

ELEPHANT TUSKS

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Many elephants in Africa are being killed for their tusks because their tusks are made of Ivory. People take ivory because it is a very special material. Ivory was once only affordable for few people but now rich people in Asia are excited to buy ivory and elephants are being killed at a rate which will drive them into extinction in less than 15 years.

Differences

A difference between African elephants and Asian elephants is that African elephants both female and male have tusks but with Asian elephants only the male have tusks. Some elephants have a third tusk in their head. Elephants having big tusks have become really rare because so many elephants are being killed and their tusks taken off making the next generation's tusks smaller.

Elephant tusks

Elephant tusks are used for many reasons one is that elephants use their tusks against predators. They also use their tusks in battle against other elephants. People carve into the tusks they then make sculptures. Ivory can be made into carvings, false teeth, fans and dominoes. Elephant ivory is the most important source but ivory can come from different animals too like hippopotamus, walrus, pig, mammoth, and sperm whale.



True stories

NYtimes.com says almost a year ago poachers attacked a family of forest elephants in central Africa. The biologist who experienced the attack told us that the wildlife guards were completely outgunned. In the end, an elephant mother with many hole's from gunshots, crying with pain and fear, was left to use her huge body to protect her baby. Her sacrifice was for nothing the baby was also killed. A amazing 62 percent of elephants vanished from central Africa between 2002 and 2011. Someone recently came face to face with this horror while walking through a forest in central Africa. The sickening smell showed the first warning, as the smell grew worse the humming

sound of death that surrounds the body of a dead elephant thousands of buzzing fly's laying eggs and feeding on the dead corpse, the body cloaked by white the elephants face was a big bloody mess. Its tusks have been taken out with an AX! Once again more poachers had attacked.

In conclusion many elephants are being killed and their tusks taken off is this really fair?



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