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Endangered-species condoms for your own private Earth Day

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And the winner is: the Center for Biological Diversity, for the oddest Earth Day commemorative.

The organization that spends most of its time suing the government to protect endangered species is passing out a quarter of a million endangered-species condoms in U.S. cities, Mexico and Puerto Rico on Thursday.

Actually, the nonprofit had been passing out the prophylactics since

February but upped the pace for the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. The group says it wants to highlight the role of human overpopulation in the elimination and endangerment of other species.

Several thousand volunteers will hand out the two-condom packets at concerts, bars, universities, spiritual-group meetings, local events and farmers' markets. Each package includes information on the species, facts about overpopulation and species extinction, and suggestions on how the human population can be stabilized.

