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**Science News Article**

The stories of the extinction of various organisms are on the news from the last few years but a new record has now described clearly, the overall extent of the conversation disaster. Recently it has been reported that around one billion of the world's population are now about to get vanished and this will happen soon in the next few years. As it is now a well-known fact that the human population is increasing rapidly and with that increasing population the threat to wildlife around the globe is also increasing. Due to various unhealthy activities of human beings, the rate of species extinction is tens to hundreds of times faster than the average extinction rate reported earlier. There are many ways human beings are speeding up the organism’s extinction one of the most common way is leaving the species very few places to live. Habitat loss is one of the deadly results of higher human activities. It is said that since 1992 the urban areas have grown rapidly by more than 100%. Agriculture to fulfill the nutrition requirements of the growing population has taken over the wetlands and grasslands. Another activity that is deadly to the wildlife is overfishing the oceans. The industrial fishing is one of the most concerning things resulting in habitat loss of the ocean. About 66% of the surface of the ocean has been changed drastically by human activities. More than 55% of the ocean’s surface has been covered by the industrial fishing and almost 33% of the ocean's fishes are being picked in an imbalanced manner. Marine plastic pollution is also one of the worst offenders which have affected more than 267 species. Micro-plastics find their way into the soil and they become part of the soil thus making the soil infertile (Gramling).

This article provides a short yet brief insight into the various ways human beings are contributing to environmental pollution and causing the extinction of various habitats. The information provided in this article is important because it gives a brief overview on the different activities of the human population that are not only causing health risks to the humans but at the same, they are causing damage to the organisms that are living on the Earth. This article can help the scientific community and the environmentalists to look at the various human activities that are not only hazardous for the overall health of the humans but at the same, they are causing extinction of the wildlife.

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