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Amazing Species: Giraffe

The **Giraffe**, *Giraffa camelopardalis*, is currently listed as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Once widespread across the African continent, giraffe numbers have dropped significantly over the past 15 years and today it is estimated that there are less than 80,000 remaining in Africa.

There are currently nine subspecies of giraffe, two of which are Red Listed as Endangered: **Rothschild's Giraffe** (*G. c. rothschildi*) and **West African Giraffe** (*G. c. peralta*). Their range has been drastically reduced due to habitat loss and habitat fragmentation, and from increased human population growth across the continent. Illegal hunting of giraffe is increasingly threatening populations in regions of civil unrest as they offer an easy target for food. Additionally, their skin and tail hair are popular as traditional gifts and tools.

Giraffe can be considered the least researched megafauna in Africa. They are protected where they occur in National Parks and private game parks, although some of the major protected populations have decreased during the 1990s in national parks such as Serengeti (Tanzania) and Tsavo (Kenya).

Celebrate World Giraffe Day, 21 June, 2014



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