World Elephant Day





Indian Elephant:

Common Name - Indian elephant
Scientific Name - <u>Elephas Maximus</u>
Status - Endangered (IUCN)

*Indian elephants can spend up to 19 hours each day grazing, and they can trample up to 125 square kilometres of land each day, producing roughly 220 pounds of dung. This aids in spreading germination-inducing seeds. Although they consume a sizable quantity of tree bark, roots, leaves, and small stems, grasses make up the majority of their diet. Additionally, cultivated goods including rice, sugarcane, and bananas are favoured foods as well. These elephants are never far from fresh water because they must drink at least once per day.





POPULATION 20,000 – 25,000

Aa SCIENTIFIC NAME
Elephas maximus indicus

HEIGHT
6-11 feet at the shoulder

WEIGHT 5 tons

LENGTH up to 21 feet

HABITATS

Subtropical broadleaf forest, tropical broadleaf moist forest, dry forest, grassland



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