



AFRICAN ELEPHANT

Fascinating Fact

The elephant's trunk is an extension of the nose and upper lip. As well as being used for feeding and drinking, it is also used for greeting, caressing and even threatening other elephants.

Distribution map



Conservation

Paignton Zoo is involved with a conservation project in the Nigerian Omo Forest which helps protect the African Forest Elephant. Money raised at the Zoo helps pay for a forest ranger and two educators.

Habitat:

Savannah

Diet:

Grass, leaves, twigs, fruit and roots.

Behaviour:

Elephants are social animals, living in herds of made up of females and their young. They spend a lot of time roaming the savannah in search of food.

Threats:

Habitat pressures and hunting.

