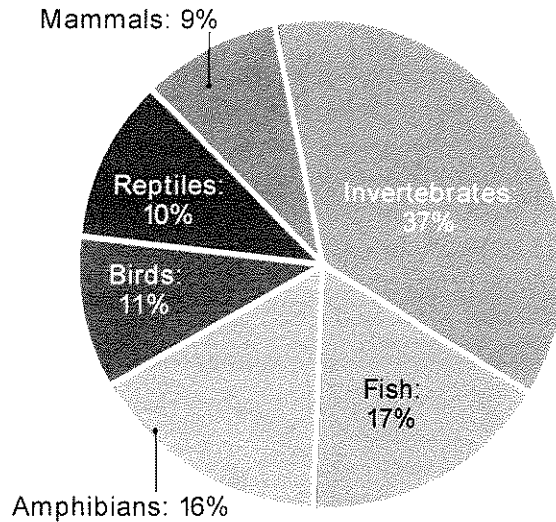


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WHO'S AT RISK?

In "Creature Close-Ups" (p. 8), you learned that the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) says that more than a quarter of species it studied are threatened with extinction. The graph in the article (also shown below) shows which groups the world's threatened animals belong to. Use the data to answer the questions that follow.

WORLD'S THREATENED* ANIMAL GROUPS



Source: IUCN Red List, 2018

*Threatened categories include critically endangered, endangered, and vulnerable.

ANALYZE IT

- The percentage of threatened species that are invertebrates is equal to the percentage of which three other groups combined?
- Which two groups combined contain one-fifth of the world's threatened animals?
 - birds and amphibians
 - mammals and amphibians
 - mammals and reptiles
 - mammals and birds
- As of 2018, there are 13,482 known threatened species belonging to the groups shown in the graph. About how many reptile species are threatened?
- Scientists calculated the data shown in the graph by evaluating the status of individual species in each group. Researchers have evaluated all known mammal species but less than half of known fish species. If scientists were to evaluate the status of the remainder of known fish species, do you think the graph would change? Why or why not?
- Think about what you read in the article about how Tim Flach is trying to bring attention to endangered animals. Which group shown in the graph do you think gets the most attention from people working to protect them? Are they the most at risk? Explain your answer.