

REQUIREMENTS

Challenges for Middle Schools

CHALLENGE 1

PERFORMANCE: THE LAST OF MY SPECIES

For individuals or groups; maximum points: 100

A. SKIT

B. SONG

YOUR CHALLENGE: Throughout time, natural and human influences have impacted Earth's flora and fauna. Students will create a performance piece that focuses on one imperiled plant or animal species and research where the species lives, why its population is diminishing and what is being done to protect the species. Students will create and perform an original family-friendly skit **or** song that integrates their research and highlights this issue.

ENTRY SUBMISSION: Wednesday, October 5, 5:00 p.m.
Email (challenge6-8@fairchildgarden.org) the following materials:

- (a) Challenge 1 entry form*
 - (b) Challenge 1 table*
 - (c) Maximum **one entry per school** (either a skit **or** a song)
- * Available at www.fairchildchallenge.org/ms/challenges.



EVENT DATES: Performers **must** arrive by 6:00 p.m., at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

- (a) **SKIT:** Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.
- (b) **SONG:** Thursday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Species' conservation status is specified; must be one of the following IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Red List Categories - "vulnerable," "endangered," "critically endangered," or "extinct in the wild."
<input type="checkbox"/>	Challenge 1 table that includes original script/lyrics submitted in advance (handwritten or typed)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Script/lyrics must answer: Where and why is this taking place? What's being done?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maximum 10 student performers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Performance is three-minutes or less
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skit: must be original; no music allowed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Song: must be original melody; no instruments/objects or pre-recorded material allowed

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- **Skit:** student-created costumes and props are encouraged.
- **Song:** performed a capella, rap, chorus, etc.; body drumming, vocal rhythm, and/or beat boxing is encouraged.
- **25 bonus points** for one teacher or administrator (in addition to student performers) performing on stage; **students must be the lead performers.**

EVALUATION CRITERIA: For a detailed list of evaluation criteria and points awarded for this challenge, visit www.fairchildchallenge.org/ms/challenges.

NEXT GENERATION SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS: This challenge meets standards for Dance, Health Education, Music, Physical Education, Reading/Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Theater, and Visual Arts. For a detailed list of specific standards, visit www.fairchildchallenge.org/ms/standards.