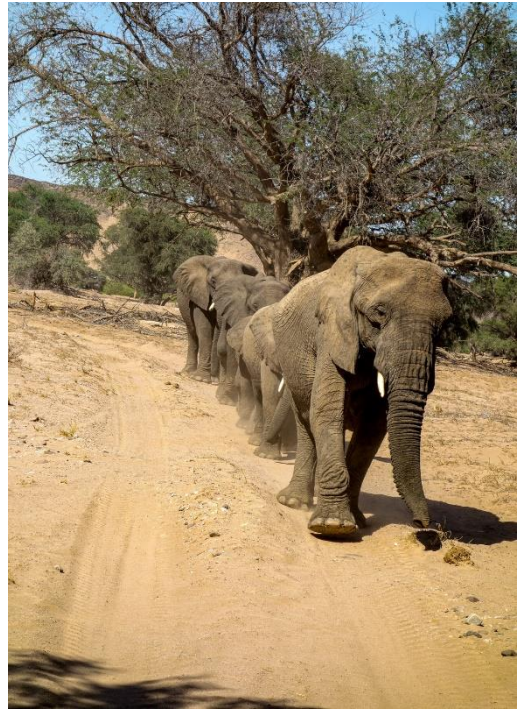


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Elephants For Sale

Worldwide many countries are having to deal with climate change and its effects, no exception is a country in southern Africa, Namibia. Because of climate change this country has many droughts. A new problem has been caused by these droughts: a human – elephant conflict. Namibia is selling elephants at auction in an attempt to solve this problem.



Climate crisis

Namibia a country with little vegetation, like trees and bushes,; it is very dry. It is not covered in thick forests nor is it wet. This country does have two deserts. There is not as much rain, some years none at all, this is because of climate change. There have been several droughts since 2013. In 2019 Namibia had the worst it was the worst drought in 90 years.

Wildlife management

Some wild life can become extinct, because of loss of natural environment, poaching or climate change. We realise that it is important to save and protect wild animals. There are however people working in wildlife conservation, protecting the wild animals. The population of rhinos and elephants was near to being extinct in 1990. Only 5,000 elephants were left. A big conservation programme was started in Namibia to save the rhinos and elephants, which was a big success. Now there are almost 28,000 elephants in Namibia. However, now there is a new conflict , a human – elephant. Conflict.

New problem

Every day elephants consume up to 300 kg of vegetation. They live in big areas. The elephants have to look further for food because of the drought. However, the farmers also need more land to grow their crops.

Now elephants trample over to villages and consume farmer's crops, resulting in the human elephant conflict. The problem isn't only the crops being eaten or destroyed, but when an elephant tramples through a village, it is dangerous for people.



The solution

The government in Namibia came forth with a plan to sell 170 very valuable elephants at auction. The idea is that other countries with large national parks buy the elephants. Because of the drought, Namibia sold some 1,000 animals from national parks in 2019. They are now looking for a new home for elephants that eat the harvest, an interesting way of doing this.