

Activity 5: The Survival of the Great Apes

In *The Great Apes 3D*, you learn about the dangers to the great apes from human activity. Humans are taking over some of the land where the great apes make their homes. You can help protect the great apes by taking action such as creating mini-posters calling attention to the dangers facing the great apes' habitats. You might use a sheet of paper to draw your own house next to the "home" of

a great ape and write how people can help stop this threat to the great apes' habitats.

You can also use what you learned from the film and from research you do on various websites to suggest possible solutions to some of the threats listed below. Write your ideas in the third column. The first one is already done to help you get started.

Threat	Its Effect	Possible Solution
National park borders that aren't clearly marked	More human-ape contact	In Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo, officials have built physical barriers around the park.
Cutting down native trees to clear land for business such as palm-oil plantations	Making apes move and destroying parts of their habitat	
Expanding farmland into apes' territory	Making apes move and destroying parts of their habitat	
Humans building towns within apes' territory	Making apes move and destroying parts of their habitat	
With more people living near the great apes, they are more likely to meet up with humans by accident	Killing off the apes, introducing germs for which the apes have no immunity	
Hunting/poaching	Maiming and killing apes, selling apes into captivity	