

LOST SPECIES DAY LESSON PLAN

TOPIC OF THE DAY

Remembrance Day for Lost Species, November 30th, is a chance each year to explore the stories of extinct and critically endangered species, cultures, lifeways, and ecological communities.

MATERIALS

Magazines, scissors, pencils/pens, glue, A4 paper, large paper, examples of zines, books/sources on species.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Explore the stories of extinct and critically endangered species, cultures, lifeways, and ecological communities
- Discuss and share creative and practical solutions to biodiversity loss
- Create a zine on the topic of biodiversity loss and protection

INTRODUCTION (30 MINS)

- Introduce the background of Remembrance Day for Lost Species/ Lost Species Day, and the concept of extinction
- Give 3-4 examples of extinct species (plant or animal) and explore when and how they went extinct
- Give 3-4 examples of ways people work to conserve endangered species around the world

ACTIVITY 1 (50 MINS)

- In pairs or small groups, participants choose 1) an extinct species and 2) an endangered species to research
- Research these species' stories and the threats they face/d. What are the lessons from past extinctions? What creative and practical solutions could help the endangered species?
- Groups present their findings to the rest of the class using flipchart paper or boards

ACTIVITY 2 (40 MINS)

- Look at some zines and discuss what they are and what are their components
- Individually or in pairs, children create their own zine page/s about/ inspired by endangered or extinct species using the materials provided
- Children share and talk about the images they have made, and what they have learned in this session