

Reasons for Pleistocene Extinction Part Two:

Human hunters:

One of the reasons for Pleistocene extinction was that the animals were being hunted by man. For example the Dodo was hunted to extinction on the island of Mauritius. Also, several archaeological sites have shown that after humans arrived in North America, they hunted large animals such as Mastodons, Mammoths, and even Camels!

Humans used the animals to make things such as tools, furniture, clothing, houses.

Early humans had several methods of killing animals, but two of the most popular were pit traps and spears.

A pit trap is a large hole dug in the ground and covered by branches and greenery. This disguise would fool an unsuspecting passing animal, and once that animal had fallen into the pit trap, hunters would emerge from the bushes and attack it with spears.

Extraterrestrial Impact by a Comet or Meteor:

Another reason for Pleistocene extinction was extraterrestrial impact by comets and meteors. Scientists believe that at that time there were frequent meteor showers that could have easily killed a considerable amount of animals.