

Where in the Wild?

Before you begin:

A species that is naturally found in an area and was not moved there by humans is called a native species. Non-native or introduced species are ones that were moved to an area by humans. Many non-native plant and animal species are brought to new places as pets, for food, or for use in gardens. Sometimes, seeds, eggs, or pest animals hitch rides on other non-native species and end up invading new places by accident! While some non-native species are helpful and now important parts of our livelihoods, others can become invasive. It's a tricky balance, bringing in new species from all around the world!

What you'll need:

Internet or library resources

Activity:

Find out where each of these common exotic pets are originally from! Write the number in the space on the map that corresponds to their native area.

