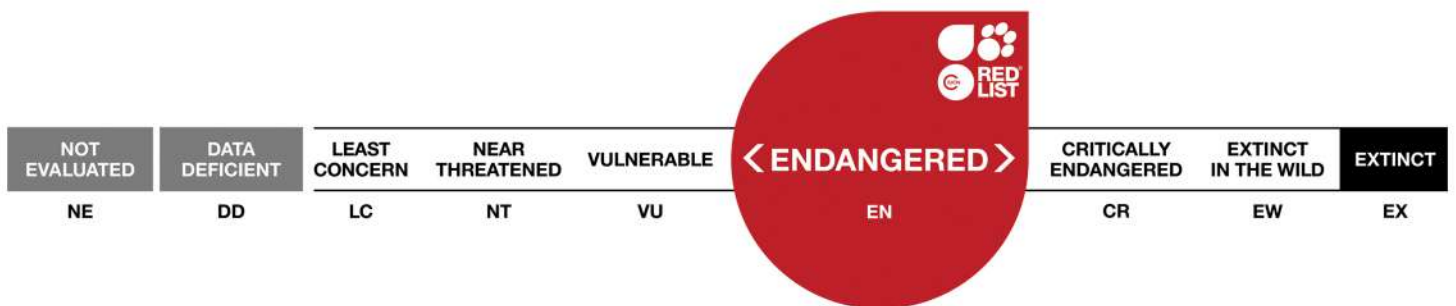




ASIAN ELEPHANT

FACT SHEET

Elephants are the largest land mammal in the world; they are strong but they are also very intelligent and social. They live in Asia's forests, are herbivorous (they eat plants) and are seen in large family groups, which are often led by an older female known as a matriarch.



DISTRIBUTION (WHERE THEY ARE FOUND): Asia, Sri Lanka, Borneo and Sumatra

HABITAT (WHERE THEY LIVE): Grassland, forest and scrubland

HEIGHT (HOW TALL THEY ARE): Up to 10ft (3m) tall

WEIGHT (HOW HEAVY THEY ARE): 3 to 5 tonnes

LIFESPAN (HOW LONG THEY LIVE): 60 - 75 years in captivity

THREATS (WHY THEY'RE AT RISK): Loss of habitat, poaching for ivory





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FUN FACTS

DID YOU KNOW...

- Elephants are excellent swimmers, they use their trunk as a snorkel
- Elephants are believed to have the intelligence of an average seven year old child
- Elephants walk on their tip toes
- Elephants have excellent balance and can stand on just their back two feet to reach the highest of tree branches
- They can eat up to 150kg of food a day and can drink 80-160 gallons of water a day. They can suck ten pints of water up in their trunks in one go
- Elephants can sleep standing up
- Their tusks can weigh up to 45kg





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ASIAN ELEPHANT QUIZ

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HOW MUCH FOOD CAN THEY EAT IN A DAY?

WHAT IS THE FEMALE LEADER OF A GROUP OF ELEPHANTS KNOWN AS?

HOW LONG CAN THEY LIVE?

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Herds are led by an older female known as a matriarch

HOW LONG CAN THEY LIVE?

Asian elephants can live to around 60 -75 years old in captivity

ARE THEY HERBIVORES OR CARNIVORES?

Asian elephants are herbivores