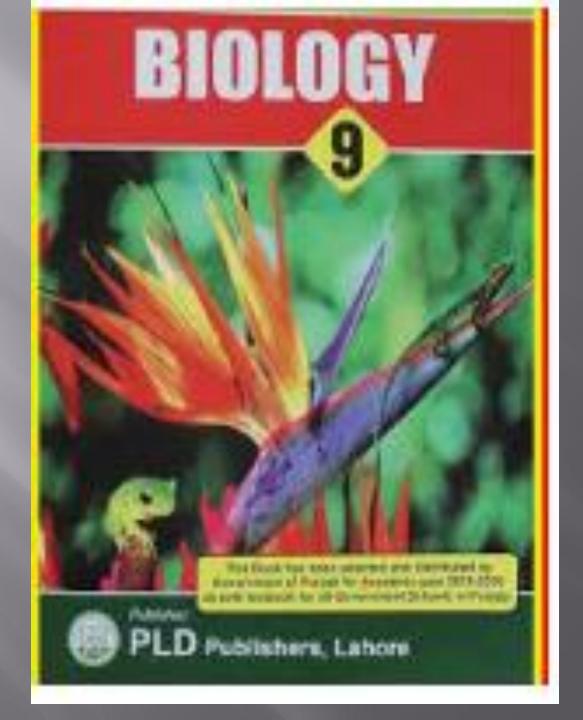




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<u>Ch. 3.</u> <u>BIODIVERSITY</u>

Topic.

Conservation

of

Biodiversity

<u>Introduction</u>

- During the last century, loss of biodiversity has been increasingly observed. In the modern era, due to human actions, species and ecosystem are threatened with destruction.
- In an ecosystem, a species is called <u>EXTINCT</u> when there is no doubt that the last individual of that species has died in that ecosystem.Eg.Sabretoothed tiger, Tasmanian Tiger etc.
- A species is called <u>ENDANGERED</u> when it is at risk of extinction in near future.Eg. Tiger, lion,elephant,blackbuck etc.

Objectives of the Lesson

- At the end of this lesson students will be able to
- Describe the impact of human beings on biodiversity.

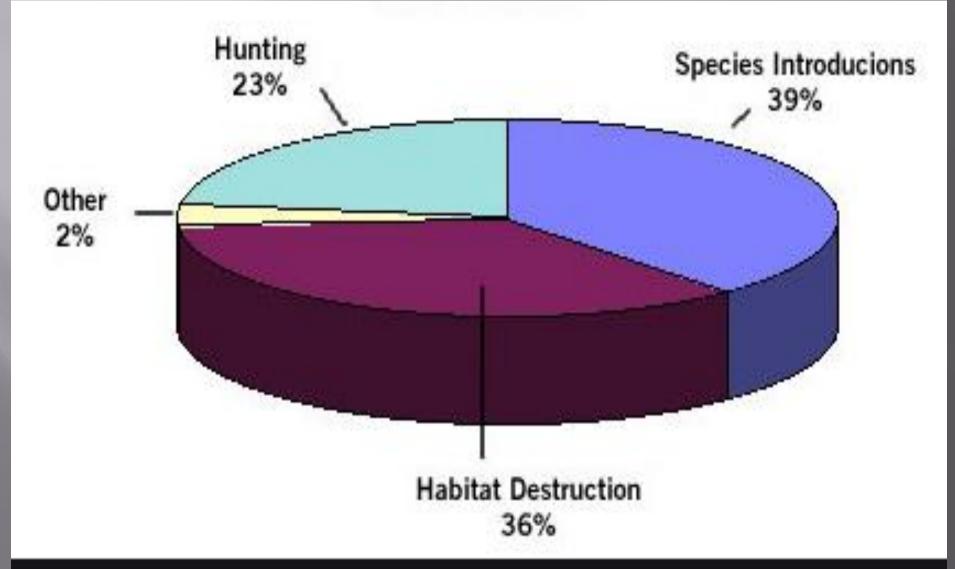
1. Human population.

- About 10,000 years ago there were about 5 million people on earth.
- With the advancement in agriculture and industry, human population began to grow rapidly and around more than 600 million people live on earth today.
- More than 260,000 people are added to the world each day.

Major Causes of Species Extinction

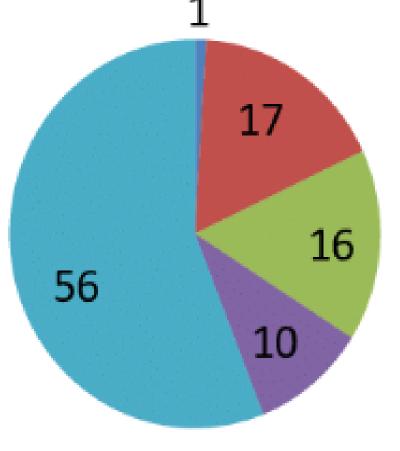
- There are following major causes of species extinction.
- i. Habitat loss
- ii. Deforestation
- iii. Over-hunting
- iv. Removal of species
- v. Pollution
- vi. Climate change

Known causes of Species Extinction



Percentage of different factors

Other Causes



 Introduced animals
Habitat destruction
Hunting

No Cause assign

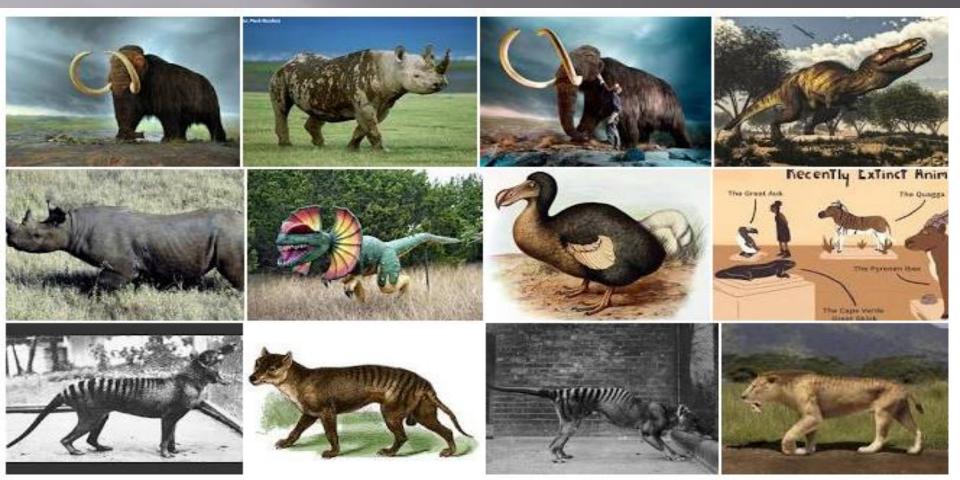
Deforestation

- Definition. Deforestation means cutting down of trees for the conversion of a forest to non forest land.
- Causes. It can be the result of delibrate removal of forests for wood, agriculture or urban development.
- Effects. -Deforestation affects the amount of water in soil and moisture in atmosphere.
- Soil erosion is due to deforestation.
- Deforestation can cause the silted water stored in rivers and dams.
- Deforestation reduces the rate of transpiration and ultimately reduces the sources of rains.

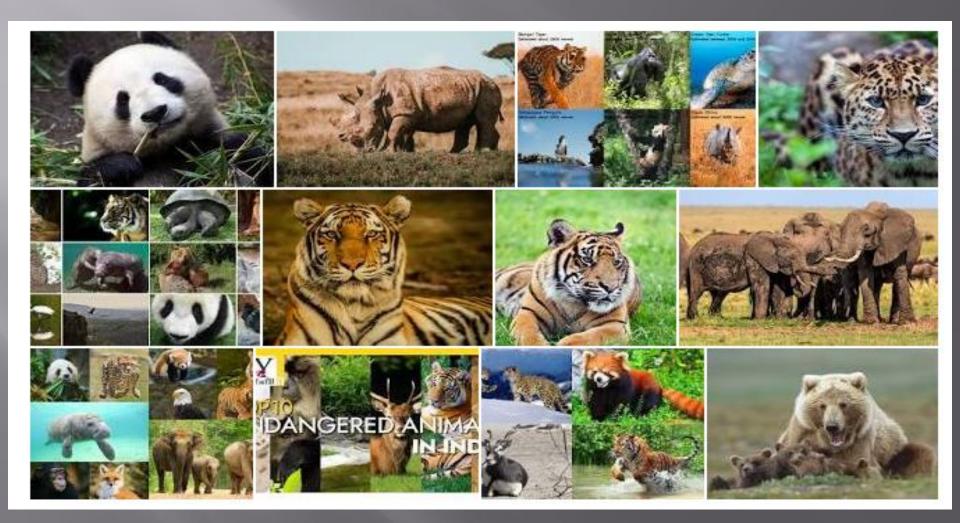
Over-hunting

- Over- hunting has been a significant cause of the extinction of hundreds of species and the endangerment of many more species such as whales,ibex,urial,markhor etc.
- Commercial hunting both legal and illegal is the principal threat for all species.

Some pics of extinct species



Some pics of endangered species



Activity. 1.

- Give short answers of the following questions.
- i. Differentiate between extinct and endangered species.
- ii. Define deforestation. What are its main causes?iii. Deforestation reduces the chances of rain.How?



□ Fill in the blanks.

Today the total human population in the world is more than-----million.

ii. Our rivers and dams are silted due to------

iii. -----loss is the greatest threat to ------



Today we have discussed the topic-----

A species is called -----when it is at risk of extinction near future.

When the last member of a particular species dies, the species is said to be-----.



 Analyze the impact of human beings on biodiversity.

Make a list of ten endangered and ten extinct species by internet searching.





