

<https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/nature/wolf-restoration.htm>

In addition to extinction being caused by activities that have polluted the environment that has caused an unnatural balance in the ecosystem as well as biodiversity in where species have experienced dramatic changes in their habitats as well as a disruption in the food chain, humans have consecutively caused extinctions since past history. Correlating to human history as well as the culture and the way they have lived we can discern certain activities ecologically causing extinction of various species. Hunting especially was a main objective to the result of extinction. Human settlements over the past few years have as the damaging of a food chain as human activities such as agriculture are introduced. In retaliation to certain species humans have defiantly hunted them down to extinction, some for business yet some also for pleasure(many being illegal actions) as highlighted in the extinction of passenger pigeons.

“Passenger pigeons were hunted by Native Americans, but hunting intensified after the arrival of Europeans, particularly in the 19th century. Pigeon meat was commercialized as cheap food, resulting in hunting on a massive scale for many decades. There were several other factors contributing to the decline and subsequent extinction of the species, including shrinking of the large breeding populations necessary for preservation of the species and widespread deforestation which destroyed its habitat. A slow decline between about 1800 and 1870 was followed by a rapid decline between 1870 and 1890. The last confirmed wild bird is thought to have been shot in 1900. The last captive birds were divided in three groups around the turn of the 20th century, some of which were photographed alive. Martha, thought to be the last passenger pigeon, died on September 1, 1914, at the Cincinnati Zoo. Eradication of the species has been described as one of the greatest and most senseless extinctions induced by humans.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passenger_pigeon