Learning from Problem Solvers

This is a list of people who are also currently working to save threatened, endangered and critically endangered animals and other aspect of creation. This section offers you a variety of the conservationists' names and the animals they work with.

You will need to research to learn about these people. Some may work with animals you are already concerned about. There are others who may be unknown to you. Other problem solvers listed here are working on issues of environmental decline.

Some questions for consideration:

- What are the roles of these workers?
- In what kind of conditions do they work?
- What decline in numbers do these animals have?
- What are the various causes of animal numbers declining?
- How do different workers work with various issues?
- What role do humans play in some of this decline and what do you think can be done to ease the decline?

Creation Heroes

The following popes have both written and spoken extensively on healing and protecting God's creation.

- Pope Francis
- Pope Benedict XVI

Land Animal Heroes

• African elephants: Iain Douglas-Hamilton

African Rhinoceroses: Raoul Du Toit

Bats: Merlin Tuttle

Bonobo: Claudine Andre

Cheetahs: Rebecca Kline and Laurie Marker

Cotton-top tamarin: Rosamira Guillen

Ethiopian wolf: Claudio Sillero

Fossa: Luke Dollar

Giant river ofter: Diane McTurk

Jaguar: Leandro Silveira

Koala: Deborah Tabart

Lemurs: Alison Jolly and Patricia Wright

Lion: Shivani Bhalla

Maned wolf: Rorgerio Cunha de Paula

Mountain gorilla: Eugene Rutagarama

Musk ox: Joel Berger

Okapi: John Lukas

Przewalski's horse: Claudia Feh

Snow leopard: Rodney Jackson

Sun bear: Siew Te Wong

Tapirs: Patricia Medici

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Bird Heroes

- Cranes: George Archibald
- Magellanic penguins: Dee Boersma:
- Mauritius kestrel, echo parakeet and 10 other species: Carl Jones
- South American flamingos: Felicity Arengo

Pollinator (Bee) Heroes

- May Berenbaum
- Lori Ann Burd
- Marla Spivak

Water Animal Heroes

- Amazon river dolphin: Vera De Silva
- Sea turtles: Flegra Bentivegna
- Seahorses: Amanda Vincent
- Great whales: David Wiley
- Marine species such as reef coral and whales: Carl Safina
- Sea turtles: Flegra Bentivegna
- Seahorses: Amanda Vincent
- Whale shark: Brent Stewart

Earth Heroes

David Attenborough

Writer and filmmaker on animal and plant life

Wendell Berry

Farmer, writer and environmental activist

Jean-Michel Cousteau

 Marine conservation, produces environmental films, often about the ocean

Sylvia Earle

Ocean degradation

Steve Galster

Works to control wildlife trade

Grace Ge Gabriel

Works to control wildlife consumption

Al Gore

 Environmentalist, Nobel Peace Prize for his writing on climate change, 45th Vice-President of the US

Edgardo Griffith

Amphibian decline

Bill McKibben

Writer, journalist, extensively on global warming

Nell Newman

Organic food

Judy St. Leger

Wildlife disease

Kassie Siegel

Climate change

David Steinman

Activist and writer on environmental destruction

David Suzuki

Science broadcaster on climate change

Saalumarada Thimmakka

Banyan trees