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## Endangered Species Condoms Handed Out New Year's Eve To Raise Awareness Of Overpopulation

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This New Year's Eve, more than 600 volunteers for the Center for Biological Diversity will be handing out Endangered Species Condoms in order to increase awareness about the destructive repercussions of overpopulation and overconsumption on both endangered species and their habitats.

The world's population has nearly doubled since the celebration of the first Earth Day in 1970. At 6.8 billion people, the human race is the most populous large mammal that has ever existed. Not only is providing for so many people putting a strain on the earth's finite resources, but it's also making it much more difficult for endangered plants and animals to survive. With humans using 50 percent of the earth's fresh water and 50 percent of the earth's land mass, many species are simply running out of places to live.

Because New Year's Eve is one of the most popular days of the year for condom use, 50,000 of the Endangered Species Condoms were sent to volunteers to hand out this Friday. There are six different packages, all containing original artwork and slogans. All six species featured on the condoms are listed as threatened or endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

