

EXERCISE: LAND VERTEBRATES AND WATER VERTEBRATES

Lesson 3 » Let's Protect Our Native Species!

1. Classify the land vertebrates and water vertebrates. Use the words in the box.

blue anole lizard
dolphin manatee
sea otter seal
sloth spectacled bear
tapir whale

Land vertebrates	Water vertebrates
tapir	

2. Choose the correct option to complete the letter.

Mr. Luis Pérez Gutiérrez,
Governor of Antioquia,
Medellín

Dear Mr. Pérez,

We are a group of school students from the country. This year, we ¹have learned / learn about different endangered species in Colombia and we are very worried about one that lives in our Department: the silvery-brown tamarin. It ²recorded / has been recorded that this small monkey reproduces just once a year and, in each group, only one female is active for reproduction at a time. For this reason, birth rate is quite low. In addition, their habitat ³is destroyed / has been destroyed and we think that this will continue in the future as several roads and farms are already planned here. We ⁴can / must stop cutting trees down because the forests provide both food and homes for the tamarin which live in this region. Farmers ⁵can't / can continue destroying forests and the Department authorities ⁶shouldn't / should try to plan better strategies to help these little animals.

Mr. Pérez you ⁷mustn't / should ignore our petition if you wish to continue enjoying the great biodiversity of our Department.

Yours sincerely,

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