

5 My life in the Jungle -Ecology

The African bush elephant can be found in habitats as diverse as dry savannahs, deserts, marshes, and lake shores. They are herbivorous and eat leaves, twigs, fruit, bark, grass and roots. They are born with sterile intestines and require bacteria obtained from the mother's feces to digest vegetation. African elephants are mostly browsers.



1987 LAOS



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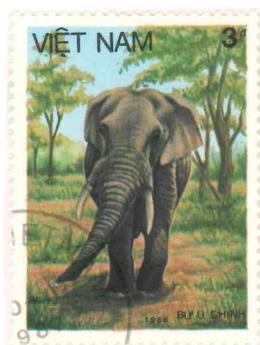
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The Asian elephants prefer areas with a mix of grasses, low woody plants, and trees, primarily inhabiting dry thorn-scrub forests in southern India and Sri Lanka and evergreen forests in Malaya. Asian elephants are mainly grazers.

Elephants tend to stay near water sources. Major feeding bouts take place in the morning, afternoon, and night.



1986 VIETNAM



1979 ZAIRE



1987 THAILAND



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1963 CEYLON

Elephants eat grasses, leaves, shrubs, fruits, and roots depending on the season and their habitat. When it's particularly dry, elephants will eat more woody parts of trees and shrubs like twigs, branches, and barks. They need to eat up to 150kg of food and 40 L of water per day –although half of this may leave the body undigested. Elephants eat so much that they can spend up to three-quarters of their day just eating.