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## The Leopard's Role in the Ecosystem

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Leopards keep animal populations balanced, which helps plants and other animals thrive.
2. Without leopards, prey populations could grow too large, harming plants and reducing food for other animals.
3. People can protect leopard habitats, prevent poaching, and support conservation programs.
4. Balance in the food chain is important because it ensures all species can survive without harming the environment.

