

World Elephant Day

12th
August
2020



Population of Elephants



Elephant population in India is estimated to be **29,964**

Elephant census in India is conducted once in five years under Project Elephant. Previous census was done on 2017.



About **40** elephants lose their lives every year.

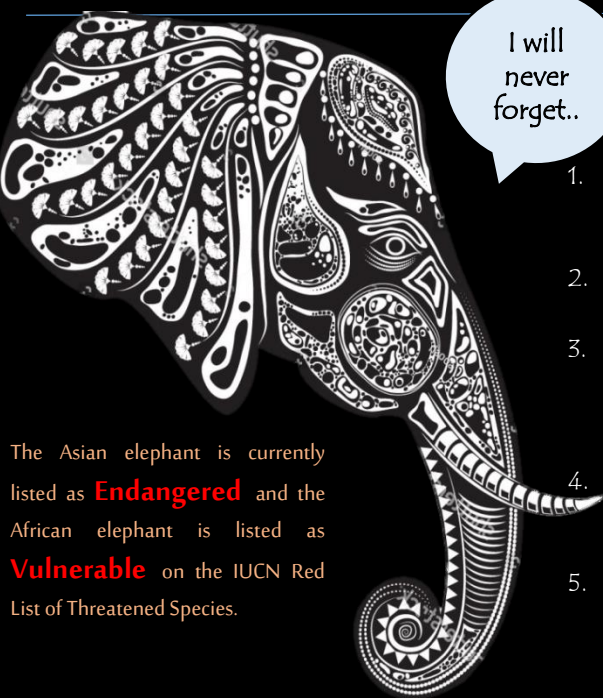


Elephants have been declared as **National Heritage animal** by the government with an aim to step up measures for their protection.

I will never forget..

Facts about Elephants

1. THERE ARE TWO SPECIES OF ELEPHANT: **AFRICAN** AND **ASIAN**.
2. THEY'RE THE WORLD'S LARGEST LAND ANIMAL
3. THE EARS OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS ARE MUCH LARGER THAN THEIR COUSINS
4. THEIR TRUNKS HAVE MAD SKILLS AND IT HAS AROUND 150,000 MUSCLE UNITS
5. AFRICAN SPECIES HAVE TUSKS WHEREAS IN ASIAN SPECIES ONLY MALES ELEPHANTS WILL POSSESS
6. THEY'VE GOT THICK SKIN AND THEY CAN SMELL WATER FROM UP TO 12 MILES AWAY
7. THEY COMMUNICATE THROUGH VIBRATIONS
8. CALVES CAN STAND WITHIN 20 MINUTES OF BIRTH
9. THE GESTATION PERIOD OF AN ELEPHANT IS 22 MONTHS AND FERTILE FEMALES USUALLY GIVE BIRTH EVERY 3-6 YEARS
10. ELEPHANT IS A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH AND POWER



The Asian elephant is currently listed as **Endangered** and the African elephant is listed as **Vulnerable** on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

THREATS



- Today, the greatest threat to African elephants is wildlife crime, primarily poaching for the illegal ivory trade, while the greatest threat to Asian elephants is habitat loss, which results in human-elephant conflict.
- Increasing loss and fragmentation of natural habitats and lack of land-use planning.
- Growing demands of exploding human populations and poverty.

Follow these steps to
Save our Elephants

1. Prevent illegal killing.
2. Protect elephant habitat.
3. Monitor elephant numbers, poaching rates, and threats to elephant habitat at key sites in Africa and Asia.
4. Reduce ivory trafficking.
5. Reduce the demand for ivory.

