



Dear Class 2,

We've heard that you've been carrying out some research into endangered animals and this has really excited us.

Did you know that in 2020, 5 species of animal were declared extinct?

- Splendid poison frog
- Smooth handfish
- Jalpa false brook salamander
- Spined dwarf mantis
- Bonin pipistrelle bat

The following animals are also causing concern.

- European hamster
- Golden bamboo lemur
- 5 remaining species of river dolphin
- Northern white rhino
- Tapanuli orang-utan –this is a new species of orang-utan which was discovered in 2017 but there are only 700 known of in the wild.

We would really appreciate it if you could use your research to help people become aware of what they can do to help save endangered animals. Species like the orang-utan could be helped if we made sure that we only buy products that included palm oil which has been carefully sourced in them. So even you and I could save these wonderful creatures with our careful shopping.

Kind regards,

The Natural History Museum