

Species are becoming extinct 100 times faster than they would without human impact

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Climate change has one of the biggest effects on animals today. According to Fauna organisation, elephants in Africa are very sensitive to the rising temperatures and are subject to new diseases. They need large amounts of water which is becoming extremely scarce due to drought and desertification.

The number of tigers in the wild has declined to as few as 3,200 due to the risk of fire in habitats, says the [wwf.org.uk](http://www.wwf.org.uk). The animals' habitats are being destroyed, animals are becoming extinct, and the ice is vanishing in Antarctica.

Humans are the main cause of climate change. We need to change our ways to see a brighter future for our world.

A study concluded the best way to protect species from these changes is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to prevent climate change. Human activities are one of the reasons why habitat destruction and extinction are ranked so high.

In my opinion, there is still hope to save animals from extinction and animals changing their shape to suit today's climate. It is not the easiest goal to reach but small simple changes do make difference, even if it is walking to the shop instead of driving, using reusable water bottles or planting a herb garden. It's all about making the right choice.

Wildlife populations have fallen by more than two-thirds in less than 50 years, according to a major report by the conservation group WWF. We are reminded daily about climate change and how fast it is being destroyed. So why is there no change? "We are wrecking our world- the one place we call home- risking our health, security and survival here on earth. Now nature is sending us a desperate SOS and time is running out", stated by Helen Briggs, the BBC Environment correspondent.

Hope is not lost yet! Studies reveal that by protecting 50% of the land and ocean around the world, plant and animals' species could thrive. Unless greenhouse gas emissions are severely reduced, climate change could cause a quarter of land animals and birdlife to become extinct, says climateandweather.net. It may sound challenging, but it certainly is attainable.