

No, beavers are not endangered. In fact, they are classified as a species of "[least concern](#)". While they were once hunted nearly to extinction due to the fur trade, conservation efforts and reintroduction programs have led to a significant population rebound. "Culling" refers to the practice of reducing beaver populations, often due to conflicts with humans, not because they are endangered.

Detailed Explanation:

- **Not Endangered:**

Beavers are not listed on the [IUCN Red List](#) or [CITES](#), which are key indicators of endangerment.

- **"Least Concern":**

The IUCN classifies beavers as a species of "least concern," indicating a low risk of extinction.

- **Historical Over-Hunting:**

Beavers were historically heavily trapped for their fur, leading to near extinction in some areas.

- **Rebound:**

Conservation efforts and habitat protection have allowed beaver populations to recover significantly.

- **"Culling" and Human Conflict:**

Beaver populations can still be managed (culled) due to conflicts with humans. For example, beaver dams can cause flooding, and their tree felling can damage property.

- **"Keystone Species":**

Beavers are considered a "[keystone species](#)" because their dam building creates wetlands that benefit many other species, enhancing biodiversity.

- **Coexistence Efforts:**

Many areas are now focusing on coexistence strategies to minimize conflicts while maintaining beaver populations and their ecological benefits.