

Title: Australia’s “Shocking” Decline in Environment

Australia is famous for its amazing creatures and plants. However, scientists have reported a “shocking” loss of biodiversity. The government released a depressing report about the environment. It says there is a decrease in biodiversity, an increase in habitat loss, and more pollution. Climate change is also damaging Australia's ecosystems.

Australia publishes its State of the Environment Report every five years. Each report has shown that the situation is getting worse. Scientists say droughts, floods and wildfires have killed many animals and destroyed natural habitats. Because of these problems, many species are disappearing.

A conservation group said the government is not taking enough action to protect nature. Australia has lost more mammal species than any other continent. More than 100 species are already extinct. Environmentalists say this report is a “wake-up call” for everyone. It shows the damage humans are doing to the natural world. They believe stronger actions are needed to protect wildlife and ecosystems in the future.

1.Short-Answer Questions

1. What problem have scientists reported in Australia?
2. How often does Australia publish the State of the Environment Report?
3. What natural disasters have killed many animals?
4. How many species have already become extinct in Australia?
5. What do environmentalists think people should do in the future

2. Multiple-Choice Questions

1. What is Australia famous for?
 - A. Its large cities
 - B. Its wildlife and plants
 - C. Its factories
 - D. Its technology
2. What problem is increasing in Australia?
 - A. Tourism
 - B. Biodiversity
 - C. Pollution
 - D. Forest area
3. How often is the environmental report published?
 - A. Every year

- B. Every two years
 - C. Every five years
 - D. Every ten years
4. What natural events have harmed animals?
- A. Earthquakes
 - B. Tornadoes
 - C. Droughts and wildfires
 - D. Snowstorms
5. What do environmentalists call the report?
- A. A warning
 - B. A celebration
 - C. A surprise
 - D. A success

3. True / False Statements

1. Australia is known for its rich biodiversity.
2. Climate change does not affect Australia's ecosystems.
3. Many animals have died because of droughts and floods.
4. Australia has lost fewer mammal species than other continents.
5. Environmentalists believe stronger actions are necessary to protect wildlife.

4. Gap-Filling Summary (5 blanks)

Complete the summary using words from the reading.

Australia is experiencing a serious loss of **(1)** _____. Scientists say that pollution, climate change, and habitat loss are harming many **(2)** _____. Natural disasters such as droughts and **(3)** _____ have destroyed many habitats. As a result, more than **(4)** _____ species have become extinct. Environmentalists say this situation should be a **(5)** _____ call for people to protect nature.