

Plants & Animals in Europe (2011)

Organisms	Percentage threatened	Percentage decline since 2006	Reason
plants	44,9%	11%	✓ Pollution ✓ Urban development
Freshwater fish	37%	17%	✓ Pollution ✓ overfishing
Reptiles	29%	42% more than 40% reptiles	✓ Pollution ✓ Illegal killing of

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People are concerned about the decline in the numbers of plants and animals in Europe.

A large and significant number of plants and animals are threatened. Approximately 45% of all plants in Europe are threatened because of pollution and urban development. Under these circumstances, many animals have also been affected. For example, pollution and overfishing caused a decline of 17% in the fish population between 2006 and 2011, so nearly 40% of freshwater fish are now threatened. Reptiles have also been affected by these problems. Up to 20% of reptiles are threatened, and

their population has declined by more than 40% during the past five years. This decline is mostly due to pollution and illegal killing of reptiles. Overall, it is obvious that humanity activities are having a serious impact on wildlife in Europe.