

EXTINCTION

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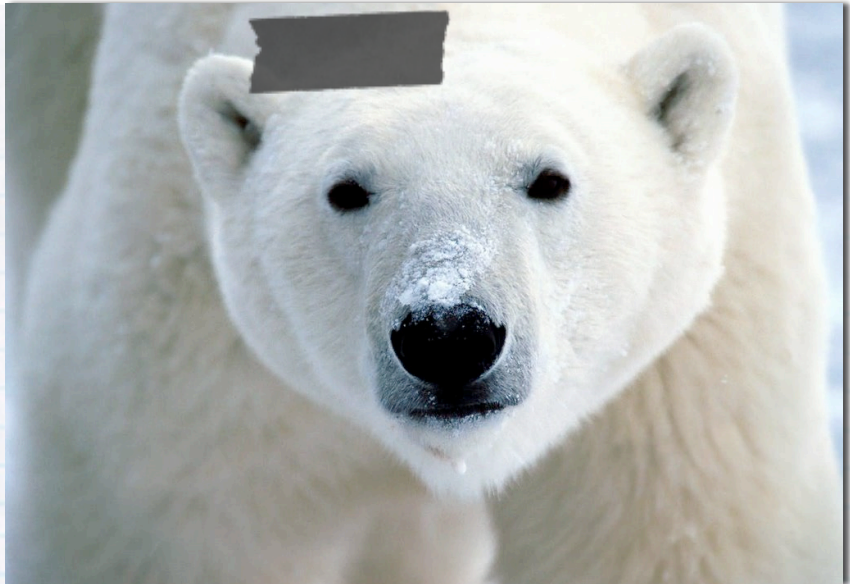
For many reasons, many of the Earth's most beautiful animals are becoming extinct and endangered. Three of these animals are the Polar Bear, the Tiger, and the Giant Panda.

POLAR BEARS

Lately, the ice in the Arctic has been melting and polar bears have been losing their habitat. Also they are becoming overheated and all of this leads up to Global Warming.

TIGERS

The tigers are being poached for their skin, bones and meat. Their skin is used for clothing, and their bones and meat are prized by Asian tribes because they think they have magical uses. They are also losing their habitat to factories and towns. There are only 3,200 left.



Endangered Help

GIANT PANDAS

Tigers are not the only ones losing their habitats due to city construction. Pandas are too. Their bamboo forests are being cut down. Their extinction is also caused by pollution. There might only be about 15 or 1,600 left in the wild.

HELPING THE ENDANGERED

If you want to help nay of these animals then you can log on to the WWF website and adopt a Tiger, or a Polar Bear and maybe a Panda. Pandas are also being helped by Chinese Animal Experts taking them into Asian zoos. Also help other endangered species like Elephants, Blue Whales, or Snow Leopards. You might even want to pray for some dang Mayor or President to ban hunting and poaching!



A Polar Bear mother and her cubs clinging to an ice float.



A large tiger stalking prey.



A Giant Panda munching on some bamboo