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## A Helping Hand for National Animals

*An activity of "National animals have a place in people's hearts – and stomachs?"*

Most countries have a national animal that represents them and shows what is special about their environments. Puffins are associated with Iceland and kangaroos with Australia. Read how "National animals have a place in people's hearts – and stomachs?" (pages 18-19, *What's Up* February 2025).

A. Based on the story, list the reasons, problems, and solutions for the declining puffin population and kangaroo overpopulation.

<b>Declining puffin population</b>
<i>Reasons</i>
<i>Solutions</i>

<b>Kangaroo overpopulation</b>
<i>Problems</i>
<i>Solutions</i>

B. Go to the *What's Up* article again. Complete the puzzle on page 19 by matching the national animals to their corresponding countries.

C. Pick one national animal and country from here →.

With the help of the internet, list ↓ one concern associated with its national animal and a solution.

### National animals



Country:	National animal:
<i>A concern</i>	
<i>A solution</i>	

D. The *What's Up* article and this activity give us food for thought. Reflect on these two questions:

- In what ways can children's knowledge about these animals help them one day?
- If the national animal you picked knew you had chosen to write about it, how do you imagine it would feel?

Share your thoughts with two or three of your classmates.