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## Group to hand out free endangered species condoms

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TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—An environmental group plans to distribute 50,000 free condoms across the U.S. through the holiday season as part of a campaign aimed at calling attention to the impact of human population growth on wildlife.

The Tucson-based Center for Biological Diversity says that since its population awareness campaign began in 2009, the group has given out 450,000 free endangered species condoms, featuring pictures of polar bears, panthers and other threatened species.

This year's condom giveaway will focus on college health centers, nightclubs, women's groups and other activist organizations around the country.

Jerry Karnas, the group's population campaign director, says the condoms help attract attention to the problem of how increasing human population is affecting wildlife, some already on the brink of extinction.