

Paper Title: Species Extinction  
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Feedback Areas: Topic Development, Organization  
Paper Goals: Global Societal Problem, Argument and Solution Reflect: Based on the topic that you have chosen, you will need to use critical thinking skills to thoroughly understand how this topic can be a global societal problem and determine some logical solution(s) to the problem.

### Proofing Summary:

Hi Elizabeth,

I'm Rita, your composition tutor I have reviewed your submission and have several suggestions that will help you revise.

Please see my margin comments along with the following suggestions: Even though you have done a good job of dealing with the various aspects of the prompt, it will help to reexamine a sample paper for the class at this link:

[https://bridgepoint.equella.college.com/curriculum/file/aab540bd-81bd-495c-8ff1-f2bdadbbcff4/1/Sample Final Paper GEN 499\\_final.pdf](https://bridgepoint.equella.college.com/curriculum/file/aab540bd-81bd-495c-8ff1-f2bdadbbcff4/1/Sample%20Final%20Paper%20GEN%20499_final.pdf).

1. For this paper, The introduction paragraph should end with a thesis statement that includes your proposed solution to the societal problem. Also, include the positive ethical outcome of the solution. Consider following this format for your thesis:

(Your issue) should/should not \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, we should (insert your solutions to the problem). These solutions create (insert the positive and negative ethical implications)Introduction and Thesis:

2. Be sure to create fully-developed body paragraphs. Each body paragraph must include a topic sentence, in your own words, that tells your reader what the focus of that paragraph will be. Second, it must include several sentences that work to explain, support, and give examples, including any evidence as well as an explanation or interpretation of that evidence. Finally, there must be a concluding sentence, in your own words, that tells your reader how that paragraph relates to the overall point of the essay. See this link for more details:

<https://awc.ashford.edu/essay-dev-good-paragraph.html>.

3. Citing sources- You must do an in-text citation any time that you summarize, paraphrase, or directly quote another person's words or ideas.

4. Proofing for errors- You have a few punctuation errors in your writing and some needed minor modifications for the References page and APA format.

Good luck in the course, and I hope we can help you with your next week's assignment.

Running head: SPECIES EXTINCTION

Global Societal Problem: Species Extinction

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This looks good, Elizabeth. Everything needs to be double spaced for APA.

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For this, the first page of text, you begin with your introduction; however, first, you repeat the title of the paper and center it. It should be in normal tital capitalizatio.

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Extinction is stipulated to be the process by which a group of organisms dies out. Species extinction is, therefore, the dying out of a group of particular organisms as a result of their inability to cope with the changes in the environment. As established by Charles Darwin in his theory of evolution, extinction is a natural phenomenon (Darwin, 1951). The theory of evolution provides that, natural selection acts to preserve the functional advantage of a certain species of organisms to enable them to survive in the wild. As a society, is it out responsibility to ensure, both plants and animals species are kept safe because, the few years taken to destroy the real natural beauty, will take millions of years to compensate. Forms of lives have over millions of years through the interactive force of natural selection, and these organisms have an intrinsic right to exist on their own and not face extinction. Loss of biodiversity has both direct and indirect influence on humanity.

The continuous process of species extinction affects out social and cultural beliefs in a manner that affects the psychospiritual value of the people. Species extinction is a growing problem because the human population is increasing and human activities are established to be the primary contributor to massive species extinction (Shah, 2017). In a bid to alleviate the problem, people should curb their excessive consumption of natural resources and should emphasize more on protection and restoration of the remaining natural habitat. This can be done through the identification of the species which are more likely to go extinct and providing protection to their natural habitat.

**Problem**

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You are on the right track with all of this, but need to fine tune it.

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Biodiversity is of crucial importance to humans. The practical value provided by native species such as food, medicine, and fuel impacts our lives positively. According to Daniel Simberloff, the professor of environmental studies at the University of Tennessee provides that, we are the midst of mass extinction (Simberloff, 2003). Although extinction is a natural phenomenon, it occurs naturally in the background. However, <sup>human</sup> humanistic activities have hastened the process to be hundred times the background rate. In the "Origin of Species," Charles Darwin provides a demonstration of how we are surrounded by astounding biodiversity which is constantly renewed through the process of evolution (Darwin, 1951). Fossil records stipulate that, since the Cambrian, 542 million ago, there <sup>have</sup> has been at least five massive extinctions. The pressing issue is the alarming situation to stop the sixth mass extinction that threatens the survival of the current biodiversity (Pimm, 2014). The present form of destruction is anthropogenic mass extinction whose primary cause is human activities.

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Environmental conservationists have made efforts to preserve species in our ecosystem. Species extinction is a very crucial matter, but how is this issue problematic to our society? The presence of diversified species ensures the ecosystem is resilient and this gives the community a wider scope to withstand stress within the environment. According to National Geographic, the growing human population from 6 billion in 2003 to the current approximated 8 billion, has increased human activities which are stipulated to have contributed massively to species extinction (Christine, 2014). Human activities such as extinguishment are purported to be morally acceptable in Kareiva and Marvier as long as it does not harm people. This view is unfair and unjust because humans control more than the fair share of the earth's resources and increase human population and economic demands which threaten the existence of the most

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Is there a citation for this?

I like how you have pulled in ethical issue. Tell us more about Kareiva and Marvier.

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indigenous species should be limited. The extinction of species should not be the solution to our problems.

Natural species, both plants, and animals also provide balance to our ecosystem through climate regulation and cycling of crucial chemical elements in the environment. The extinction of certain species of organism can result in the buildup of toxic chemicals which is likely to affect humans. The destruction of the ecosystem and extinguishment of the existing species for our economic benefits is selfish and morally unacceptable (Sax, 2013). Natural species are the repositories of an organic order of nature's order and creativity. Every species is unique, and they are destined to achieve a certain purpose in our environment. Fairness in sharing both the land and waters of the earth with other species is a matter of justice and not economic convenience.

This is all nicely presented.

As provided by Vincent in, "The Encyclopedia of Social Problems" that, the forms of life we lose can never come back (Vincent, 2008). There are certain species of animals and plants in the ecosystem which maintains the existence of individual organisms. The death of these species can result in the eventual extinction of other related species. Organisms maintain balance in our ecosystem by ensuring the fixation of individual elements such as carbon dioxide and the cycling of elements such as oxygen. Increased human activities have accelerated the process of extinction of species, and this is life threatening because life on earth can fail to exist without the presence of services such as fixation and cycling of elements.

Leave out the boxed word for sentence structure.

Proof for subject / verb agreement.

### Solutions

Many scientists believe that the first half of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is the most significant in the preservation of our biodiversity and restoration of our endangered species. The conservation of our biodiversity begins with the change in our mental perception. Our neoliberal obsession with

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economic growth and profit maximization is the principal drive towards species extinction. The same way a farmer is likely to lose benefits as a result of ignoring the cost of cleaning the river contaminated with pesticides is the same way we are likely to lose out natural biodiversity due to our selfishness (Brown, 1997). We need to change our view of nature through a radical transformation of how life can be valued economically. Governments and businesses have implemented biodiversity offsetting programs. These programs are aimed to recreate nature sites as a replacement of life lost through development schemes.

You have build a convincing argument. When you conclude your paragraph, you want to draw together the information you have presented to elaborate your main idea. To do that, you summarize the points made, repeat words from the topic sentence, and use linking words like therefore, thus, and in summary to tie the paragraph back to the thesis.

With the increasing human activities as a result of growth in the human population, environment conservationists have developed a means of assisting communities neighboring natural earn a livelihood without compromising the existing natural resources (Geraldo, 2015). For example, income-generating activities such as ecotourism have been developed in a bid to promote economic stability and to raise awareness for the conservation of nature and endangered species. International researchers have combined effort with governments and institutions of higher learning to enhance research and monitoring of the environment. This helps in identifying the population status of endangered species and the threats in a bid to formulate measures to prevent the extinction of particular species.

### Evaluation of Evidence

The evidence used in this research is reliable because the information has been well researched and presented by reputable institutions and authors. The Journal, "The Importance of Species, by Simberloff, D. is one of the articles used to provide the reader with a background information on species extinction. This is a reliable source because the works of the author, Professor Simberloff has been highly appreciated globally through his extensive research on the rate and in depth cause of species extinction. The Origin of Species, by Charles Darwin, is

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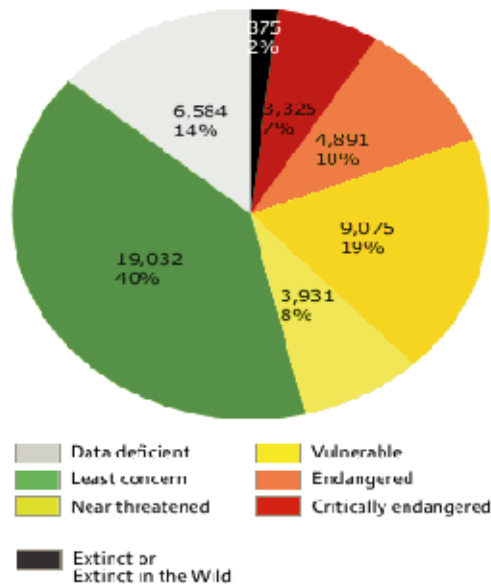
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another source used as a reference in this research (Darwin, 1951). Darwin the regarded as the father of evolution. Through his intensive research on evolution and natural selection which forms the backbone of our scientific views to date are some of his work. This is a credible source because it has been referenced and recommended by many authors since it provides the in-depth view on the primary causes of extinction which began thousands of years ago. I found some sources unreliable because of the information presented on human equality. These sources were advocating for extermination as a means of ensuring human survival. These articles were based on personal opinion instead of actual evidence; hence I considered them unreliable. One of the strengths of my sources is that the information contained in these sources are comprehensible and the general audience can easily understand them. One of the weaknesses experienced with one of the sources is that it was not detailed and it did not provide relevant information needed for my research.

"I", "we", "our" should only be used rarely in a research document. The writing needs to be objective and impersonal and in the third person unless otherwise stated in the assignment guidelines.

You have a visually effective graphic.



Source: IUCN, pie chart compiled by

[Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity \(2010\) Global Biodiversity Outlook 3, May 2010](#)

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Some sources provided statistical data which provides evidence on the global biodiversity outlook on the rate of biodiversity loss. The pie chart above shows 2% of the global biodiversity is extinct while 7% is critically endangered. This statistical data provides credible information on the rate at which biodiversity is degrading and the threat status.

**Ethical Outcome**

Species extermination has taken toll of our biodiversity. According to research, the human population is growing, and it is likely to be a continuous process. Hence, efforts to satisfy the rapidly growing human population relies on the human's capability to expand economically and geographically. Failure improves the geographical and economic factors that provide sustainability to the human population may lead towards the extinction in people themselves. On the other hand, the issue on the extermination of species as a means to satisfy human needs such as economic and social demands is considered morally selfish and unjust. Environmental ethics is highly concerned with the intrinsic value of other beings (Brady, 2014). Throughout the research, people have justified their actions for an extermination of other beings with the satisfaction of their social and economic needs. Many argue that it is impossible to preserve the species and accept their value because their value which is independent of human benefit. I believe it is possible to protect species because we are the moral agent but endangered species may not be. They have intrinsic value which requires us as moral agents to preserve them.

 See note on first person.**Conclusion**

Species extinction is a significant matter in our society. Environmental conservationists' efforts to protect our environment has managed to alleviate the problem, but the most distinguishing factor is the reduction of human activities which is stipulated to be the main

As you review your conclusion, ask yourself

If my readers were to only read my conclusion, would they comprehend the message of the paper?  
Have I fully summarized my ideas?  
Is the importance or relevance of the issue emphasized?  
Have I connected all my main ideas to the thesis statement?



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contributor to species extinction. In order to alleviate the problem of species extinction, we should embrace alternative methods to cope with our economic demands such as ecotourism.

Species extinction is a pressing issue because the balance in our ecosystem is maintained by organisms we consider irrelevant. [This is a really interesting perspective on a solution to this problem. Good job of analysis.](#) It is our responsibility to change our perception of nature in a

bid to prevent species extinction which can eventually lead to our peril.

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