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The harm of the trade and how it is related to the harm to parrots, peoples, and ecosystems



Parrot Trade: Harm to Parrots?

- Do we know how many we have?
- How many are being traded?
- Do we know which ones are ours?
- Ignorance fanning the trade? lethargy?
- 'Status' in protection ranking?



Harm to People: Are they aware?



- Local communities (of benefit to them?)
- Government institutions tasked with wildlife research and conservation (what is their worth?)
- Few people knowing the parrot's worth (is birding elitist? Same to conservation?)



Ecosystems: Roles?

- Do they rank as highly as pollinators? Or elephants?
- Roles as seed dispersers-not clear in connecting with solution to world problems in the global south
- Interactions with other species?



Reset: Priorities



- Complementary institutions (regional governments?)

Strategies:

- Research contributing: welfare of the species? Population status? Trade aspects? Genetic recognition (Kenyan species? Range definitions? Interactions with humans > any conflicts?)
- Red tape



Thanks!

- One Earth Conservation (LoraKim, Gail, Sylvia)
- Parrot Conservation Corps
- The surviving parrots all over the world that still believe in their place on the planet.

