

Endangered animals (Gap-fill)

Insert 3 words from each list to complete both paragraphs and find the extra words.

1- native - decreasing - hunting - declined

Hawksbill turtle

Threat level: **critically endangered**

Over the last 100 years, the Hawksbill turtle has _____ in population globally. Although not _____ to the UAE, these turtles do enjoy nesting on the UAE's beaches which are on their migratory routes. Global warming in the form of rising water levels means that their nesting and feeding habitats are being destroyed. Illegal _____ for their shells has also contributed to numbers decreasing.

(The extra word: _____)

2- prey - habitat - decreasing - dwindled

Houbara Bustard

Threat level: **vulnerable**

Pre 1994 the numbers of this bird were _____ at a rate of 25%. A loss of _____ and overhunting were to blame. Hunting with falcons was very important to indigenous peoples and the Houbara bustard was a main source of meat. However, in recent years this decline appears to have slowed. Although only classified as vulnerable it is important that numbers are monitored carefully since the bustard plays a significant role in Arabian culture and heritage. As the main _____ for falcons, if the Houbara bustard dies out then so will the art of falconry.

(The extra word: _____)