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Species of the Day: Przewalski's Horse

Przewalski's Horse, *Equus ferus przewalskii*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Przewalski's Horse is now the last true species of wild horse, and in 1969 the last wild individual was recorded in southwest Mongolia. Previously classified as 'Extinct in the Wild', the release of captive-bred individuals and the survival of their offspring in the wild to maturity led to it being down-listed to 'Critically Endangered'.

Hunting, human conflict, competition with domestic livestock, habitat degradation and capture expeditions were all thought to have caused the extinction of Przewalski's Horse in the wild. Today, re-introduced populations are primarily threatened by severe winters, resource exploitation, and contact with domestic horses which can lead to hybridization and transfer of disease.

Przewalski's Horse is legally protected in Mongolia where re-introductions began in the 1990s. There are now three re-introduction sites, including Hustai National Park, Great Gobi B Strictly Protected Area, and Seriin Nuruu. For the past four years there have been more than 50 mature Przewalski's Horses surviving in the wild. The re-introduction of this species, and the down-listing of its threatened status, is a true **success story for conservation**.

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