

Challenge Station on Text Types

How is an informational report usually structured? Write the correct letters in the boxes. Then choose the best answer for each question by blackening the circle.

A. Title

B. Facts or findings

C. Subheading

D. Background

E. Summary and recommendations

World's largest butterfly: Queen Alexandra's birdwing — 1. **A**

2. **D**

Queen Alexandra's birdwing, scientifically known as *Ornithoptera alexandrae*, is the largest butterfly species in the world. The average wingspan of the males is 20 cm, while that of the females is 25 cm. Apart from their impressive size, they are also known for differences in colour between the males' wings and the females'. This giant butterfly, which can only be found in the rainforests in northern Papua New Guinea, is now considered endangered. 5

Habitat

3. **C**

Discovered in 1906 in Papua New Guinea, the species has remained in the forests there for more than a century. In the 1950s, a great proportion of its natural habitat was devastated by a volcanic eruption. Due to logging and oil palm plantations in recent decades, the butterfly's natural habitat has been shrinking to the extent that their species is restricted to seven isolated lowland rainforests, each around 150 hectares... 10

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Members of the palm oil industry in Papua New Guinea launched a conservation project for the species known as the 'habitat enrichment programme'. The programme focuses on the food source for the butterfly, which has diminished owing to habitat loss, and therefore aims to grow more extensively the species's favourite plant, namely the *Aristolochia* vines... 15 20

4. **B**

Feasible plans

5. **E**

Wildlife conservation organisations [?] consider rolling out a captive breeding programme. There have been similar successful programmes for other rare or endangered animals, such as the bald eagle...

6. The '?' in line 15 can best be replaced by '_____'.
○ A. The palm oil industry's efforts ● B. Conservation

7. The '?' in line 22 can best be replaced by '_____'.
● A. may ○ B. must

8. The situation that the endangered species is now in can be attributed to _____.

○ A. merely human activities ● B. both mankind and nature