Endangered Species Match and Save

Sadly, lions are becoming members of a special group of animals—those listed as endangered. Meet some of the world's most endangered animals. Can you match each one with the main reasons the animal has become rare?

Use the *italic* words to guide you. When you choose correctly, they'll complete the sentences explaining why that animal is endangered. Fill in the blanks with the correct words.



tiger:
potions, medicines



sea turtle:
plastic bags, eggs



blue butterfly:
farms, houses



orangutan:
man, forest



panther:
license plates, speeding cars

right whale:
fishing nets, ships



1. _____ and _____ have been built over areas where the lupine wildflower grows. Lupine is an essential food for my larva. **Who am I?** _____
2. I often get tangled in _____ or collide with _____. Oil spills and ocean pollution are major problems too. **Who am I?** _____
3. People hunt me so that they can use my bones in _____ and _____. Also, too many trees in my habitat have been cut down for timber. **Who am I?** _____
4. As Florida's official animal, I appear on many of the state's _____. But some of my biggest enemies are _____! An even bigger problem is that swamps, where I live, are being filled in so that more homes, stores, and hotels can be built. **Who am I?** _____
5. My name means "_____ of the _____." Although I am a wild animal, I am often captured and sold as a pet. **Who am I?** _____
6. I often choke on floating litter, such as _____ and balloons, which I mistake for jellyfish. Also, my _____ are taken for food. **Who am I?** _____

Choose an animal on this page and write a research paper about that species. Include interesting information about the animal. Also report on why that species is endangered and what is being done to help. Use the back of this page for notes.