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ESA Has Saved Thousands of Species From Extinction

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In their manifesto about the Endangered Species Act, Damien Schiff and Julie MacDonald omit the fact that the ESA has prevented the extinction of 99% of the more than 1,500 plants and animals it protects, along the way preserving the health of the irreplaceable forests, waterways and ecosystems we all share (“The Endangered Species Act Turns 40—Hold the Applause,” op-ed, Dec. 28). The act has put hundreds of species on the path to recovery. To its credit, the ESA has done a superb job of helping us balance our short-term economic needs with the long-term environmental and economic concerns that are in the best interest of our children and grandchildren.

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