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**Step 1: Species Selection**

Briefly research 3 species that you may be interested in studying in more detail for your endangered species project. Record your research below.

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The image above shows the various threat levels as determined by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).

**Use the following decision matrix to assist you in selecting one of the species for further exploration.**

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| **Name of the Animal** | **Species 1:** | **Species 2:** | **Species 3:** |
| **Type of Animal** (Reptile, Mammal, or Amphibian) |  |  |  |
| **Threat Level** (Conservation Status- either near threatened, vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered) |  |  |  |
| **What is or could be directly threatening this species population?**  |  |  |  |
| **Briefly describe the habitat of this organism.** Ex: Warm dry desert of Western United States |  |  |  |