

ARKive

IMAGES OF LIFE ON EARTH



Organizational Background

- A Wildscreen Initiative
 - UK-based charity established in 1982
 - Wildscreen Festival
 - World's largest wildlife film festival – the “Green Oscars”
 - 500 films, and 650 delegates from >40 countries
- ARKive established in 2003 with support from HP
- Wildscreen USA established in January 2009 to support ARKive



What is ARKive?

- A centralized digital library of films and photographs of the world's threatened species (*IUCN Red List*):
 - preserved and maintained for future generations
 - accessible online for public, scientific and educational use
- Each species profile includes a scientifically authenticated "Fact File"

Red wolf (*Canis rufus*)

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Red wolf panting [Image credit]

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Polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)

The polar bear is the largest living land carnivore in the world today with adult males growing up to 2.6 metres in length. The most well known of all bears, the polar bear is immediately recognisable from the distinctive white colour of its thick fur. The only unfurred parts of the body are the foot pads and the tip of its nose, which are black, revealing the dark colour of the skin underneath the pelt.

Threats: The Polar Bear Specialist Group reported in their 2005 meeting that the greatest challenge to the conservation of polar bears may be large-scale ecological change resulting from climatic warming, if the trend documented in recent years continues. Other threats to this species include pollution, poaching and disturbances from industrial activities.



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Status: Vulnerable



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Placemark details: Polar bears can be seen on the icy tundra around Churchill in October and November.

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San Francisco



Sea otter

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California sea lion



California sea lion (*Zalophus californianus*)

This highly social and intelligent species is well adapted to a semi-aquatic lifestyle. California sea lions swim using their fore-flippers and are particularly agile on land as they are able to control their hind flippers independently. Male and female California sea lions differ significantly in appearance. Males are substantially bigger than females and have an enlarged sagittal crest, which is usually topped with white fur.

Threats: The California sea lion faces a number of threats, most notably through human-animal conflict and climate change. In the 18th and early 20th centuries, California sea lions were extensively killed for commercial purposes, and although later afforded some protection, were still killed in large numbers until hunting was banned between 1969 and 1972. Population numbers have now recovered, but growing numbers are being killed in fishing nets.



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Status: Lower Risk/Least Concern

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Placemark details: California sea lions can be seen on Pier 39, San Francisco.



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Galapagos



Galapagos hawk about to attack an iguana



Galapagos coral



Galapagos fur seal



Galapagos land iguana



Galapagos martin in flight



Galapagos land snails, *Bulimulus akamatus*



Galapagos petrel



Galapagos sea lion



Volcan Alcedo tortoise resting



Daisy trees in volcanic crater



Galapagos marine iguanas feeding underwater on marine algae



Female medium tree-finch





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Why do we need ARKive?

- Emotive power of wildlife imagery
- Important scientific and historical records
- Scattered collections around the world
- Risk of loss and dispersal
- Restricted public and educational use



Sources of material

- Natural history broadcasters
- Commercial picture libraries
- Conservation organizations
- Research institutions & scientists
- Private individuals



ARKive to date:

- 4,000 species profiles
- 5,000 movie clips
- 28,000 still images



ARKive web stats

- Now receiving 20,000 visitors daily
- From over 180 countries
- Visitors include - school children, teachers, university students and lecturers, conservationists, scientists and general public



What next?

- Increase number of ARKive species and volume of digital media
- Increase links and sharing of data
- Enhance Google Earth maps functionality
- User-generated content
- Multilingual capability

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