

What can each college student do to protect endangered species and preserve their habitats from extinction?

Earth has been in the solar system for approximately 4.6 billion years, inhabited by all forms of life from the very first single cell organisms to the complex form of organism like us, Homo sapiens. According to Professor Gerardo Ceballos, National Autonomous University of Mexico, mankind is the main cause of animal extinction. Humans are on the verge of entering the Sixth Mass Extinction which is an event akin to biological annihilation. So as descendants, we must play our part right in order to preserve the biosphere from being demolished by irresponsible people. As college students, we are the future of the generation and we are the ones who are going to inherit this earth. We must do something to protect these endangered species and preserve their habitats from extinction.

It is undeniable that fundraising and organizing campaigns are one of the few effective ways of saving our Mother Earth. Students can lend a hand to activists in collaboration of organizing campaigns. This is because these campaigns play a significant role in raising awareness to the society. Most of the people nowadays may not know the importance of nature conservation. However, through these continuous organisations of campaigns and fundraising, people will be exposed to the environment that conservation is necessary. Thus, they are able to have fun with friends and altogether learn the ways of conservation through various interesting activities.

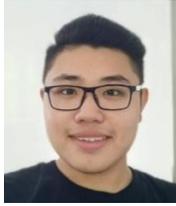
Recently, one of the few islands in the South Pacific is found to have lots of plastics ashore. This evidently shows that all plastics thrown into the sea have beached on the island. Consequently, the island, which was once a crown jewel of the sea has turned into a landfill of plastics. As these plastics are not biodegradable, they are not going to rot. This results in a severe negative impact to the animals that inhabit there. Dolphins and turtles are going to eat them as food and they are going to get tangled in these plastic materials which will result in death. This will also result in the loss of their natural habitat as well. Therefore, we, as college students as the future earthlings must ensure that we dispose plastics in a proper manner. This will lead to a better and greener environment. The world will be free of plastics, or at least have lesser plastic. The sea will not be full of plastics and microplastics as these are lethal to both humans and aquatic life.

Additionally, college students should work with the governments and also non-government organisations in order to protect endangered species and preserve their habitats

from extinction. Students can suggest stricter laws to be implemented to deal with those inhumane poachers and illegal loggers. As such, period of imprisonment can be lengthened. Furthermore, these uncivilised people should be fined heavily and should be charged with hard labour. For instance, they can be charged with hard labour as groundskeepers in national parks to remind them how important it is to conserve the nature rather than obliterating it.

To sum up, conservation is just as fundamentally important as nurturing a child. This is because the Earth is our only habitable home in the entire universe. As we are on the brink of entering the Sixth Mass Extinction, we must prevent it at all cost. We must know that hundreds of various species of animals are disappearing each day and if we do not play our part well, we may end up having the same fate as them too!

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