

**Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words from the list:**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this species is a matter of great concern for environmentalists.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the rainforest is crucial for the survival of many animals.
3. The recent \_\_\_\_\_ suggests that we can expect heavy rain this weekend.
4. The penguins were found \_\_\_\_\_ after the sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of crude oil in their habitat.
5. Pollution from factories can lead to problems like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The polar bears are \_\_\_\_\_ because of the melting ice caps due to global warming.
7. If we don't take action, many species may become \_\_\_\_\_ in the near future.
8. The performance at the wildlife \_\_\_\_\_ was met with a standing ovation, and the audience \_\_\_\_\_ the efforts of the conservationists.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the city has caused water shortages and crop failures.
10. The region's \_\_\_\_\_ climate can be quite uncomfortable for those not used to it.
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of natural habitats can lead to the \_\_\_\_\_ of many plant and animal species.
12. After hiking in the rain, we were all \_\_\_\_\_ and had to change into dry clothes.
13. When you achieve your goals, don't be surprised if others turn \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The problems associated with the pollution in the ocean are just \_\_\_\_\_ when compared to the larger issue of climate change.
15. Some areas are in danger of \_\_\_\_\_ due to a rapidly increasing population.