

****Protecting Endangered Animals in the UAE**** The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is known for its vibrant culture, modern cities, and stunning landscapes. From the Arabian oryx to the Hawksbill turtle, various species are facing threats to their survival due to habitat loss, climate change, poaching, and other human activities. The Arabian leopard (**Panthera pardus nimr**) is another critically endangered species, with only a handful remaining in the wild. However, amidst the urban development and desert expanses, lies a pressing concern – the plight of endangered animals native to the region. Among the iconic endangered species in the UAE is the Arabian oryx (**Oryx leucoryx**), a symbol of the country's conservation success. Once on the brink of extinction, concerted efforts have seen its population rise, yet it still faces threats due to habitat degradation and poaching. Furthermore, marine species such as the Hawksbill turtle (**Eretmochelys imbricata**) are facing challenges. Understanding the significance of these animals, the reasons behind their endangerment, and the measures needed to protect them is crucial for conservation efforts in the UAE. Rapid urbanization and fragmentation of its habitat have led to its decline. Coastal development, pollution, and accidental capture in fishing gear are major threats to their survival.