BBC LEARNING ENGLISH Story of the Week 每周一报 Return of the lynx 猞猁重回英国大自然



Transcript 文字稿

Elusive, shy and an excellent **predator**... but the lynx was hunted to extinction in Britain over 1,000 years ago.

Now, a conservation group plans to reintroduce the species to the wild. They say they aren't dangerous to humans, and claim that with an overpopulation of deer, the lynx will help rebalance the **ecosystem**.

But first, they'll have to convince farmers who think the animal would **pose a threat** to **livestock**.

Vocabulary 词汇

elusive	难以看到的
predator	捕食其它动物的食肉动物
ecosystem	生态系统
pose a threat	构成威胁
livestock	家畜,牲口

Text 中文文字稿

它们很难被看到,本性害羞但又是绝好的捕食性、食肉动物。不过,早在一千多年前, 猞猁在英国就已经被人类捕杀灭绝。

现在,一组环境保护人士打算将此物种再次引入大自然中。他们说猞猁不会对人类构成威胁,他们还解释说目前鹿的繁殖过剩,猞猁的回归也将能帮助平衡生态系统。

不过,这些环保人士的首要任务是得说服认为猞猁将会对牲畜构成威胁的农民。

Watch this video online: Return of the lynx http://bbc.in/IEQa9GC

Exercise 练习

以下练习中的语句全部选自于其他网页。 请从下面的词汇表里选择答案来完成句子。 注意:你可能需要改变单词的时态来完成句子。

elusive / predator / ecosystem / pose a threat / livestock

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Answers 答案

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