

What can YOU do to help these animals and the planet?



- ① Never buy anything that is made from an endangered animal. If no one wants to buy things like turtle shell jewellery or tiger furs or ivory then the killing will stop.
- ① Choose things made from wood very carefully. Always look for the 'FSC' mark, which tells you that the wood you are buying is not from an area where endangered animals live.
- ① Think carefully about what you wear. Even if you wear fake crocodile skin or furs people will think you like the look of them. This is good news for people who sell real fur and skins because they stay in fashion.
- ① Eat less meat. Over the last 30 years, 40% of the Amazon forest has been cut down for beef cattle to graze on. Most of this meat is sold overseas and so the local people do not even benefit.
- ① Write to companies that use palm oil in their goods and ask them to only use palm oil from areas that are not the homes of endangered animals. To see how to do this go to www.savetheorangutan.co.uk.
- ① Buy Fairtrade items. Fairtrade means that the items are grown and made in a fair way and people are paid a fair wage, which means they will not have to look for other ways to earn money which might mean killing endangered animals.
- ① Drink tap water. The UK has some of the best water in the world. Mineral water is sold in plastic or glass bottles and moved all over the world causing pollution and rubbish.
- ① Recycle all the waste you can.

- ① Use natural cleaners like vinegar and lemon juice. Families use lots of chemicals every year for cleaning. These can be bad for our health. They also get into the water and soil.

Sources:

- BBC Wildlife Magazine July 2007, Wikipedia, WildAid
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Write down 5 things that we can all do to help animals and the planet. You can start your sentences with 'I can...', 'I will...', 'I will not...' etc.