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**Animal species 'extinction crisis'**

**1. When did the dodo bird become extinct?**

a) In the late 1600's

b) In the late 1700's

c) In the early 1900's

**2. Match the vocabulary and the definitions.**

1. hunted
2. extinct
3. conservation groups
4. slaughter
5. seizure
6. poachers
7. endangered species
8. a transit route

1. people who catch and kill the animals

2. People who work to protect wildlife and nature

3. Caught and killed

4. No longer exists

5. The killing of animals

6. Animals or plants whose survival is under threat.

7. a way for moving goods from one place to another

8. something taking by force.

**3. True or false:**

- 100 million sharks are killed by commercial fishing every year to supply England’s demand of shark soup.

- Conservation groups warn that if this rate continues, some populations of elephant and rhino will face extinction.

- 3500 animals and plants are protected by the convention on the international trade in endangered species.

- The people who organise the poaching and fund the trade, are never caught.

- David Shukmansuggests using forensic science, police co-operation and political will to solve the problem.