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FACT SHEET

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INFORMATION TO BETTER UNDERSTAND ELDERTREKS AND PENGUINS

Why ElderTreks?

ElderTreks is the premier adventure travel company exclusively for people 50 and over. While the tour guides take trips all over the world, the one to Antarctica to camp with emperor penguins is especially relevant, since the species is on the verge of extinction.

Emperor Penguins

- Emperor penguins are recognizable by their black heads and backs, white bellies and yellow trim around the neck. They live on land and hunt in the water, mainly eating fish and small crustaceans.
- Emperor penguins form vast colonies on land, penguins in a group numbering up to over 10,000 [Oceanwide Expeditions].

Extinction

- Extinction can occur naturally due to climate conditions, but it can also take place because of human actions.
- Researchers have predicted that emperor penguins will face extinction based on the drastic decline in numbers over the last 10 years.

Global Warming

- Global warming has caused ice to melt in Antarctica and, with it, much of the penguins' food source has died off. While humans need to reduce their ecological footprints in order to slow global warming, there is not much that can be done to save animals that already face extinction [World Wildlife Fund].

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