

A graphic showing a hand on the left pointing towards a hand on the right, set against a red background with a white border.

HELP CARD

Habitat Destruction

A habitat is the environment in which a species lives. Habitat destruction is the single most important danger to wildlife and there are few parts of the world that have not been altered, damaged or destroyed.

Humans build cities and roads, fell trees, and strip land bare for mining and change the natural pattern of growth when they farm. Many plant, bird and animal species are in danger of extinction as a result.

Organisations are trying to conserve what is left of special areas by setting them aside to protect their plants and wildlife. This idea of planning for the future without spoiling our natural environment is called sustainable development.

