

Credibility Comparison

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HABITAT LOST This frightening photo shows the impact of deforestation. If we don't take immediate action, all of the rain forests could be destroyed.



HABITAT LOST This photograph was taken in Peru on March 5, 2019. It shows a mining camp in the Amazon rain forest that is adding to deforestation.

CLIMATE CRISIS!

A new report has been published. It highlights plant and animal species loss on Earth.

Nature is more threatened now than ever in human history. More than 1 million species may immediately go extinct, and species loss is happening hundreds of times faster than it did in the past.

A new report takes an all-inclusive look at the health of the Earth's many plant and animal species. It was put together by some researchers who looked at scientific and government studies.

Only a summary of the report's findings has been released so far. It is expected that the 1,500-page report will

be published later this year, but who knows what the full report will show.

The report summary notes that the greatest threat to plants and animals is habitat loss. Habitat loss happens when humans use land and marine environments for purposes that they were never intended for, such as farming, fishing, mining, and building cities.

According to the summary, three-quarters of Earth's land-based environment has been "significantly altered by human actions."

Species are affected by climate change and pollution as well, the report says. Greenhouse gas emissions have increased so much since 1980. This has caused the global temperature to rise considerably.

The report goes on to warn that if global warming continues, climate change could be even more harmful to species than habitat loss. It's a pretty scary thought.

Andrew Purvis says that it isn't too late to fix the problem. "The key to remember is, it's not a terminal diagnosis," he said.

The authors of the report are demanding that nations around the world strengthen their environmental policies. An extremely well-known British scientist led the creation of the report. He says that "transformative change" will be necessary: "Business as usual is a disaster."

And that's a disaster that the Earth can't afford.

CLIMATE CRISIS

On May 6, the United Nations published the findings of a new report highlighting species loss.

Nature is more threatened now than ever in human history. More than 1 million species are on the brink of extinction, and species loss is happening hundreds of times faster than it did in the past.

All of that is according to a report summary that was released on May 6 by the United Nations. This is the first U.N. report to take an all-inclusive look at the health of the Earth's many plant and animal species.

The report was compiled by more than 450 researchers, using 15,000 scientific and government studies.

Although only a summary of the report was released on Monday, the full 1,500-page report is expected to be published later this year.

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0.7°C in that time. The report goes on to warn that if global warming continues, climate change could be even more harmful to species than habitat loss.

Andrew Purvis is one of the authors of the report. He and other researchers say it isn't too late to fix the problem. "The key to remember is, it's not a terminal diagnosis," Purvis told the Associated Press.

The authors are calling on nations around the world to strengthen their environmental policies. British scientist Robert Watson, who led the creation of the report, says that "transformative change" will be necessary: "Business as usual is a disaster."

—By Shay Maunz