Asian Elephant

Scientific Name: *Elephas maximus*

Estimated number of individuals: 40,000 to 50,000

Habitat: Shrubland, forest and grassland

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Top 5 Asian Elephant Facts

- Elephants are the world’s largest land mammals.
- Female elephants are extremely social animals and live together in ‘herds’ with their relatives.
- Asian elephants are now restricted to only 15% of their natural range, they are losing their habitat fast!
- They have around 150,000 muscle units in their trunks, using them to forage, to drink and even as a snorkel when they go for a swim.
- Their tusks are just teeth!! Made from ivory, they grow continuously – they are also the reason why elephants are poached.