



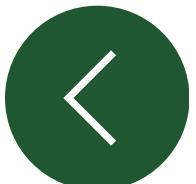
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Endangered Animals in Türkiye



Introduction

- Türkiye is a crossroads of biodiversity, home to unique landscapes and fascinating wildlife. Unfortunately, many species are now threatened due to human activities, climate change, and habitat loss.
- Today, we're going to discover a few of Türkiye's endangered animals, learn what makes them special, and how efforts are being made to protect them.

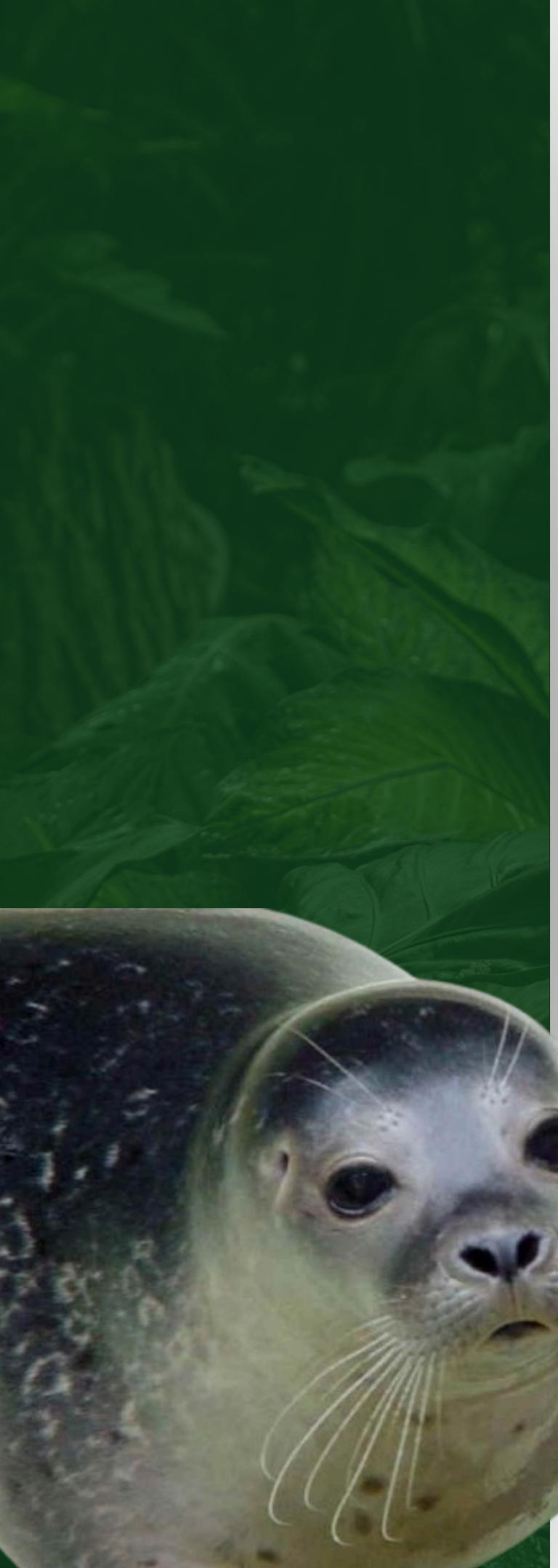


1. The Anatolian Leopard

Let's start with a symbol of Turkiye's wild beauty—the Anatolian Leopard.

- **Status:** Critically Endangered
- **What's Happening?:** Once freely roaming across our country, the Anatolian leopard is now on the brink of extinction. Why? Illegal hunting and habitat destruction are pushing this majestic predator into hiding. Sadly, conflicts with farmers who see the leopard as a threat to livestock are increasing the risk.
- **Good News:** Conservationists are using camera traps to monitor their population. In 2013, a leopard was spotted—giving hope that these big cats are not gone yet!





2. The Mediterranean Monk Seal

Now, let's dive into the waters with the Mediterranean Monk Seal.

- **Status:** Endangered
- **What's Happening?**: These shy marine mammals live along Turkiye's coastlines, but their numbers have plummeted due to pollution, fishing nets, and tourism. With fewer than 700 left in the wild worldwide, the monk seal's future looks uncertain.
- **Good News:** Protected marine areas and dedicated efforts by conservation groups are giving them a fighting chance. Organizations like DEKAMER are working to safeguard their habitats and reduce human interference.





3. The Northern Bald Ibis

- **Status:** Critically Endangered
- **What's Happening?**: With its bald head and curved beak, this bird used to be common near the Euphrates River. But today, habitat destruction and climate change have made it incredibly rare in the wild.
- **Good News:** In Birecik, a special breeding program is helping to increase their numbers. Slowly but surely, these efforts are giving the ibis a second chance.



4. The Caretta Caretta (Loggerhead Sea Turtle)

Now, let's head back to the coast with the Loggerhead Sea Turtle.

- **Status:** Vulnerable
- These ancient sea creatures nest along Türkiye's Mediterranean beaches, but beachfront development, pollution, and artificial lights are putting their survival at risk.
- **Good News:** Conservation organizations are working hard to protect their nesting sites, ensuring these turtles can continue their life cycle uninterrupted.



5. The Caucasian Lynx

- Status: Vulnerable
- The lynx's beautiful fur makes it a target for illegal poaching, and deforestation is shrinking its territory. As a solitary predator, the lynx is becoming harder to find.
- Good News: Efforts are underway to create wildlife corridors that allow the lynx to move safely between habitats, while also educating communities on the importance of preserving this species.



6. Imperial Eagle

- **Status:** Vulnerable
- **Description:** Found in the open landscapes of Central and Eastern Anatolia, the Imperial Eagle faces habitat loss due to agricultural expansion.
- **Conservation Efforts:** Protecting hunting and breeding habitats is key, alongside raising awareness about this majestic predator.



7. Bezoar Goat

- **Status:** Vulnerable
- **Description:** The Bezoar Goat, found in Turkey's mountainous regions, is threatened by overhunting and habitat loss.
- **Conservation Efforts:** Hunting quotas and habitat protection measures aim to stabilize its population.



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