# What's happening in the news this week?





Let's have a look at this week's poster!

25th November - 1st December 2024



## This week's story looks at events related to ...





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Learn more about this week's story <u>here</u>.

Watch this week's useful video <u>here</u>.

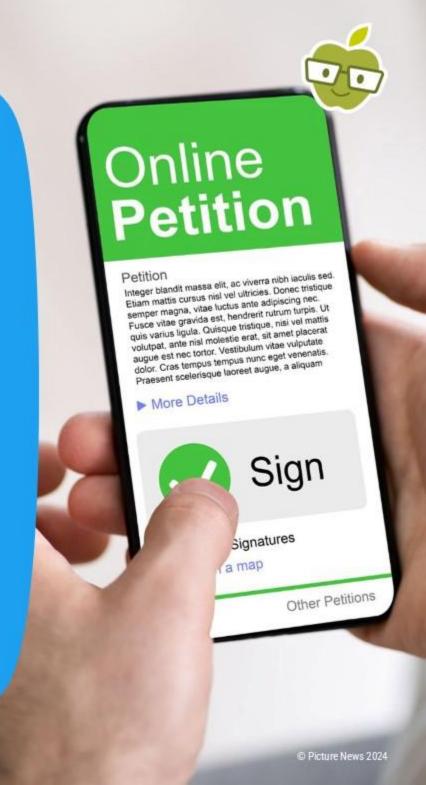


#### Questions

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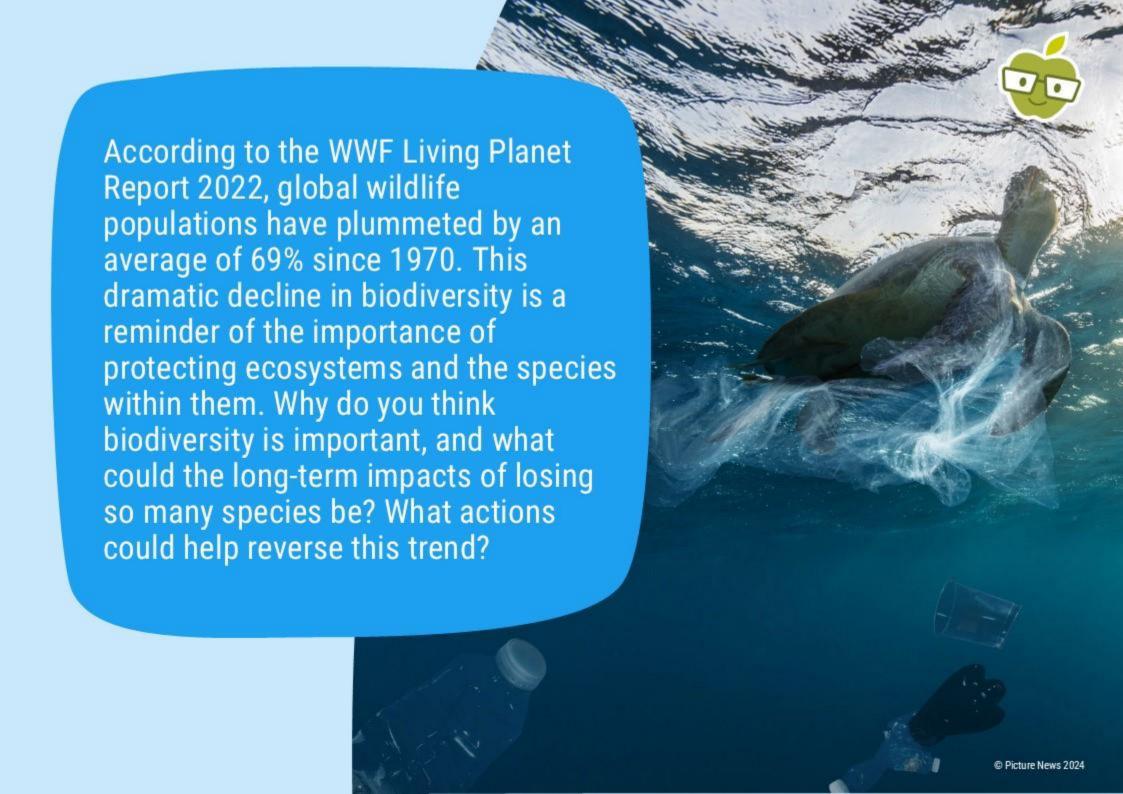
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#### **Vital statistics**

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## Further questions for discussion



- Do you believe people in different parts of the world experience environmental issues in the same way? How do social media and digital campaigns impact our awareness of global issues?
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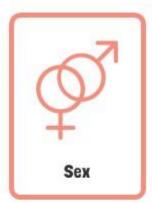


## Democracy

I can use my voice to raise awareness of issues that are important to me, like the environment. My opinions should be heard and I should listen to the opinions of others too.

# Protected Characteristics

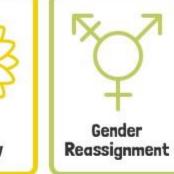
Ideas about how the world was created and how we should care for it can be shaped by someone's religion or belief. We should never be treated unfairly because of our religion or belief.

















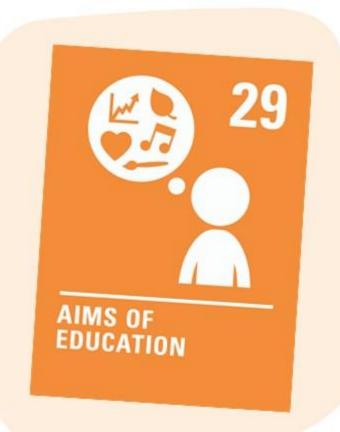




# UN Rights of the Child



Our education should help us live peacefully and protect the environment.



# LET'SDISCUSS



#### This week's news story

www.bbc.com/news/articles/crlnjyekpexo

#### This week's useful video

https://youtu.be/zbk2VkvtWI0

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- According to the WWF Living Planet Report 2022, global wildlife populations have plummeted by an average of 69% since 1970. This dramatic decline in biodiversity is a reminder of the importance of protecting ecosystems and the species within them. Why do you think biodiversity is important, and what could the long-term impacts of losing so many species be? What actions could help reverse this trend?

#### What others think

- Read through and share your responses to the two quotes below.
  - 'Altyn Dala demonstrates that when governments and civil society work together with a shared vision, we can achieve remarkable results.' Vera Voronova, Executive Director of the Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative, one of the 2024 Earthshot Prize winners.

'It is surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on Earth.' Sir David Attenborough, broadcaster and biologist.

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