

THE MIGHTY TUSKER.....THE ELEPHANT

ME AND MY LIFE

The Majestic creature of the wild is who I am.

My cousins are the African Savanna (Bush), African Forest and Asian elephants. We mainly dwell in the sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia.

For centuries, India has regarded me as its cultural symbol. The highly revered Hindu God, Lord Ganesha, is said to be a remover of obstacles and a provider of fortune and good luck.

You will find interesting facts about me, and my country cousins depicted in this short life story.

Exhibitor

My love for these majestic creatures is what made me select this theme and study about them on the internet, books and watch them in the wild. Even today Dumbo the cartoon baby elephant is a favourite among children. Trips to wildlife reserves and watching them in their natural habit was a pleasure.

Theme

The gigantic creature is such a docile animal unless moody or injured and in pain.

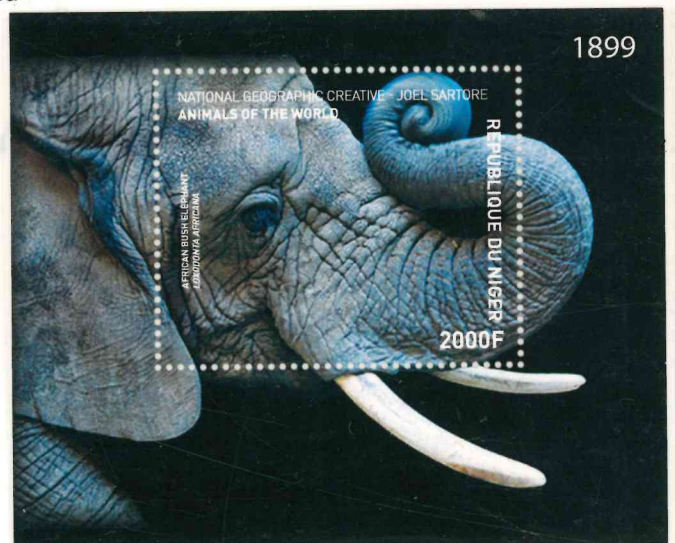
The Elephant is highly recognisable, and the exhibit takes you through their various lifestyles – wild, tamed, beasts of burden, exploited in circuses and on display in zoos. The significance of the Elephant as a lucky mascot has been featured in art, folklore, religion, literature, and popular culture since ancient times and is shown here using the appropriate philatelic material.

Philatelic Importance

A wide range of philatelic material - Stamps, First Day Covers, cancellations, reprint, special covers, se-tenant stamps, sheets, postcards with other special material depict this theme.

Exhibit Plan

1. Me and my Life - Introduction- Thematic presentation of the exhibit, Title & Plan
2. ME -The Elephant -A Majestic creature of the Wild
3. My Cousins -Species of elephants in the World
4. My Ancestors -Evolution and Extinct relatives
5. My Life in the Jungle- Ecology
6. What my Family does -The family, roles & duties
7. I enjoy most -Grooming and resting.
8. Walk, walk, walk.....Migration
9. A Mother and child
10. Friends and foes -Survival
11. Human relationships
12. Beasts of Burden
13. Royal rides
14. ME An entertainer- ZOO, Circuses.
15. ME and my Cultural Significance
16. I Thank Mankind for taking care of me WWF.



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