



Majestic Elephants: Icons of the Wild

Elephants have been with humans for long. They are often depicted in ancient cave paintings and, have long held a prominent place in human art and imagination.



They belong to the family *Elephantidae*-divided into: *Loxodonta*, the African elephants, and *Elephas*, the Asian elephants.

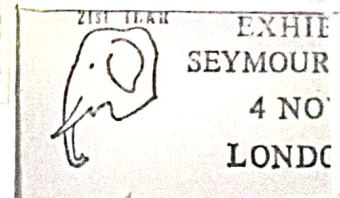


While the African elephants prefer savannas, the Asian elephants prefer forests.



They are symbols of royalty and power; they were also used for labour and show business.

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And they are poached for their tusks (ivory).



Sanctuaries and National Parks provide safe habitat and eco tourism gets revenue for their conservation

