

根据动物保护组织世界自然基金会（WWF）发表的一份重要报告，全球野生动物数量在不到 50 年的时间里减少了三分之二以上。报告称，这种“灾难性的下降趋势”没有减缓的迹象，并警告说，大自然正以前所未有的速度遭到人类的破坏。

The report looked at thousands of different wildlife species living in forests, **grasslands**, rivers, and oceans across the world. **Conservation** scientists recorded an average 68% fall in **mammals**, birds, **amphibians**, **reptiles**, and fish since 1970.

这份报告研究了生活在世界各地森林、草原、河流及海洋中的数千种野生物种。动物保护科学家的记录显示，自 1970 年来，哺乳动物、鸟类、两栖动物、爬行动物和鱼类的数量平均下降了 68%。

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科学家们说动物数量下降是灾难性的，也是人类燃烧森林、过度捕捞海洋生物和破坏野生空间对地球造成影响的确凿的证据。

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但世界自然基金会英国分会的迈克·巴雷特博士说，新的模型证据显示，如果紧急采取行动，就可以扭转这种趋势。

The report says efforts to protect wildlife must be combined with **tackling habitat loss** and **deforestation**. This will mean changes to the way food is produced and consumed, including reducing **food waste** and moving to healthier diets.

报告还指出，保护野生动物的工作必须与解决栖息地丧失和滥伐森林相结合。这将意味着改变食物的生产和消耗方式，包括减少食物浪费和转向更健康的饮食结构。

1. 词汇表

grasslands	草原，草场
conservation	动植物保护
mammals	哺乳动物
amphibians	两栖动物
reptiles	爬行动物
catastrophic	灾难性的
overfishing	过度捕捞
tackling	解决，应对

habitat loss	栖息地的消失
deforestation	大面积滥伐森林
food waste	食物浪费

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

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