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When you were trying to figure out what to buy for the environmentalist on your holiday list, fur probably didn't cross your mind. But some ecologists and fashion (时装)enthusiasts are trying to bring back the market for fur made from nutria(海狸鼠).

Unusual fashion shows in New Orleans and Brooklyn have(showcased)nutria fur made into clothes in different styles. " It sounds crazy to talk about guilt-free fur-unless you understand that the nutria are destroying vast wetlands every year ", says Cree McCree, project director of Righteous Fur.

Scientists in Louisiana were so concerned that they decided to pay hunters \$5 a tail. Some of the fur ends up in the fashion shows like the one in Brooklyn last month.

Nutria were brought there from Argentina by fur farmers and let go into the wild. " The ecosystem down there can't handle this non-native species(物种).It's destroying the environment. It's them or us." says Michael Massimi, an expert in this field.

The fur trade kept nutria check for decades , but when the market for nutria collapsed in the late 1980s , the cat-sized animals multiplied like crazy.

Biologist Edmond Mouton runs the nutria control program for Louisiana. He says it's not easy to convince people that nutria fur is green, but he has no doubt about it. Hunters bring in more than 300,000 nutria tails a year, so part of Mouton's job these days is trying to promote fur.

Then there's Righteous Fur and its unusual fashion. Morgan says , " To give people a guilt-free option that they can wear without someone throwing paint on them—I think that's going to be a massive thing, at least here in New York. " Designer Jennifer Anderson admits it took her a while to come around to the opinion that using nutria fur for her creations is morally acceptable. She trying to come up with a label to attach to nutria fashions to show it is eco-friendly.

28. What is the purpose of the fashion shows in New Orleans and Brooklyn?

A. To promote guilt-free fur.

B. To expand the fashion market.

C. To introduce a new brand.

D. To celebrate a winter holiday.

29. Why are scientists concerned about nutria?

A. Nutria damage the ecosystem seriously.

B. Nutria are an endangered species.

C. Nutria hurt local cat-sized animals.

D. Nutria are illegally hunted.

30. What does the underlined word “ collapsed ” in paragraph 5 probably mean?

A. Boomed. B. Became mature. C. Remained stable. D. Crashed.

31. What can we infer about wearing fur in New York according to Morgan?

A. It ' s formal. B. It ' s risky. C. It ' s harmful. D. It ' s traditional.

答案及解析：

28. A. To promote guilt-free fur.

解析：根据第二段中的描述，这些时装秀是为了展示用海狸鼠皮毛制成的不同风格的衣服，并且提到“除非你明白海狸鼠每年都在破坏广阔的湿地，否则谈论无罪恶感的皮草听起来很疯狂”。因此，这些时装秀的目的是为了推广无罪恶感的皮草。

29. A. Nutria damage the ecosystem seriously.

解析：根据第四段中的描述，科学家们担心海狸鼠是因为它们正在严重破坏生态系统。Michael Massimi说：“那里的生态系统无法处理这种非本地物种。它在破坏环境。要么是它们，要么是我们。”

30. D. Crashed.

解析：根据第五段中的描述，皮草贸易曾经控制了海狸鼠的数量几十年，但是当市场上对海狸鼠皮草的需求崩溃后，这些猫大小的动物数量疯狂增长。这里的“collapsed”意味着市场需求突然下降，因此与“Crashed”同义。

31. B. It ' s risky.

解析：根据最后一段中Morgan的话，她提到“给人们一个无罪恶感的选项，他们可以穿着它而不用担心有人向他们扔油漆——我认为这将会是一件大事，至少在这里纽约。”这表明在纽约穿皮草是有风险的，可能会遭到反对皮草人士的抗议。

