

Penguins under Threat

Sadly penguins are amongst the many animals that are threatened by climate change. In some areas penguin populations have decreased by nearly 80%.

In Antarctica, the ice is melting at an alarming rate which means less ice for the penguins to live on and less food.

The penguins under most threat currently are the African penguins that like to feed off anchovies and sardines. These fish like cold water, however as the sea warms up the fish are moving further away making it harder for the penguins to find.

Lots of penguins suffer due to oil spills, pesticides and because humans fish in the waters and take their food.

Plastic is polluting our oceans which can end up being swallowed by penguins or leaving them trapped.



A fairy penguin killed by plastic rubbish on Troubridge Island, Australia. *Credit: Jane McKenzie / Environment Protection Authority South Australia*

How you can help

There are lots of ways that you can help to protect penguins and other animals under threat.

Only eat seafood from sustainable fisheries.

Reduce the amount of plastic you buy you could try to eliminate plastic completely, but if you do have any make sure you reuse or recycle what you have.

Try to reduce your carbon footprint by walking more instead of going in the car, eating less meat, buying fewer clothes, toys, books, electrical items or basically anything!

Support charities, politicians and organisations that try to reverse climate change and know the importance of protecting our planet.

The Parenting Project

The Parenting Project is committed to educating families about the plight of penguins through our Pip Day work about families.

