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IUCN Red List of Threatened Species Who is the IUCN?

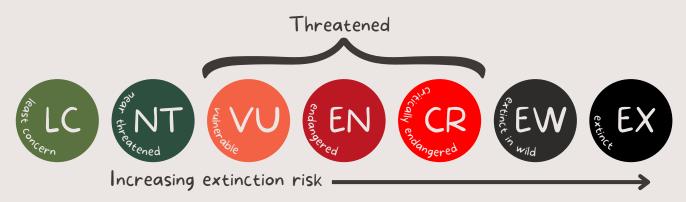
The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is a Union of government and civil society organisations, established in 1948. It is an environmental network that works to protect nature and champion sustainable development.

What is the Red List?,

The IUCN Red List is a comprehensive list of all species and their assessment as to extinction risk. It contains information on a species ecology, population size, threats, and needed conservation actions and is a tool to catalyse conservation action and policy change. It is used by governments, conservation NGOs, educational organisations, just about everyone!

How is the Red List measured?

A species' Red List assessment is determined by how it meets certain criteria such as rate of decline, population size, area of geographic distribution, and degree of population fragmentation.



Over 60% of primate species are threatened with extinction. Over 75% have declining populations.