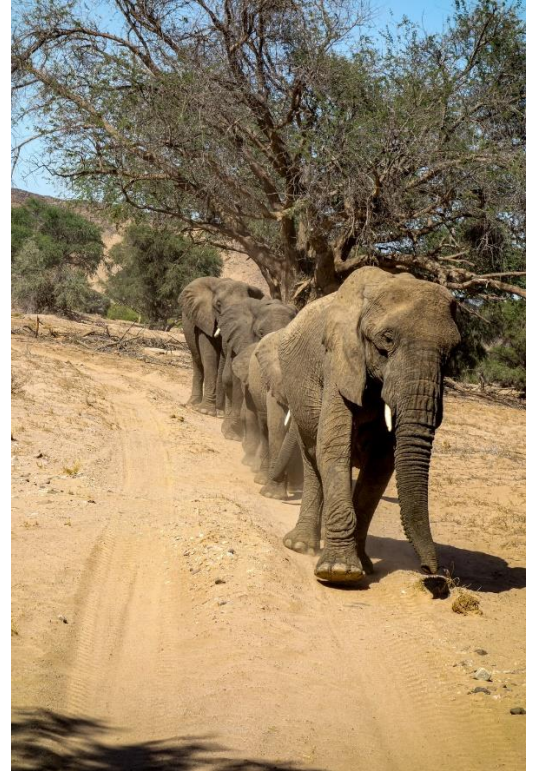


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Elephants For Sale

For many countries the climate change is a problem. A country in southern Africa, Namibia, also has this problem. Since 2013 there have been many droughts in this country. The worst drought in 90 years was in 2019. Now there is a human – elephant problem because of these droughts. Namibia is selling elephants at auction in an attempt to solve this problem.



Saving elephants

There are animals which are in danger of becoming extinct or dying out.; They are endangered. Elephants are currently endangered in Namibia. In 1990 Only 5,000 elephants could be found in this country. For that reason the government started a conservation programme. The aim of this programme was to protect and save the elephants. It was very successful. Now there are 28,000 elephants in Namibia. However, there is a new problem now, a human – elephant problem.

New problem

Every day elephants eat up to 300 kg of leaves. However, there is a drought in Namibia. The elephants go looking for food because there is less food from the trees for them. The elephants walk into the villages and eat the plants grown there by farmers. This is food the people need. In addition to this, when an elephant tramples through a village, it is dangerous for people.



The solution

The government of Namibia has a plan: sell 170 elephants at auction. The idea is that other countries with large national parks buy the elephants. With a bit of luck, this will help the farmers and elephants.