

National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore's ambitious project to document every species in captivity is well underway. So far, he has photographed more than 6,000 animals.



What is Photo Ark?  
Photo Ark is a National Geographic conservation project. Its goal is to create portraits of every animal species in captivity. National Geographic hopes that the wonderful photos will inspire people to care about the animals and want to protect them.  
[natgeophotoark.org](http://natgeophotoark.org)



★ **Orange-bellied parrot**  
(*Neophema chrysogaster*)

This is one of the rarest birds in the world. There are fewer than 50 left in the wild.



★ **Blue-eyed black lemur**  
(*Eulemur flavifrons*)

The blue-eyed black lemur population is critically endangered. There are probably fewer than 1,000 left in the wild. Only about 60 live in captivity.



★ **Clouded leopard**  
(*Neofelis nebulosa*)

The clouded leopard population is decreasing. There are less than 10,000 in the wild.



★ **South Georgia king penguins**  
(*Aptenodytes patagonicus patagonicus*)

King penguins have been hunted for eggs, blubber, oil, and feathers. Commercial hunting for them is now banned. As a result their population is slowly increasing.