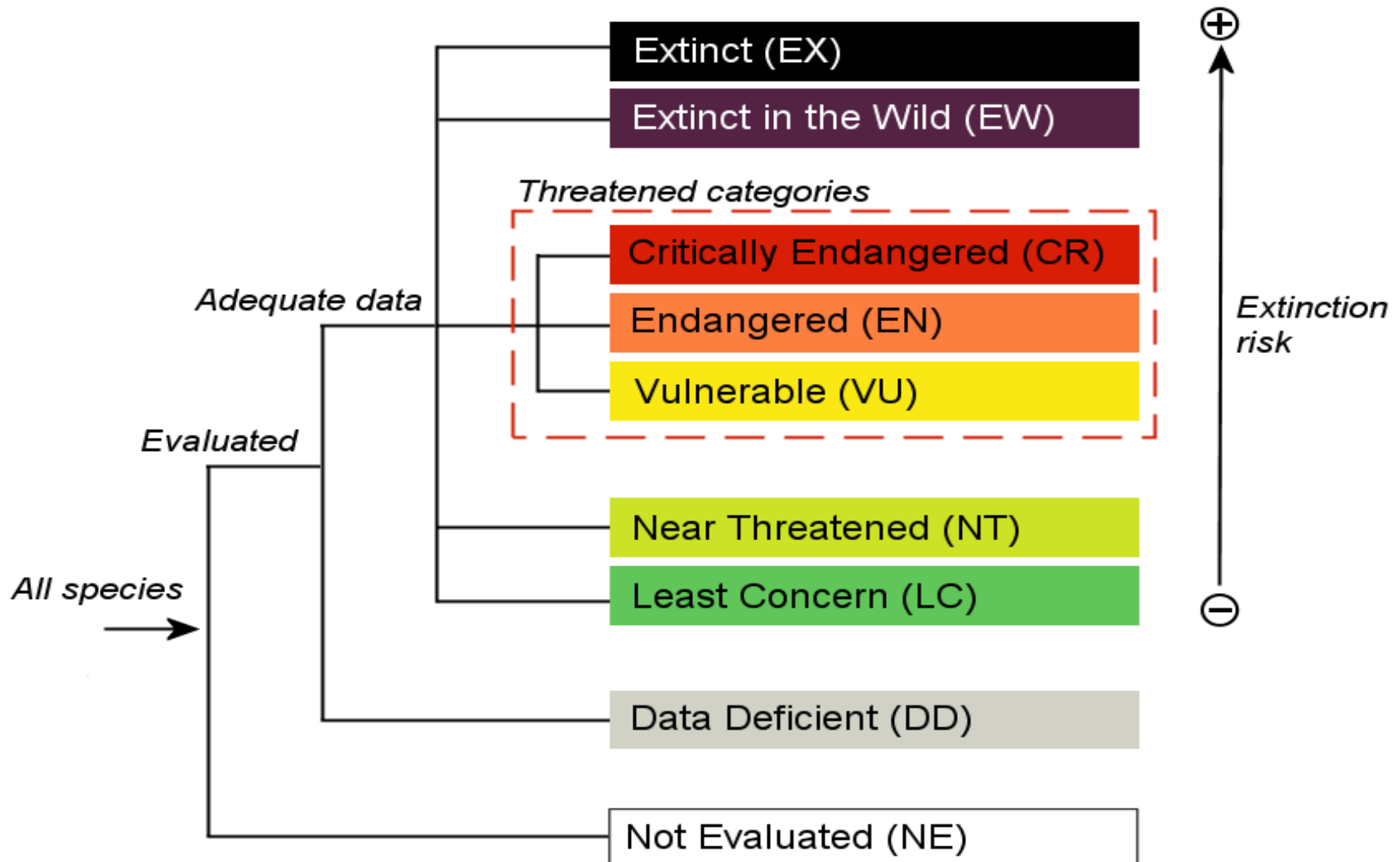


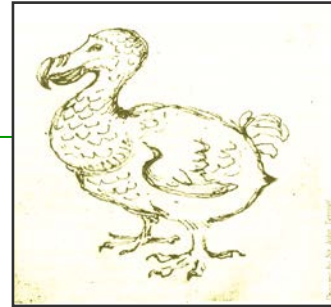
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## Extinct (EX)

A taxon is **Extinct** when there is no reasonable doubt that the last individual has died.



Dodo, *Raphus cucullatus*

## Extinct in the Wild (EW)

A taxon is **Extinct in the Wild** when it is known only to survive in cultivation, in captivity or as a naturalized population (or populations) well outside the past range.



Franklinia, *Franklinia alatamaha*

## Critically Endangered (CR)

CR taxa are considered to be facing an **extremely high risk of extinction** in the wild



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Mandrinette, *Hibiscus fragilis*

## Endangered (EN)

EN taxa are considered to be facing a **very high risk of extinction** in the wild



Giant Devil Ray,  
*Mobula mobula*

## Vulnerable (VU)

VU taxa are considered to be facing a **high risk of extinction** in the wild



Golden Pagoda,  
*Mimetes chrysanthus*

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## Near Threatened (NT)

A taxon is Near Threatened when it has been evaluated against the criteria and **does not qualify** for CR, EN or VU now, **but is close to qualifying** for or is **likely to qualify** for a threatened category in the near future.



Macaronesian Laurel, *Laurus azorica*

## Least Concern (LC)

A taxon is Least Concern when it has been evaluated against the criteria and **does not qualify** for CR, EN, VU or NT. **Widespread and abundant taxa** are included in this category.



Olive Baboon, *Papio anubis*

## Data Deficient (DD)

A taxon is Data Deficient when there is inadequate information to make a direct, or indirect, assessment of its risk of extinction based on its distribution and/or population status.



Tree Tomato  
*Solanum betaceum*

## Not Evaluated (NE)

A taxon is Not Evaluated when it has not yet been evaluated against the criteria

