

Endangered Species

Okapi

Okapia johnstoni

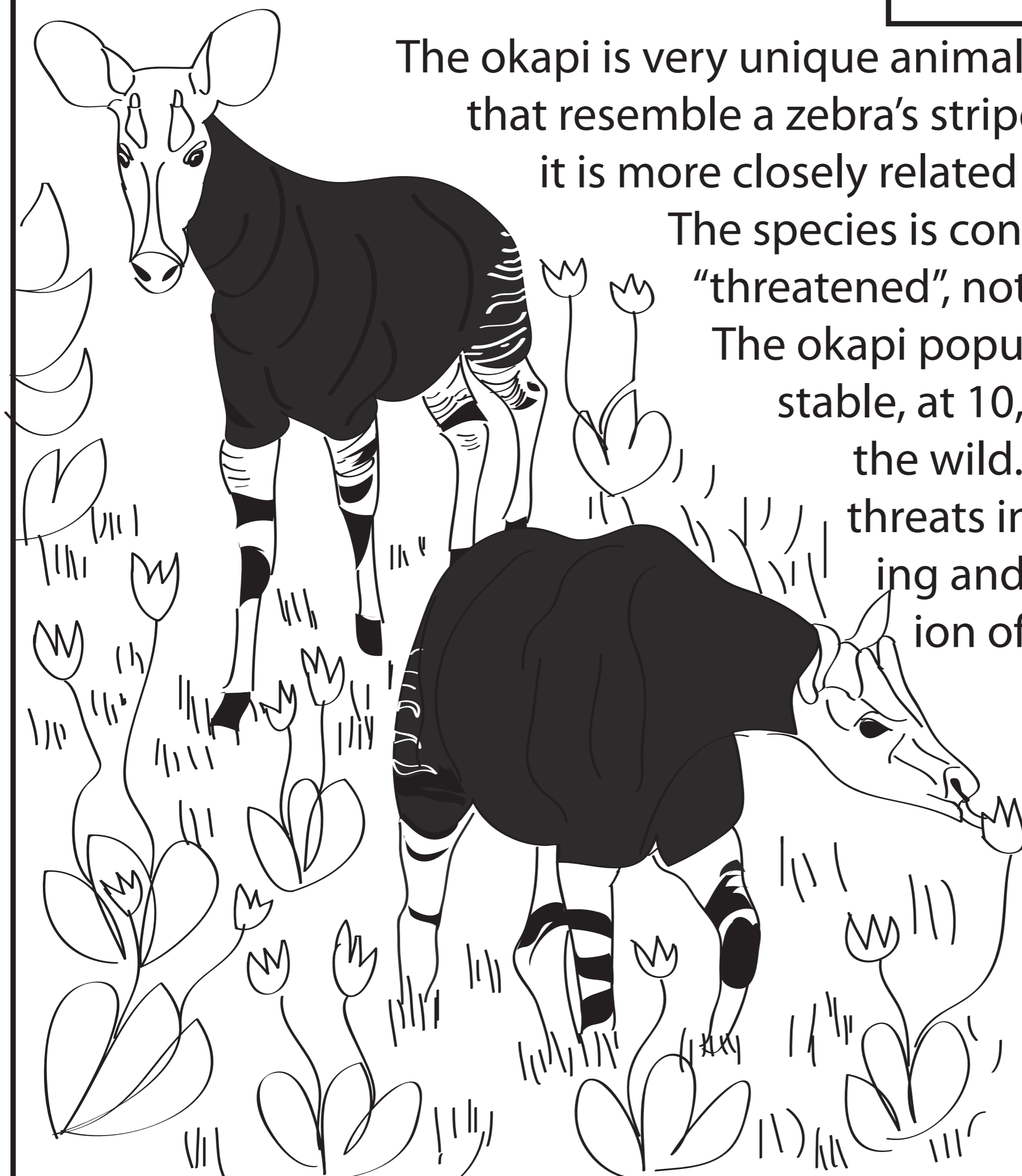
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The okapi is very unique animal. It has stripes that resemble a zebra's stripes, but in fact, it is more closely related to the giraffe.

The species is considered to be "threatened", not endangered.

The okapi population is quite stable, at 10,000-20,000 in the wild. Their biggest threats include poaching and the destruction of their habitat.



*Fun Fact:
The okapi's
tounge is so
long that it
can clean its
eyes and ears!*