

## Save Our Planet

**S**aving our planet protects every living organism, from ants to blue whales.

**A**ll of humanity in the past 50 years have changed dramatically to affecting our planet in horrible ways. Deforestation, greenhouse gases and everything in between is affecting our planet.

**V**ery high changes have been made with an example being the 2020 earth's surface temperature. It was around 0.98 degrees warmer than the 20<sup>th</sup> century average.

**E**very year, our Earth's temperatures have been consistently rising which have been among the hottest on record. This increases higher chances of bigger bushfires and can make weather patterns change severely.

**O**ur planet's future is in our hands so we must act fast before we have none left. We are too late to save many species one which is the Northern White Rhinoceros.

**U**nder all this pressure and threat from ourselves is making species closer to extinction. Everything can change if one animal becomes extinct. The food chain, animal populations and lots of other devastating things.

**R**hino populations have plummeted from illegal poaching for the ivory trade. The Northern White Rhino population is 2 females so they can not reproduce. They are both in captivity and are heavily protected by armed guards around the clock.

**P**eople all over the world are like us trying to stop global disasters affecting our ecosystems, environment and climate. We do not need to make huge changes but things like recycling more and turning off lights when you are not using them helps too.

**L**ittle things to help save our planet is the key. Planting more tree saplings can help reduce carbon in our atmosphere while they grow. This will prevent further climate warming, severe changing weather patterns and food supplies for animals.

**A**n example of people changing our planet is the non-profitable organisation, The Sea Shepherd. It has teamed up with the authorities of Gabon to patrol and defend the waters

along the coast from illegal fishing. Fishermen who are working for commercial fishing are trying to catch tuna in tuna nets can entangle many other creatures too. An example is the Silky Shark which is endangered and protected but was pulled up on boats and was badly injured.

**N**othing would have happened if the Sea Shepherd was not there to protect and help the sharks get back into the ocean and continue living. Vital actions need to be made like this to protect all our planet for future generations.

**E**veryone in the now must take action immediately to prevent another global mass extinction of animals, trees and plants. We have hope but time is not on our side. We must take action now before it is too late.

**T**oday, our planet has been under the most threat ever seen before. Animals, climate and nature are under threat. Some problems could even threaten us humans. So let me ask you a question. Do you want to be the generation that sees the last fish, fished out of the ocean or see the last tree get cut down? Or do you you want to be the generation that takes action and turns this crisis around and see forests, oceans, savannahs and animals thriving? If you ask us, we want to be apart of that.

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