

Act out for action

With a game of charades, young people will explore the challenges facing animals around the world and how recycling can help to protect them

Marine turtles get tangled in plastic pollution that's in the sea. They also eat plastic bags because they mistake them for their favourite food: jellyfish.

Time needed
30 minutes

Badges



Recycle Now partners the Beaver Global Issues Activity Badge

Partner



Outcomes

The young people will explore the importance of recycling because it can contribute to protecting the environment and habitats that animals need to survive.

More information

For badge resources, activity ideas or to find out more about the Recycle Now campaign, visit scouts.org.uk/supporters/recyclenow.

Encourage your young people to find out what packaging, including plastics, can be recycled from home using the Recycle Now recycling locator at recyclenow.com/local-recycling.

Suitable for Beavers

You will need

- a print out of the species list
- a print out of the species with the clues, facts and threats they face

Before you start

Go to scouts.org.uk/supporters/recyclenow to download a list of endangered species, and the clues, facts and the threats they face.* Cut up the list of the endangered animals and put them in a hat, box or similar container that can be used for the young people to select a piece of paper.

Instructions

- 1** One at a time, ask a young person to pick out a piece of paper with the name of an endangered species on it and then challenge them to act out the species by making sounds and movements they think it would make.
- 2** The rest of the group try to guess what species the performer is pretending to be. If they're having trouble, a leader or the young person acting it out can share the clues, or the first letter of the animal.

- 3** Once its identity is revealed, ask the group what they can tell you about the animal. Then a leader or the young person can share the facts and threats facing them.

- 4** Discuss the threats to wildlife if we don't recycle. For example, packaging could end up in the ocean and harm sea life. Recycling reduces the amount of natural resources we need, which helps cut carbon emissions and reduce the harmful impact on the environment.