#### National Geographic Kids Primary Resources

# Extinct animals primary resource

This **primary resource** introduces children to eight species that once called our planet home. What was the cause of the **dodo**'s extinction? Where and when did the last **Tasmania tiger** die? What huge, horned breed of cattle once roamed the forests of Europe? Which extinct frog species do scientists hope to bring back to life?!

In our **National Geographic Kids primary resourc**e sheet, pupils will learn about each of the eight fascinating species, and discover the reasons for their tragic fate. They will also learn about the **IUCN Red List** and the meaning of different conservation statuses, such as *Endangered*, *Critically endangered* and *Extinct*.

The teaching resource can be used in study group tasks and discussions about **extinct species** and the importance of **wildlife conservation** – as a printed handout for each pupil to review and annotate, or for display on the interactive whiteboard for class discussion.

**Activity:**

Ask the children to imagine that they have travelled back in time and encountered one of the extinct species in our primary resource sheet. Get them to write a diary entry or postcard home, describing the animal they’ve seen. Encourage the children to include facts and information from in their own independent research about their chosen species.