

African Elephant

The African elephant is the largest land animal in the world.



Habitat - Elephants live in the grasslands and forests of Africa and Asia.

Size - Elephants are 3 metres tall and weigh 5,4000 kilos. The tail is 1-1.3 metres long.

Appearance - Elephants have very thick, wrinkled grey - brown skin. The African elephant has ears up to 1.5 metres long, large pointed ivory tusks (teeth) and long trunks.

Diet - Elephants are herbivores (plant eaters). They eat grasses, leaves, shoots, fruit and bamboo. They use their long trunk to pick up food from the ground and to drink water.

Young - The female elephant gives birth to a single calf. The female is pregnant for nearly two years.

Interesting fact - The elephant uses its teeth to grind up vegetation. An elephant has six sets of teeth during its lifetime and dies of starvation when the last set wears out.