

#EndangeredEmoji

WWF LAUNCHES THE **WORLD'S FIRST EMOJI-BASED FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**











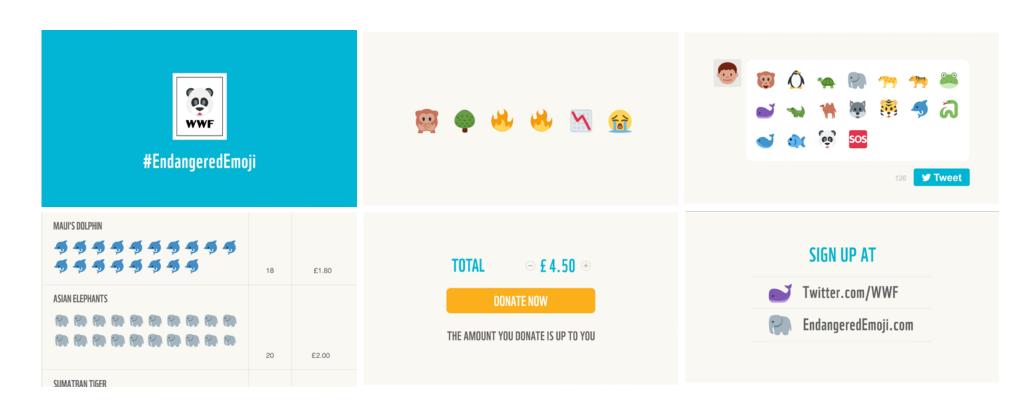


HOW IT WORKS

The explanation video you can find here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v26WWHUwj38&feature=youtu.be

The video will be available to the public on 12th May. Please do not share until then.



THE CAMPAIGN

Today WWF launches its first ever emoji-based fundraising campaign to help support the organisation's work to protect precious species and their habitats. The launch of the campaign, which will be run on Twitter, comes just ahead of Endangered Species Day on Friday 15 May.

The idea behind the #EndangeredEmoji campaign, which launches a month after WWF Global Ambassador Andy Murray used emoji to celebrate his wedding, was sparked by the discovery that 17 characters in the emoji alphabet represent endangered species. Emoji are becoming more popular every day since they were integrated into Twitter in April 2014, and have been used over 202 million times on the social platform*. Now, WWF is seeking to translate the popularity of these characters into vital funds for its work.

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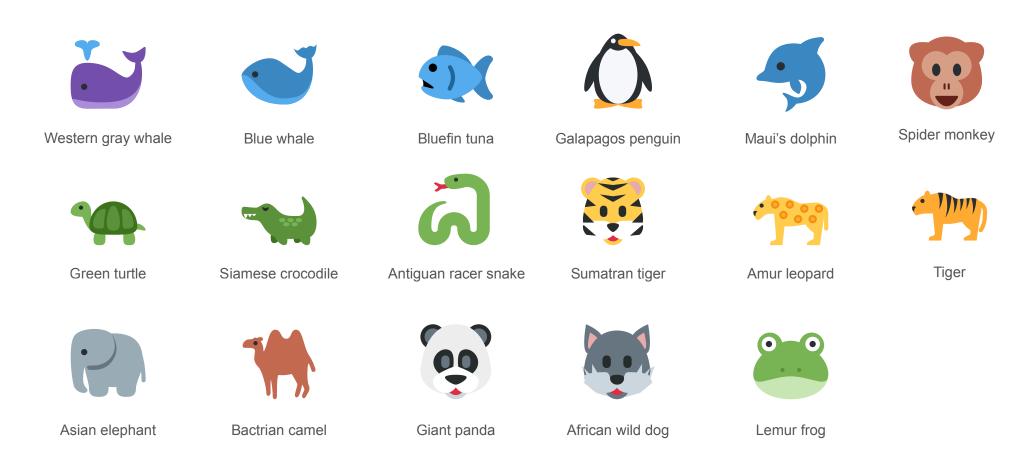
- 1. WWF will tweet an image showing all 17 Endangered Emoji. To take part in the campaign all twitter users need to do is retweet the image.
- 2. For every Endangered Emoji the user then tweets, WWF will add the local currency equivalent of £0.10 to a voluntary monthly donation
- 3. At the end of each month, users will receive a summary of their Endangered

THE CAMPAIGN

Rachel Bloodworth, Head of Engagement at WWF-UK said: "Innovation is at the heart of WWF's work – we want to find new and exciting ways of engaging with people. By using one of the world's biggest social platforms to highlight the need to protect endangered species, we're hoping to raise vital funds for their conservation, as well as raising awareness globally."

17 SPECIES

The emoji alphabet, the standardised set of digital pictograph characters used in communication globally, contains the following characters which represent endangered species:



AMBASSADOR SUPPORT

Influential digital supporters will help to publicize the campaign by retweeting the original image to their followers, including Xavier Di Petta, creator of <u>@EarthPix</u> and <u>@HistoryInPics</u>.. He comments, "Emoji is the first global language and I love that people all over the world can get involved in protecting our planet and the animals we share it with."

The campaign was developed with advertising agency Wieden+Kennedy London and technical partner Cohaesus.

Jason Scott and Joris Philippart, creative team at Wieden+Kennedy London comment, "When we came up with the idea of using the 17 endangered emoji animals to support WWF's work to protect wildlife, we were very excited about putting the millions of monkeys, dolphins, pandas and other emoji creatures used every day towards a good cause. Hopefully, it will go some way to inspiring the next generation to get involved with the important work that WWF is doing."

HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

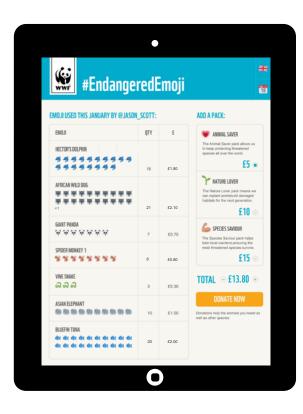
Simply retweet this image from twitter.com/wwf or endangeredemoji.com.



OPTIONAL DONATION

After a month users will be sent an optional donation. The amount they donate is up to them.



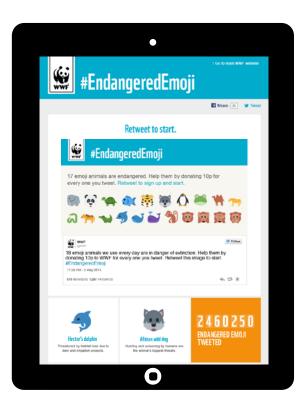




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Users can come here to sign up or find out more information about the animals.

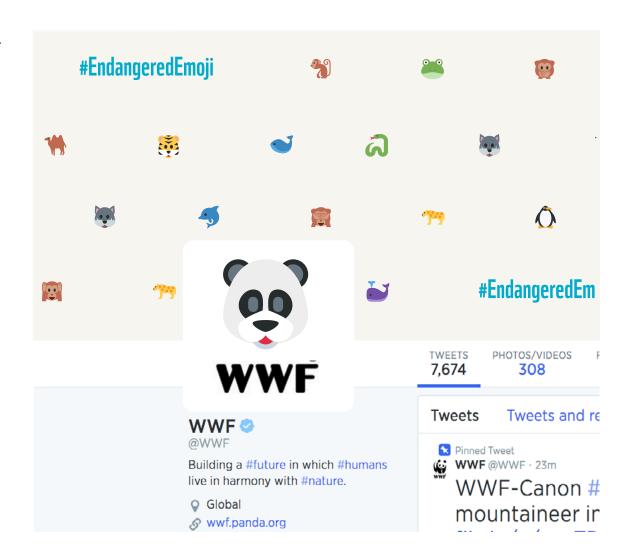






WWF EMOJI LOGO

During the #EndangeredEmoji campaign, WWF will change its iconic panda logo to a panda emoji.



EMOJI T-SHIRTS

During the campaign specially designed t-shirts will be given out.



THANK YOU

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panda.org/news for latest news and media resources

Editor's notes:

*According to website

About WWF:

WWF is one of the world's largest and most respected independent conservation organizations, with over 5 million supporters and a global network active in over 100 countries. WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the Earth's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

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