



- 請注意：中文文字内容只提供簡體版

国际自然保护联盟（IUCN）根据物种灭绝风险评估的标准，每年发布一次“红色名录”。但凡被归类为“易危”的动物物种意味着不超过一万只有繁殖能力的动物幸存，而且该动物总数每一代都以高于 10% 的比例减少。哪些物种首次出现在名录里，哪些物种被“降级”了呢？请听报道。

Every year a United Nations' **conservation** body publishes a so called 'red list' of species **at risk of** extinction. And as usual, the latest report makes **grim** reading. More than twenty thousand different types of animals, plants and insects are said to be **threatened**.

Six **kinds** of ash tree in North America, a mainstay of forest there, are now listed as being in danger from an **invasive** beetle. In Africa, **antelopes** joined the ranks of creatures threatened by poaching and by people clearing forests.

And in Madagascar, a hotspot for **biodiversity**, new studies of insects have found that nearly half of all species of grasshopper and **millipede** are endangered.

The beautiful snow leopard which lives in the mountains of Central Asia is judged to be in a slightly healthier state than it was. But that's disputed by some researchers who say not enough is known about the **elusive** animal to assume that it really is a step further away from extinction.

词汇表

conservation	(对自然环境的) 保护
at risk of	有潜在风险
grim	令人沮丧的, 糟糕的
threatened	受到威胁的
kinds	种类、类型
invasive	有侵略性的
antelopes	羚羊
biodiversity	生物多样性
millipede	千足虫
elusive	难以找到的, 踪迹罕见的

测验

请听报道并回答下列问题。

1. The 'red list' roughly contains how many species that are endangered?
2. Why have antelopes joined other endangered species on the list?
3. True or false? *In Africa, nearly half of all species of grasshopper are endangered.*
4. Which word in the text means 'not agreeing about something'?

答案

1. The 'red list' roughly contains how many species that are endangered?

More than twenty thousand different types of animals, plants and insects are said to be threatened.

2. Why have antelope joined other endangered species on the list?

Because antelopes are threatened by poaching and by people clearing forests.

3. True or false? *In Africa, nearly half of all species of grasshopper are endangered.*

True. The same applies to millipede.

4. Which word in the text means 'not agreeing about something'?

Disputed.