Why Should We Care about Species?

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Read the article then complete the following questions

1. Is the world a safe place for animals and plants? Justify your answer?
2. How does your answer to question 1 compare to your answer before reading the article?
3. Why do you thing species are important? Give an example.
4. What, if anything would happen when an animal or plant species becomes extinct? Give an example.
5. How do you think species protection can be realistically improved? Why is it important?

Homework Questions.

1. Define species according to the biological species concept.
2. Describe limitations of the biological species concept. Give examples