

# New Big5 project

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**In news-** An international initiative called [the New Big 5 project](#) has announced the **new Big 5 animals** for wildlife photographers to pursue trophy photos of.

## **About the programme-**

- The “Big 5” is a **historical term used by trophy hunters in Africa to group the five most prized and dangerous animals to shoot and kill.**
- This group consisted of the **elephant, rhino, leopard, Cape buffalo, and lion.**



- The **“New Big 5”** project is an attempt to **reclaim the term for conservation purposes** and is supported by over 250 prominent photographers, conservationists and wildlife charities.
- The **elephant, lion, polar bear, gorilla and tiger**, are announced as the new Big 5.
- British wildlife photographer **Graeme Green** organised the initiative in **April 2020.**
- The idea is **“to create a New Big 5 of Wildlife Photography, rather than hunting,”** (“Shooting with a camera, not a gun”).
- All are **keystone species** listed by the IUCN as **either critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable.**
- One of the hopes of the project is that it will **further encourage photographic tourism globally.**