

Sample Summary

Our Environmental Shame

In the article, “Our Environmental Shame”, David Suzuki emphasizes that Canada must do more to protect species in our country. Unlike the United States and Mexico, we do not have proper federal legislation to protect our endangered species. Scientists today recognize how important biodiversity is in helping sustain life on our planet. When habitats disappear, animals are left without shelter or a familiar environment and their existence is threatened. Canada has hosted conferences about the depletion of the ozone layer, but we need to do more to save our endangered species. The proposed Species at Risk Act is more about politics than about saving animals. The act gives too much control to politicians and not enough to the scientists who are the experts about which animals need to be protected. The Species at Risk Act does not directly help protect habitat; it simply protects an animal’s den or nest. Cabinet also can select which species are going to be protected under the bill meaning that many animals will not be protected at all. Suzuki warns that we cannot allow species to continue to disappear. Lack of action will result in huge global change that will affect humans as we depend on the diversity of life. It is important that the public become more aware about endangered species so that Canada can enact stronger legislation to protect them.

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