

# THREATENED SPECIES: What are some likely factors?

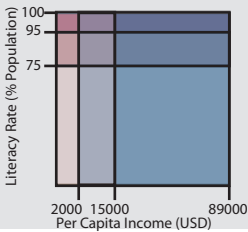
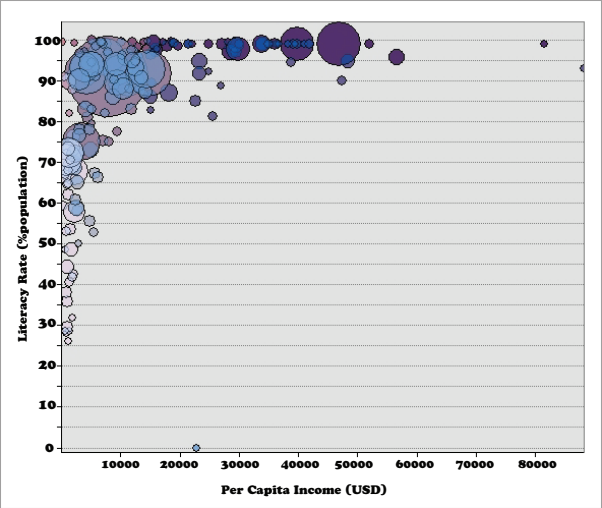
The number of threatened species in each country is mapped, with the area of each country proportional to that number.

Threatened species, according to IUCN(International Union for Conservation of Nature), are the species that have high risk of endangerment or extinction in the wild. It is critical to know this number in order to consider the likely causes, which can then lead to better conservation efforts.

This map shows the general trends of how the number of threatened species in a country or a general area is correlated to the wealth and education level of its people. It also points out the exceptions to show that we should also take into consideration other possible factors as well as the scale at which we look at things.

### Factors considered

- WEALTH: Measured by per capita income
- EDUCATION: Measured by literacy rate
- DEGREE OF DEVELOPMENT
- WILDLIFE REGULATIONS: Ratification of CITES



⊗ = countries that did not ratify CITES\*

\* CITES: A multilateral treaty that ensure that international wildlife trade will not threaten wildlife in nature

