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Write a Management Plan for a Species Reserve

Write a management plan for a reserve. Choose a species covered in the case studies that has had a reserve designated for it, or one that you think would benefit from designation of a reserve.

a) Determine how the reserve should be managed in order to help the species recover. (You may need to do additional research on the species' habitat needs.) Write an outline for a management plan for the reserve that responds to the needs of the species and of the local people. Include in your plan answers to questions such as:

- What activities will be allowed within the reserve?
- What activities will be prohibited?
- What activities will be allowed but regulated, and what will the regulations be? (For example, tourists can enter with a local guide but not on their own.)
- Will there be a buffer area around the reserve that will be regulated differently?

Consider activities such as plant-gathering, hunting, logging, fishing, firewood-gathering, livestock grazing, tourism, and scientific research. Can you think of others? Draw a diagram of your reserve and show where activities will be permitted, prohibited, or regulated.

b) After you have developed your management plan, prepare arguments that might be used to convince legislators and local residents to support the reserve and your management plan.