

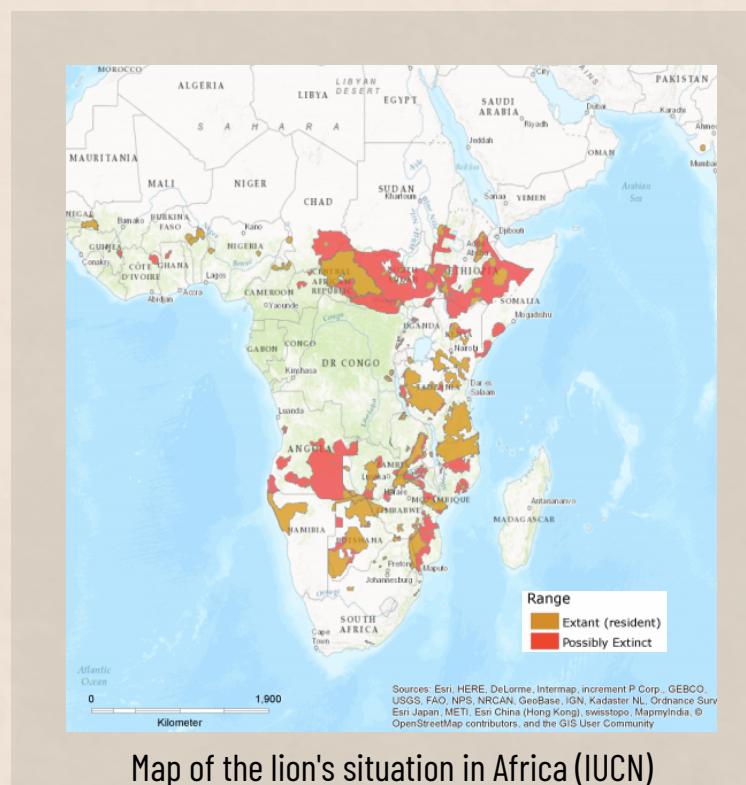
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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) AND THE CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY IN UGANDA: THE CASE OF THE LION

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## INTRODUCTION

Nature underpinned by biodiversity, provides a wealth of services; but both nature and biodiversity are disappearing at an alarming rate. In Uganda, the numbers of lions have been slowly decreasing as human population increases and habitat is lost.



## OBJECTIVES

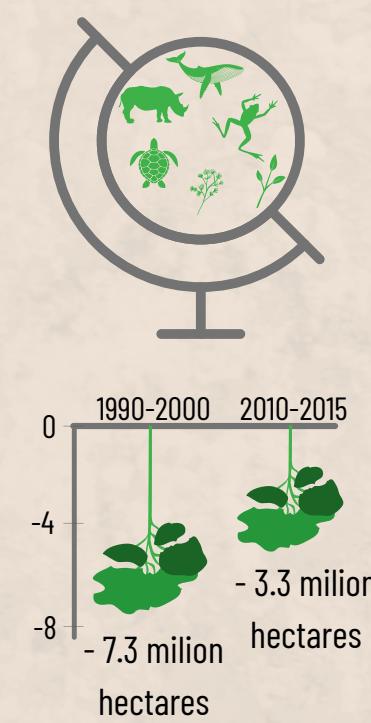
- Explain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) concept by focusing the society implications of the SDG 15.
- Transfer this goal to the conservation of lions in Uganda.
- Evaluate the strategic action plan for lions conservation in Uganda.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)

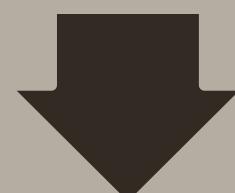
The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a collection of 17 global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all" and intended to be achieved by the year 2030.



About 1 million species face extinction across the globe



Global annual net forest loss



Lions are confined to protected areas and populations are declining even within these protected areas.

Lions are now confined to protected areas having been displaced by land conversion or hunted out.



The population has been reduced mainly as a result of killings by farmers, whose livestock the lions eat, as well as from trophy hunting and habitat loss.

## STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

Poisoning

Killing over livestock loss

Grazing of livestock in protected areas

Habitat loss

Disease

Increasing human population density

Poor livestock husbandry

Lack of prey

Poaching for body parts (traditional medicine)

Objectives

1. HABITAT LOSS/DEGRADATION
2. POACHING OF CARNIVORES/PREY
3. HUMAN-CARNIVORE CONFLICT
4. RAISE AWARENESS/SUPPORT FOR LIONS
5. MONITOR AND TACKLE DISEASES
6. RESEARCH AND MONITORING

## CONCLUSIONS

- There is a need to use the strategic action plan to raise funding to support the implementation of the plan, as the cost to develop it is very high. It will be circulated amongst potential donors as well as amongst the relevant Ministries and political leaders in the Uganda Government.
- Regarding the SDG, human activity continues to erode the health of ecosystems on which all species depend. The loss of forests is slowing but continues at an alarming rate.