



Just Leave Me Alone...

Many animals are vanishing because their *habitat is being destroyed* or they are *illegally hunted*. People destroy habitat for **farming**, for **logging**, to **build roads**, or to **build houses**. People hunt them for their **special body parts**, for **sport**, for **fun**, or to **keep as pets**. People who illegally hunt animals are called **poachers**.

Directions: Look for signs with the “Vanishing Animal” symbol on them. Observe the animal and read the sign to help you complete the scavenger hunt. Then draw a picture of the animal in the box next to the questions.

A. Reptile Building

1. This snake is a native of Alabama. It is vanishing due to habitat loss. What is it?
2. What is this animal's habitat?
3. What is this animal's food?

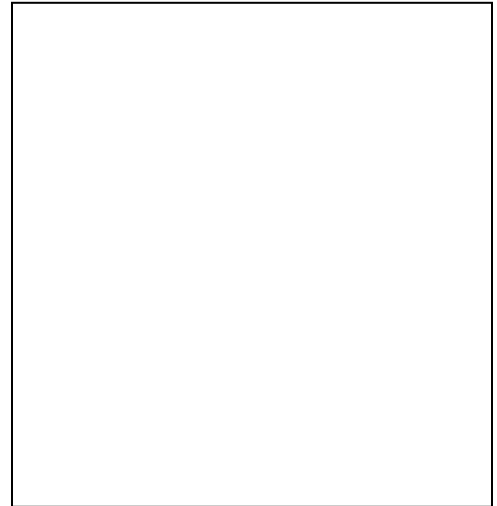
4. This animal is the largest lizard in the world. It is vanishing due to habitat loss. What is it?
5. How many of these animals are left in the wild?
6. What is this animal's habitat?

B. Primate Building

7. This ape is vanishing because its habitat is being turned into farmland. What is it?

8. What is this animal's habitat?

9. What does this animal eat?

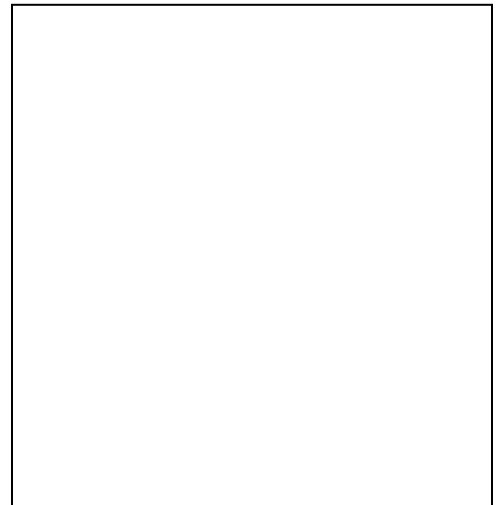


C. Between Hippos and Camels

10. This animal is vanishing because of loss of habitat, high mortality and hunting for its hide. What is it?

11. How many of these animals are left in the wild?

12. What does this animal eat?

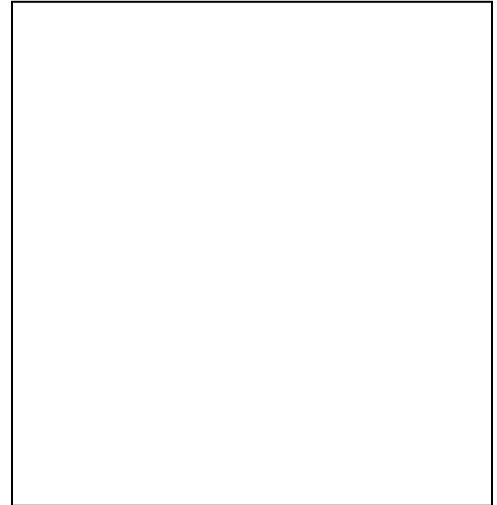


D. Elephant Building

13. This animal is vanishing because it is hunted illegally for its tusks. What is it?

14. What is this animal's habitat?

15. What does this animal eat?

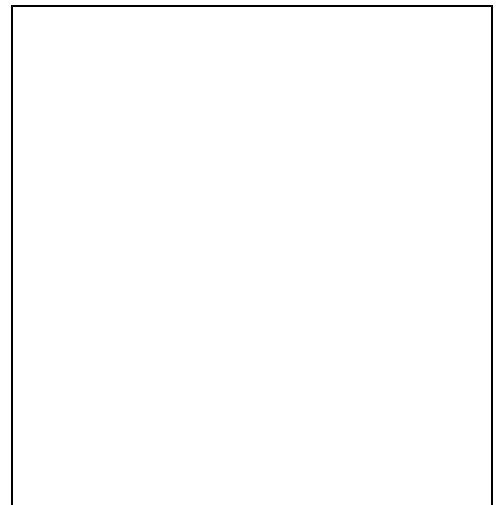


E. Predator Building

16. This animal is vanishing because of habitat destruction, loss of large prey and it is being hunted for its fur and body parts to be made into medicine. What is it?

17. What are zoos doing to help this animal?

18. What is this animal's habitat?



Answers

1. Black Pine snake
2. Wooded lots, rocky hillsides, cultivated areas
3. Small mammals
4. Komodo dragon
5. 2,500-5,000
6. Open grasslands
7. Lowland gorilla
8. Tropical forest
9. Fibrous bulky vegetable matter
10. Cheetah
11. 9,000-12,000
12. Small antelope, hares and rodents
13. Asian elephant
14. Forests and grasslands
15. Grass, shrubs, fruit and bark
16. Tiger
17. Captive breeding programs called SSPs
18. Forest