

## Extinction Sucks

6 X 30 MINUTES

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

### 1. Asian Elephant

The growing Indian population, and the constant threat of ivory poaching, have reduced the Asian elephant population to just 30,000. Aleisha and Ashleigh Young throw a Junk in your Trunk fundraiser to raise money for the Indian forestry teams so they can buy night vision binoculars to detect elephant poachers in the dark.

### 2. Sea Turtle

Sea turtles have swum the world's oceans for over 100m years – they are one of nature's truly heroic survivors. However in the last 200 years, human intervention has had an appalling affect on turtle numbers. Conservation duo Aleisha and Ashleigh hold a turtle tennis fundraising event, in order to buy and deliver a quad bike for conservation teams in the far north of Queensland.

### 3. Indian Rhino

Rhino horn still fetches a high price in traditional Asian medicine as an anti-inflammatory. Because of poaching, there are now just 2,500 great one-horned rhinos left in the wild. The majority of poaching and smuggling takes place in desperately poor countries such as Nepal. Aleisha and Ashleigh hold a Missing Horn in their pub to raise cash for the Nepalese anti-poaching teams.

### 4. Asiatic Black Bear

In many South East Asian countries, bears are kept in horrific, cramped conditions for a shocking, painful purpose: they are milked for their bile. Such is the demand, bears are virtually extinct from the jungles of Vietnam. Aleisha and Ashleigh are asked if they can raise some money for a new enclosure. They come up with a crazy idea...

### 5. Tasmanian Devil

The Tasmanian devil was made famous in cartoons as a crazed animal prone to bursts of anger. It's a dreadful irony that the real thing has become just that, driven insane by a horrific facial cancer that causes the animal to die of starvation. Scientists believe they will be extinct within 20 years. Conservation team Aleisha Caruso and Ashleigh Young are determined not to let this happen.

## 6. Hector's Dolphin

The rarest and smallest of all the world's dolphins are in New Zealand, and the single greatest threat to their survival is fishing. The use of gill nets has forced the New Zealand government to introduce a ban in order to save the Hector's dolphin. Aleisha and Ashleigh travel to New Zealand to hold a demonstration in support of the government.