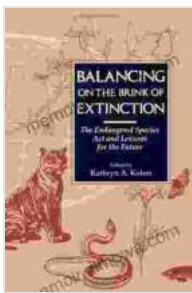


# The Endangered Species Act: Lessons for the Future

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is one of the most important pieces of environmental legislation in the United States. Enacted in 1973, the ESA has been credited with saving many species from extinction, including the bald eagle, the grizzly bear, and the Florida panther.



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Under the ESA, it is illegal to "take" any endangered or threatened species, which includes killing, harming, or harassing them. It is also illegal to destroy or modify their habitat.

The ESA has been very effective in protecting many species from extinction. However, the ESA has also been controversial, with some critics arguing that it is too restrictive and that it stifles economic development.

Despite the controversy, the ESA remains a vital tool for protecting our nation's wildlife. As we face the challenges of climate change and habitat loss, the ESA will become even more important in the years to come.

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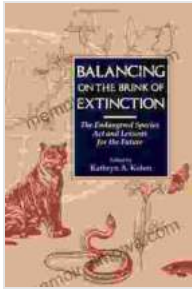
The ESA has taught us many important lessons about how to protect endangered species.

- **Habitat loss is the biggest threat to endangered species.** The ESA has helped to protect critical habitat for many species, but we need to do more to protect our nation's ecosystems.
- **Climate change is a major threat to endangered species.** The ESA is helping to protect species from the impacts of climate change, but we need to do more to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Public support is essential for protecting endangered species.** The ESA has been successful because it has enjoyed strong public support. We need to continue to educate the public about the importance of endangered species and the ESA.

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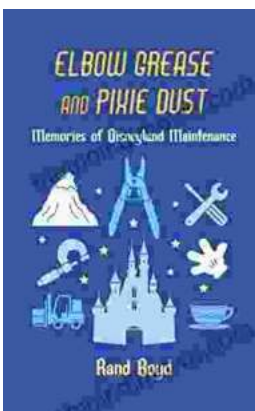


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