

Wildlife decline globally amid bright spots

Bird populations are declining faster than previously thought and Arctic seals are edging closer to extinction – but the recovery of green turtles “reminds us that conservation works”, a new global assessment shows

BIRDS: Of 11,185 species of bird assessed, **61%** are in decline, from **44%** in 2016

ARCTIC SEALS

Loss of sea ice has caused number of **hooded**, **bearded**, and **harp** seals to decline sharply




Central America

West Africa

Madagascar

Bearded seal

 Regions highlighted as at-risk due to loss of tropical forest

Schlegel's asity

Bird species in Madagascar classified as “vulnerable”

EXTINCTION: More than a quarter of all species assessed – **48,646** of **172,620** – threatened with extinction

Cycads (ancient plants) **71%**

Reef corals **44%**

Amphibians **41%**

Sharks & Rays **38%**

Conifers **34%**

Crustaceans* **28%**

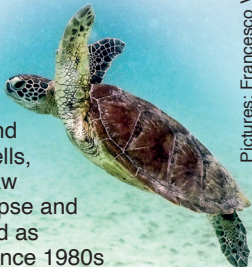
Mammals **26%**

Reptiles **21%**

*Selected

GREEN SEA TURTLES

Once hunted for turtle soup, prized eggs and decorative shells, green turtle saw numbers collapse and has been listed as endangered since 1980s



■ After decades of global efforts – from protecting nests and releasing hatchlings to reducing accidental catch – green turtle populations have risen by **28%** since 1970s

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