

# ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

# SCAVENGER HUNT

*Follow the clues to learn more about endangered animals at the GSC! Hint – there are more endangered species than there are clues, so read carefully while visiting the animal exhibits.*

## KEY:

**A:** AFRICAN PENGUIN

**B:** SPOTTED TURTLE

**C:** RING-TAILED LEMUR

**D:** GOLDEN LION TAMARIN

**E:** JAVAN GIBBON

**F:** RED-RUFFED LEMUR

**G:** LONG-TAILED CHINCHILLA

**H:** RED PANDA

**I:** BURMESE STAR TORTOISES

**J:** SUMATRAN TIGER

**K:** OKAPI

**L:** PYGMY HIPPO

**M:** SANDBAR SHARK

**N:** BLACKNOSE SHARK

**O:** EUROPEAN RABBIT

**P:** GOLDEN POISON DART FROG

**Q:** SPOTTED EAGLE RAY

**R:** BANGGAI CARDINALFISH

**S:** RHINOCEROS IGUANA

- The distinctive coloring of this animal's fur is used as camouflage. Like their much larger namesake, they have a taste for bamboo! With less than 10,000 individuals left in the wild, these endangered animals are battling habitat loss and poaching.
- This reptile got its name based on the pattern and colors it sports! Classified as endangered, these reptiles are currently under review for protection in the U.S.
- These birds may have more feathers per square inch than most birds, but they don't actually fly! Of the 18 species of this bird, 5 – including the ones found at the GSC – are listed as endangered.
- This small mammal is best known for its soft, dense fur – as many as 60 hairs grow out of one follicle! Unfortunately, collection of their fur is one of the reasons they're listed as critically endangered in the wild.
- Declared functionally extinct (nearly gone in the wild) in the early 2000s, this critically endangered reptile's primary threat is illegal collection for food and pet trade. Their specific star pattern is a good way to tell them apart from others!
- This striped mammal is very unique – in fact, each individual in their species has different stripe patterns! With as few as 400 left in the wild, this critically endangered animal is threatened by habitat loss, human-wildlife interactions, & wildlife trafficking.
- These elusive mammals may look like zebras, but their closest living relative is actually the giraffe (check out their long, dark, prehensile tongue)! Listed as endangered, their main threats in the wild are habitat destruction and hunting.
- These oceanic dwellers are one of the largest of their kind found along the NC coast – reaching up to 6-8 feet! As of 2020, they have been listed as endangered due to hunting for sport and bycatch.
- Found in the rainforests of Central and South America, in the wild this amphibian is considered the most poisonous animal on earth. Classified as endangered, their main threat is habitat loss due to illegal crops, logging, mining, and pollution.

AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR SCAVENGER HUNT, EXPLORE AND TAKE TIME TO VISIT ALL OF OUR ENDANGERED AND VULNERABLE ANIMALS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM, AND HOW YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP THEIR WILD COUNTERPARTS.

## ZOO

RING-TAILED LEMUR (EN)

RED-RUFFED LEMUR (CR)

JAVAN GIBBON (EN)

LONG-TAILED CHINCHILLA (CR)

BURMESE STAR TORTOISE (CR)

SUMATRAN TIGER (CR)

OKAPI (EN)

PYGMY HIPPO (EN)

RED PANDA (EN)

EUROPEAN RABBIT (EN)

ALDABRA TORTOISE (V)

BINTURONG (V)

BLACK FOOTED CAT (V)

FISHING CAT (V)

GIANT ANTEATER (V)

FOSSA (V)

SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILL (V)

BURMESE PYTHON (V)

## AQUARIUM

AFRICAN PENGUIN (EN)

GOLDEN LION TAMARINS (EN)

SANDBAR SHARK (EN)

BLACKNOSE SHARK (EN)

LEAF PLATE CORAL (V)

LEAF CORAL (V)

STAGHORN CORAL (V)

GIANT CLAM (V)

COWNOSE RAY (V)

YELLOW-SPOTTED AMAZON

RIVER TURTLE (V)

ASIAN SMALL-CLAWED OTTER (V)

LINED SEAHORSE (V)

## MUSEUM

SPOTTED TURTLE (EN)

GOLDEN POISON DART FROG (EN)

ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE (V)

EASTERN BOX TURTLE (V)

DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN (V)

MEXICAN REDKNEE TARANTULA (V)

LEAF-TAILED GECKO (V)

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V = VULNERABLE  
EN = ENDANGERED  
CR = CRITICALLY  
ENDANGERED