

DESERT DWELLING ELEPHANT INFO

They can walk up to 70km at night

They are adapted to the desert's dry conditions

They appear smaller in body size and have bigger feet than other elephants

They dig holes in riverbeds to access water

There are only 2 populations of desert-dwelling elephants worldwide (In Namibia and Mali)

They can survive without drinking water for several days

CONFLICTS

Conflict between elephants and humans exists due to the sharing of resources and the lack of knowledge of how to live together. In Namibia's Kunene Region, conflicts mainly centre around water.

- Elephants use natural as well as man-made water points, such as dams at farmsteads.
- Elephants smell water. They will pull up pipes, break water pumps, and put their tusks through water tanks trying to access water if it is not readily available.
- Elephants moved north for safety during the war, returning to the Ugab River only in the mid-1990s. New residents after independence never knew elephants, and so did not know how to live with them.
- People often keep water or seed pods inside traditional houses. Elephants can smell this and have broken houses to gain access.



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EHRA SOLUTIONS

EHRA is a Namibian registered not for gain organization (NGO) founded in 2001. EHRA aims to provide practical conflict solutions using several strategies.

1 WATER POINT PROTECTION PROJECT



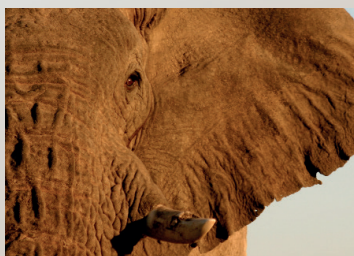
- EHRA builds sturdy stone walls around water points to reduce elephant-human conflict on farms and within communities.
- Volunteers from all over the world contribute to elephant conservation by being the manpower and funding for the project.
- Volunteer teams build walls every other week, 11 months of the year.
- EHRA builds walls free of charge to communal farmers, who can request application forms from EHRA, Conservancies, Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) and Rural Water Supply offices.



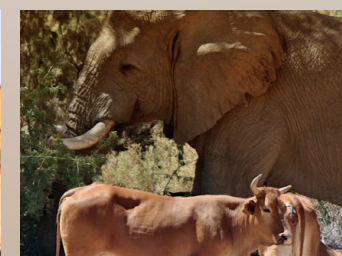
2 ELEPHANT MOVEMENT & ID



- We track and monitor the desert-dwelling elephants of the southern Kunene and northern Erongo regions.
- EHRA believes that accurate data on elephant numbers and movements, the ability to identify each elephant, and knowledge of individual elephant personalities are paramount to effective elephant conservation and management.
- EHRA checks on elephant movements so we know which farms and water installations elephants frequently visit. The EHRA team also records elephant numbers, including any deaths, births or conflict incidents. These are recorded in reports sent to the MET offices, conservancies and other NGOs.
- Elephants may have holes or cuts in their ears as well as different hair distribution patterns on their tails, which can be a handy tool for identifying individuals.
- EHRA collects information which allows us to understand the genetic make-up of the herd. We also pinpoint which elephant is the matriarch (leader of the herd).



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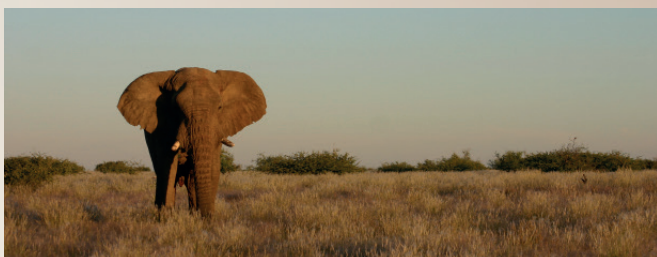
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SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

A. Gariseb Primary School Programme



- A. Gariseb Primary School lies approx. 200m from the Ugab River, near EHRA's Base Camp.
- Elephants often enter school grounds, which is a dangerous situation for learners and staff.
- EHRA leaders teach the children and staff about encountering elephants, elephant behaviour, society plus safety aspects and guidelines to help keep themselves safe.
- EHRA partners with schools in the UK to provide renovation assistance. A. Gariseb now boasts a computer room, library, playground and kindergarten as well as renovated classrooms, dormitories and ablution blocks.
- Other schools can request to join the programme!



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PEACE PROJECT

Education Seminars on Living with Elephants



- PEACE seminars help people live with their elephant neighbours and to decrease conflict through education, raising awareness, and promoting ventures to enhance livelihoods.
- A PEACE seminar is a 2-3 day course, including one day of "classroom" information and one day for a field trip to observe elephants as they naturally live.
- An additional day provides skills for tour guides, Conservancy Game Guards and MET staff, including tracking, elephant ID, aging and sexing individuals.



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How to support us:

Our PEACE Project, operated solely with donor funding, has become increasingly recognized, and demand for seminars is high. Our aim is to be in the field, holding education seminars, on a full-time basis.

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