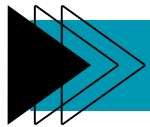




Endangered Species Condoms



The connection between endless growth – more people, more consumption, more exploitation of land and water – and the decline of other species is well documented. U.S. society celebrates economic growth over well-being, consumption over creativity, and humans over wildlife. Tackling each of these issues alone is a challenge. What if we could address them together? Endangered Species Condoms are the perfect icebreaker to start talking about solutions that advance gender empowerment, improve well-being, and protect biodiversity.



Why Condoms?

Global population is now over 8 billion, but population pressure is about more than just numbers. The destructive, endless growth economies of rich countries like the U.S. put enormous pressure on biodiversity and human communities here and around the world. And not everyone has the ability to choose if and when to have children. The condoms are a call to action to address the connections between gender empowerment, reproductive well-being, an exploitative economy, and environmental crises and improve life for all species.

- In the United States, 19 million women don't have access to the full range of contraceptives.
- About half of all U.S. high school students receive sex education that meets minimum federal standards.
- U.S. reproductive healthcare is under attack with state bans blocking abortion access for nearly 21 million people since Roe v. Wade was overturned.
- Universal access to sexual and reproductive healthcare is a fundamental human right. Every person should have the ability to decide when -- and if -- they want their family to grow.
- When people are educated and empowered to make family planning decisions, it improves the health of communities, babies and the planet.



Why Endangered Species?

Every essential human need depends on the biodiversity and health of our planet. Wildlife and wild places have their own intrinsic value, and their loss impoverishes society. We're in the planet's sixth mass extinction, with animals and plants disappearing at the fastest rate since the dinosaurs. This time the cause is not geologic or cosmic but human. But there's still time to save life on Earth. Supporting education, reproductive freedom, conscious consumption and alternative economies helps protect biodiversity and improves the well-being of human communities.

- More than a million species are at risk of extinction in the coming decades if current trends continue.
- Over the past 50 years, human population has doubled while wildlife populations have plummeted by an average of 69%.
- The same systems of oppression that harm people overexploit the environment and hurt wildlife.
- The average American has an environmental footprint 60% larger than the average person in Europe and nearly 700% larger than the average person in India.
- Human population could reach nearly 10 billion by 2050, increasing demand for water, land, trees and fossil fuels.

Use the condoms to start the conversation with your friends, family and community, then take the next step by advocating for gender empowerment through equitable access to contraception, abortion and education. The Center for Biological Diversity has handed out over 1 million free condoms since the project began, relying on thousands of volunteers in all 50 states as our distributors.

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Gender Equity

The climate crisis has a disproportionate impact on women and gender diverse people, but gender equity solutions, including family planning, are completely absent from most climate plans. We envision a future where existing inequities are not deepened as the climate crisis continues.

- Advocate for the inclusion of [gender equity in climate and sustainability plans](#).
- Ask your Congress members to support [The Equality Act](#), a LGBTQIA+ non-discrimination and civil rights bill that would expand existing federal laws to protect people from discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity.

Reproductive Health & Freedom

Every person should have the right to make their own healthcare decisions. The ability for people to decide when — and if — they want their family to grow should never be limited by income, race, geography or pollution.

- Donate to your local [abortion fund](#).
- Ask Congress to support the [Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act](#), including the Protecting Moms and Babies Against Climate Change Act.
- Urge your members of Congress to pass the [Right to Contraception Act](#) to affirm the right to birth control and related counseling.

Education

Universal access to age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education is the first step to reproductive well-being and gender empowerment.

- Find out how sex ed is taught in your community and advocate for improvements through [SIECUS](#): Sex Ed for Social Change.
- Ask your congressperson to support [REAHYA](#), The Real Education and Access for Healthy Youth Act, for universal access to sex ed.
- Support access to [sustainable, free period products](#).

Biodiversity

Species are facing relentless pressure from expanding human development, habitat destruction, invasive species and climate change. We work to secure a future for all species, great and small, hovering on the brink of extinction.

- Learn about and advocate for [endangered species](#) near you.
- Get involved in your own community doing citizen science projects, species monitoring, land stewardship and ecosystem restoration.

Alternative Economies

Our endless growth economy has led to rampant overproduction and pressure to constantly consume, driving destructive resource extraction, pollution, and waste and contributing to the climate and extinction crises. We must transition to an alternative economy where everyone has a voice, affordable housing, safe workplaces, fair wages, healthy environments, and equitable access to healthy products and services.

- Reach out to local [mutual aid groups](#) or start your own.
- Find and support [credit unions, land trusts, worker-owned co-operatives, and community supported agriculture \(CSAs\)](#) near you.