

## Galápagos Conservation

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The Galápagos Islands are unique. They have interesting animals and beautiful scenery. Still, there are some problems on the islands. Many people are working hard to protect the islands from these problems.

Here are four of the biggest environmental problems on the Galápagos Islands. Read about each one, and think about why this might be a problem. Write your ideas in the space below.

- Many years ago, people brought goats, wild pigs, dogs, cats, and other animals to the Galápagos Islands. Now, many of these animals roam the islands. **How might this be a problem for the native animals of the Galápagos Islands? List as many ideas as you can think of.**
  
- About 30,000 people live on the Galápagos Islands. More than 100,000 people visit the islands each year. **How might humans create problems on the Galápagos Islands? List as many ideas as you can think of.**
  
- Since the 1600s, giant tortoises have been killed for their meat. Today, it's illegal to kill a giant tortoise. Unfortunately, some people still poach (illegally kill) them. **What might be done to prevent tortoise poaching? List as many ideas as you can think of.**