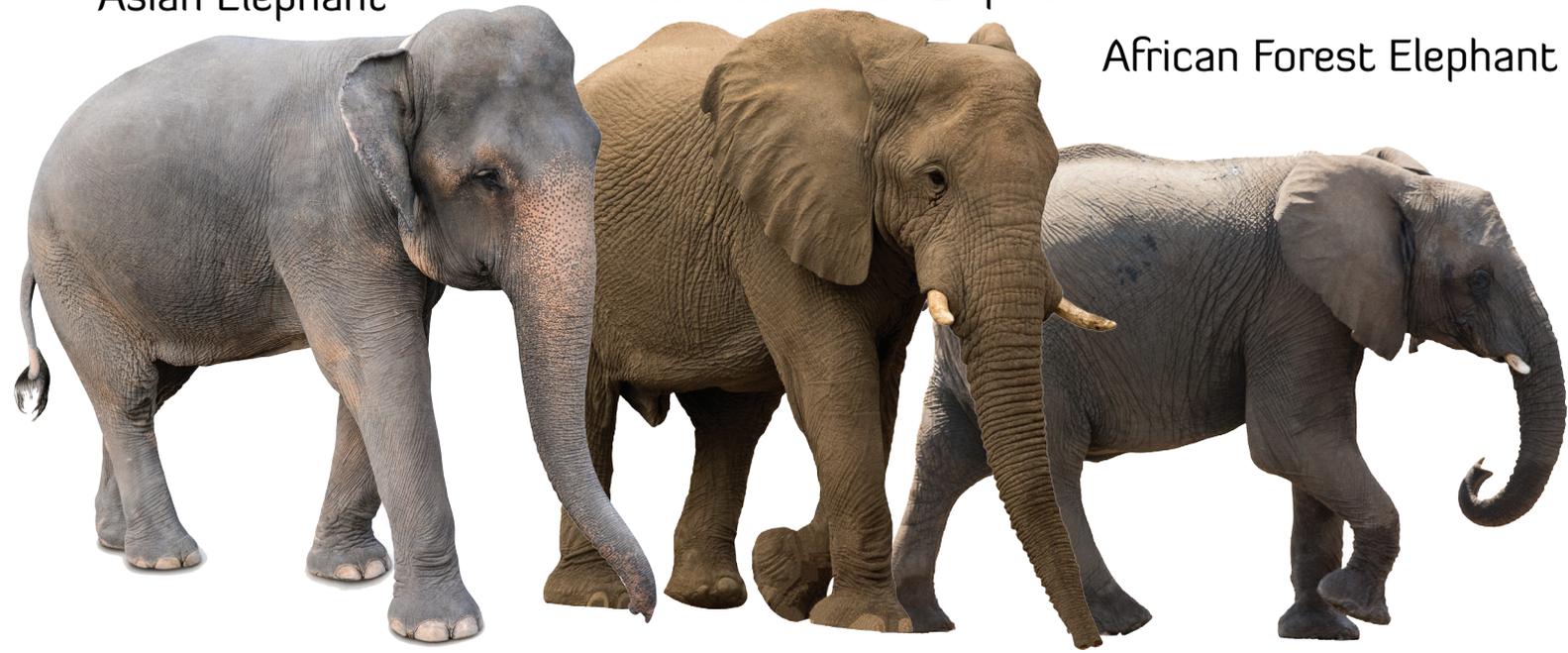


ELEPHANT SPECIES

Asian Elephant

African Savannah Elephant

African Forest Elephant



There are three recognized elephant species: Asian, African savannah and African forest. Adult female elephants are called cows; adult males, bulls; and sub adults, calves.

SPECIES		
Asian elephant	African savannah elephant <i>(also called African bush elephant)</i>	African forest elephant
SCIENTIFIC NAME		
<i>Elephas maximus</i>	<i>Loxodonta Africana</i>	<i>Loxodonta cyclotis</i>
SUBSPECIES		
Indian, Sri Lankan and Sumatran		
CONSERVATION STATUS		
Endangered	Vulnerable	Endangered
HOME RANGES		
Southeastern Asia, including India, Thailand, Nepal, Sumatra, Cambodia, Myanmar, Bhutan, Borneo, Vietnam, Bangladesh and China. They inhabit grasslands, different types of forests and scrublands. They can live at altitudes ranging from sea level to more than 9,800 feet.	Sub-Saharan Africa, including Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola and Ethiopia. The elephants move among a variety of habitats, including grasslands, forests, woodlands, wetlands and agricultural land from sea level to mountain slopes. In Mali and Namibia, there are small populations of elephants who also live in desert areas.	West Africa and the Congo River Basin, including Ivory Coast, Ghana, Cameroon, Gabon and Democratic Republic of the Congo. They live in evergreen moist deciduous forests and rainforests.
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS		
Largest living land mammal in Asia. Their forehead has two hemispherical bulges; their back is convex; and they have five toes on each forefoot and four on each hind foot. Their trunk has one finger-like tip.	Largest living land mammal in Africa. Their backs are concave and their trunks have two finger-like tips. Their skin appears loose with parallel folds, which create maximum surface area for heat disbursement. The savannah elephant has large ears that are pointed and triangular shaped whose shape resembles the African continent.	Smallest of the three living elephant species. Their ears are rounder and tusks straighter than the savannah elephant's.
AVERAGE WEIGHT		
8,000 pounds	8,000 pounds	4,000–8,000 pounds

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