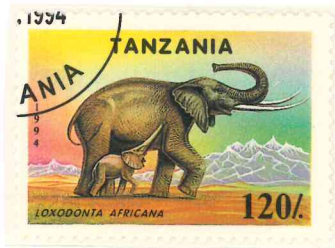


9 Life of a MOTHER AND HER CALF - Bonding

A baby elephant is called a calf and can weigh around 200 lbs (91 kg) and stand about 3 feet (1 m) tall. They can't see very well when they are born, but much like human babies, they can recognise their mothers by touch, scent, and sound. Baby elephants stay very close to their mothers for the first couple of months.



1994 Tanzania



1997 Laos



1991 Tanzania

Elephant calves are able to stand within 20 minutes of being born and can walk within 1 hour. After two days, they can keep up with the herd. This incredible survival technique means that herds of elephants can keep migrating to find food and water to thrive.



1987 Laos



1971 Congo



1991 Mongolia

A baby elephant is born with a fully developed brain.



1991 Tanzania



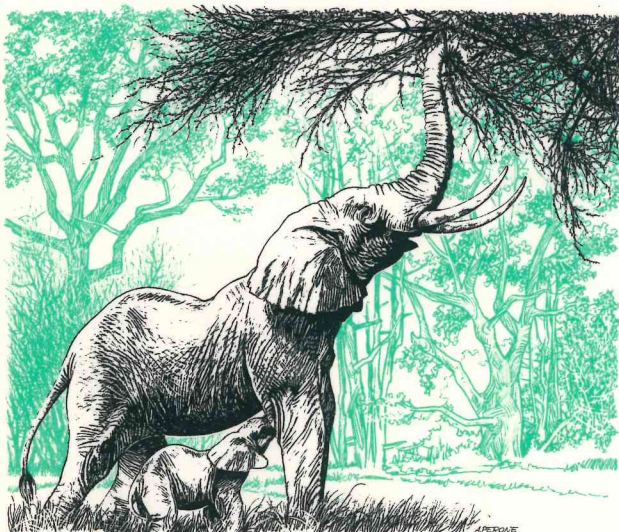
1991 Thailand



1988 Vietnam

Baby elephants strengthen and learn how to use their trunks by playing in water and swinging it back and forth. Most baby elephants exclusively drink their mother's breastmilk for their first year of life. After that, they usually consume a diet that consists of bamboo, shrubs, herbs, fruits, and roots. Since elephants are exclusively herbivorous, they consume no meat.

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