

Elephant Facts



Elephants are disappearing fast, thanks to humans. Find out more about these amazing giants and how you can help to save them.

Why are they disappearing?

POACHING

55 African elephants are killed everyday. Usually only their tusks are taken and their bodies are left to rot. Their tusks are sold as ivory & ornaments.

HABITAT LOSS

With human populations exploding, and land and forest areas taken for crops, elephant herds have nowhere to go. If they try to eat human crops, they're in trouble too.

Did you know?
There are 2 types of elephants...

African

- Larger/taller
- Bigger ears
- Two sub-species: Savannah and Forest elephants
- Two parts/'fingers' to end of trunk
- Males and females have tusks
- Around 400,000 left (listed as 'Vulnerable')

Asian

- Smaller/less tall
- Smaller ears
- Four sub-species
- One part/'finger' to end of trunk
- Only some males have tusks
- Around 50,000 left (listed as 'Endangered')

CAPTIVITY

One in three Asian elephants are captive and work for humans. Working elephants, and zoo/circus elephants suffer stress and die sooner than wild elephants.

What you can do

Find out more: Read The Guardian's "What can I do to help elephants?" article at:
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/feb/13/what-can-i-do-to-help-elephants>

Tell your family and friends. The more people know, the more they can join in to save elephants. Share on social media, write blogs and stories, & create pictures, poems and songs.

Never buy ivory, don't ride on elephants and don't support zoos and circuses. Up to 70% of elephants in European zoos were caught as babies from the wild.

Decline of African & Asian elephants 2006-2018

