

The National Aviary's African penguins are easily the most popular birds in Pittsburgh, **but in the wild, penguins like Sidney, Patrick, Stanley, Elvis and the others are in urgent need of human protection.**



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If you've been to the National Aviary in the last few years, you've enjoyed our new exhibit, **Penguin Point**, which offers a wonderful outdoor habitat for our colony of African penguins.

In their native habitat on the rocky beaches of South Africa, **environmental pollution, over-fishing, human population growth, chronic oil spills,** land development and global warming are making it extremely difficult for these birds to survive. *In fact, their numbers are dropping so rapidly, we could see their extinction in the wild in less than 10 years!* This past September, African penguins were officially placed on the internationally recognized Endangered Species list.

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At the National Aviary, we are working to ensure that a healthy population of African penguins and other critically endangered birds remain.

Through our participation in the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) Species Survival Plan, our penguins are carefully matched with other penguins from around the country, and in the coming months we hope to see the first African penguin chicks hatch at the National Aviary.

Long-term, we know that the best solution to the penguins' plight is to address the complex issues that are impacting these birds' native land. To accomplish this, we are partnering with international conservation groups in South Africa that are working with local communities and governments to raise awareness of the practices and policies that threaten the very existence of African penguins and other sea birds. It is our hope that together we can foster a commitment to protecting the habitats and food resources of African penguins.

Please help the National Aviary continue its work with African penguins as well as other threatened and endangered birds. With 2010 coming to a close, we respectfully ask that you consider including the National Aviary in your year-end giving. **Your gift will help ensure that generations to come will enjoy and learn from these remarkable birds.** Your contribution will also help cover the care and feeding of our flock of more than 600 birds, and enable the National Aviary to continue its mission of inspiring a respect for nature through an appreciation of birds.

Please, give as you are able, and **thank you for your support.**