

LESSON No. 9



WHY SOME ANIMALS ARE IN DANGER

Early man used to hunt animals for food. Later on he started practising agriculture and gradually stopped hunting animals. He started to domesticate animals like cows, buffaloes, dogs, horses, etc. He began to care for them as they were very useful to him. However, some people hunt animals and make their living.



Have you seen people kill animals ? What do you feel ?

Why do people kill wild animals ?

People hunt wild animals for getting skin, tusks, horns, bones, etc. Hunting wild animals is against law.



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People who illegally hunt birds or animals are called **poachers**. This act of killing is called **poaching**. Wild animals are part of our environment. They help in maintaining balance in nature.

What will happen in the environment if we kill all wild animals indiscriminately?

Poachers hunt wild animals for pleasure, sport and greed. Do you think such people should be severely punished ?

Conservation of wild life :

The proper use of natural resources for long lasting welfare is known as conservation. In the past few years people are showing concern about the decline in number of wild animals. Many sanctuaries and natural parks have been set up by our government to conserve wildlife. To protect the wild animals in their habitats many projects have been started.



Let us try to know what National park and Sanctuaries are.

Sanctuary is an area protected generally for conservation of species of wild life.

National Park is an area protected generally for conservation of endangered species and their habitat.

Name two national parks and two sanctuaries.

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Do you know ?



The **Sangai** and the **Nongin** are the state Animal and Bird of Manipur.

In the past few years the number of Sangai and Nongin are declined due to improper habitat and killing by the people.

Where is the Sangai (Brow antlered deer) found in our state ?

The only natural home of Sangai is Keibul Lamjao National Park. It is a unique and famous park in the sense that it is a floating park. No other floating park is found in other parts of the world.

The State bird Nongin is mainly found in the Siroi-Kashom range in Ukhrul district of Manipur.



Tiger, Elephant and Crocodile projects have been set up to increase the number of these animals in national level. There are many Tiger reserves in our country. Some of them are Jim Corbett National Park, Sunderbans National Park and Kanha National Park.

As many as 25 reserves were identified as Elephant reserves.

ACTIVITY

1. Have you seen animal figures on ancient coins ? What does it tell about? Search and write the names of the animals you have found on the coins.