



How Cell Phones Impact Gorillas



Coltan is a mineral used to manufacture cell phones, tablets, and small electronics.¹

Coltan is mined by hand in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is also the natural habitat of endangered gorillas.²

The deforestation and mining associated with coltan production has impacted and displaced gorillas, moving them closer to extinction.³

Recycling and extending the life of electronic devices reduces the demand for coltan mining.⁴

Recycle your phones at cell phone stores and approved locations.



¹ Delawala, Imtiyaz. "What Is Coltan?" ABC News. ABC News Network, n.d. Web. 26 Apr. 2017.

^{2,3} Lovgren, Stefan. "Can Cell-Phone Recycling Help African Gorillas?" National Geographic. National Geographic Society, 20 Jan. 06. Web. 26 Apr. 2017.

⁴ "Endangered Species." Cell Phone Recycling. Ecocell, n.d. Web. 26 Apr. 2017.

Extend the life of your cell phone: commit to using it a few years longer and recycle it when you upgrade. Through simple actions, we can help protect gorillas and their habitat .