

Unit 9 Lesson 11

Vocabulary Worksheet

Lessons 11–12 Endangered species

1 Complete the texts using the vocabulary in the box.

native decreasing hunting declined prey habitat dwindled

- The sport of chasing and killing animals is known as _____.
- Your _____ town or country is the place where you were born.
- An animal that is hunted or killed by another animal is known as _____.
- The natural _____ or environment of an animal or plant.
- When something has become less in amount, importance, quality to strength, it has _____.
- When something is becoming less, it is _____.
- When something has become smaller or less, it has _____.

2 Complete the texts using some of the words in the boxes.

native decreasing hunting declined

1. 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.

prey habitat decreasing dwindled

2. 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.