



Picture News

at Home

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What's going on this week?



Antarctica's Emperor penguin's future is in danger over the course of the next 80 years if the climate warms as expected. Experts say the birds raise their young on sea-ice and if much of this disappears as scientists are predicting, then it's likely to reduce the numbers quite considerably. Scientist Dr Phil Trathan, who works at the British Antarctic Survey, calls for efforts to limit the pressure on the birds and for an action plan for how we can do more to help them survive. One documentary team filming the birds, made a decision to dig an escape ramp in deadly cold temperatures to save a group of penguins trapped with their young, who it's likely would have perished without any help.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🍌 Do you think the filmmakers made the right choice to help the penguins escape? Why?
- 🍌 Do you think the role of wildlife programmes is to just record what they see, so we are able to see what happens in nature or do you think it's right for them to step in if animals need help?
- 🍌 Can you think of times when it wouldn't be right to intervene with animals in the wild?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

