The question of all harmful human activity endangering species

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What are Endangered Species?

Definition: Endangered species are animals or plants which are at risk of extinction.
Causes of Endangered Species

- Climate change
- Destruction of habitat (e.g., deforestation, plantations, urbanisation)
- Hunting/Poaching/Fishing
- Pollution (oil spills, air pollution, acid rain, water pollution, etc.)
- Clothing and furniture being made out of their skin
- Medicine, cosmetic and foods using animal materials
What we can do to help?

- Raising awareness
- Reducing carbon footprint
- Buying products from companies who do not allow animal testing, use products from sustainable resources
- Banning animal products
- Mass planting of trees, plants, etc.
- Creating animal sanctuaries/nature reserves
Different Opinions on the Topic:

Tourist:

They would want to preserve the natural wildlife, so that they have as many chances to see as many species of animals and plants as possible, and a wide variety as well.

Oil Refineries/Paper factories/Fishermen, etc

They would not want to stop production of their goods, as they wouldn’t be able to make money otherwise. Their main aim is to make as much profit as they can, so they would not be willing to stop production.
Conservationist:

A conservationist would not want any animals to be harmed, or their habitats to be at risk. Once a species is extinct, there is no bringing them back. You would want to prevent as much environmental damage as possible.

Scientist:

Scientists often take up many research projects and do medical experiments on animals to create successful medicine and help save lives. They use the animals as test objects to see if the medicines work before they use them on humans to save lives and treat diseases. They wouldn’t be against putting ban up against harming animals, as long as they are still able to run tests.
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Industrialist

You don’t support this as it will lower your chance of earning higher profits. Oil products, clothing, fisheries, etc, earn a lot of profit for you, therefore implementing ways to protect the environment would risk cutting your profits.

Government Representative:

You support stopping harmful human activity endangering species, but your country won’t be able to run unless it has resources. Animals and plants serve as a huge resource, and without these resources, your country may not be able to function properly.