

## **The Endangered Species Act is one of America's most successful conservation laws**

From key deer and green sea turtles in Florida, to grizzly bears and wolves in Montana, sea otters and blue butterflies in California, and short-nose sturgeon and roseate terns in New York, the Endangered Species Act has not only saved hundreds of species from extinction, but also put them on the road to recovery  
-The Center for Biological Diversity

### **The Endangered Species Act works!**



Before the arrival of white settlers, about 60 million **American Bison** (or buffalo) lived in North America. In 1889, the number had fallen to 500. Today they number more than 200,000.



At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, **Gray whales** numbered 2,000. After hunting of this species was banned, numbers increased to 22,000 by th 1990's.



Only a few dozen **Northern elephant seals** survived hunting in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. A hundred years later, their numbers have grown to 150,000.