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The **graceful** giraffe is **an inescapable image** of Africa, but the animal has suffered a **disturbing decline** over the past three decades.

Populations have **plummeted** in many parts due to a combination of factors, but humans are largely responsible. Increasing amounts of the giraffes' range have been **fragmented** by farmers **eager** for land. Wars in northern Kenya and south Sudan have seen large numbers of the curious creatures killed for food. But the picture isn't all **gloom**, populations in southern Africa have **boomed**, because of protected ranges which boost tourism revenues.

And experts believe that declaring the giraffe to be vulnerable could give the species the attention it needs to ultimately **ensure** its survival.

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