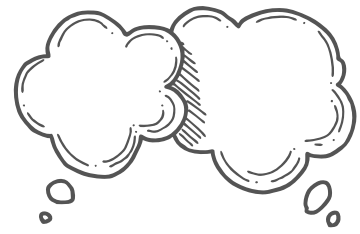


ON REFLECTION



Memorialising... Declining animal species

As human beings, we depend on the world around us for survival – we use it for fuel, shelter, and food. But sometimes, human activity can have a devastating impact on other animal species.

1

EXPLORE

Find out more about the dangers of overfishing. Explore:

- The freshwater pearl mussels from Grantown Museum
- The fan mussel shell from Gairloch Museum

Next, discover the story of the decline and return of the osprey, using the taxidermy specimen from Grantown Museum.

- What do you think we should celebrate from the story of the osprey?
- What actions took place that humans should be ashamed of?
- What lessons do you think we can learn from this story?



2

TALK ABOUT IT

What creatures do you think need protecting or celebrating? You could think of things that live in the air, things that live on the ground, and things that live in the sea.

In Scotland, species in decline include the Scottish wildcats, hedgehog, capercaillie, black grouse, and the arctic skua.

Some reasons include: the destruction of habitat, human activities such as hunting, chemicals in the environment, and climate change.

Design your own memorial as a reminder to other people to help protect creatures too!

3

TRY IT YOURSELF

Make a pledge to do something good for creatures that live in the wild – you could pledge not to drop litter or even go on a litter pick too.

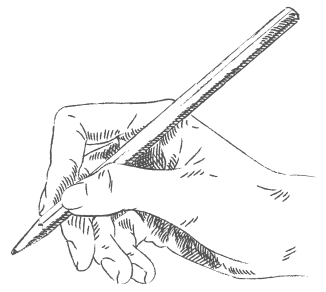
What else could you do?



4

CREATE A COMMEMORATION

Use this page to plan your ideas.



Who do you want to commemorate?

Why do you want to remember what happened to them?

What could your design look like? What shapes or pictures could you include?

What message could you write?

