

# World Animal Day



- **World Animal Day** is an international day of action for animal rights and welfare celebrated annually on October 4, the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.
- It started in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence, Italy who wished to highlight the plight of endangered species.

## Some figures

- In 2012, the IUCN Red List featured 3079 animal and 2655 plant species as endangered (EN) worldwide.
- The figures for 1998 were, respectively, 1102 and 1197









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