

Save the Elephants News Listservs
Frequently Asked Questions

Who runs the listservs?

While the Save the Elephants headquarters are in Kenya, Melissa Groo, the listservs' administrator, lives in upstate New York. She's been running the listservs since 2001. Her email address for the listservs is groo@elephantnews.org.

NEWS

1. What is the purpose of the listservs?

The mission of the listservs is to fairly represent and circulate what is reported in the media on elephants in the wild, and to share the latest research and findings that can inform elephant conservation, care and knowledge. There is one listserv for Asian elephants, and one for African elephants. The stories do not necessarily reflect the views of Save the Elephants.

2. How many subscribers are there?

At the time of this writing, there are 1,432 subscribers on the African elephant news list, and 909 subscribers on the Asian elephant news list. Most of those are overlaps, that is, many people are on both lists. Sometimes a story is sent around to both lists that speaks of one continent or species, but is believed to be of interest to all.

3. What if a news story is not accurate?

Given the quantity of news stories that are published, it is impossible to check the veracity or accuracy of articles. We obviously cannot guarantee the accuracy of any news story. If a reader finds inaccuracies in an article, we are happy to circulate corrections, if these can be verified.

4. What if I know of a relevant news story that hasn't been circulated yet?

Please feel free to send in the story or a link to the story. Keep in mind wild elephants are our subjects, not captive.

5. Can you circulate a petition or fundraising appeal, or a promotion or news of a campaign for my movie/book/FB page/web site on elephants?

No, that is not the purpose of this listserv.

6. Can you circulate a news story about captive elephants?

No, this listserv is only for distribution of news about elephants in the wild.

7. Do you circulate blog posts?

Since we don't consider blog posts to be straight news items, I gather ones that may be of interest and every month or so send around a list of miscellaneous items that includes blog posts, videos, upcoming talks, new books, and various other resources. Feel free to email anything to me you think should be included.

8. Can a job listing or grant opportunity be circulated?

As long as it concerns and can benefit elephants in the wild, yes.

9. Can you explain the particulars of an article to me or put me in touch with the author or newspaper editor?

Please don't ask for more details about an article or event. For more information on a particular article, please contact the media organisation concerned.

10. Do you carry stories written in different languages?

As there are numerous French-speaking African countries, we will circulate a story written in French as long as it has been published online. The French newspapers are difficult for me to access, so I don't come across those stories often, but would very much welcome any that people would like to send in, as African forest elephants live and are greatly threatened in several French-speaking countries (e.g. Central African Republic, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo). When French stories are circulated, automatic Bing translation is used to provide a very rough English version beneath.

11. How can I look up older news stories?

All the news stories are archived and searchable on the Save the Elephants web site, at <http://www.savetheelephants.org/elephant-news-service.html>

SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

1. What if I need to know what scientific papers exist on a certain subject, e.g., ivory trade, poaching trends, human/elephant conflict, elephant biology, behavior, etc.?

There are two excellent, searchable bibliographies online that people can use to research any such subjects themselves:

Save the Elephants' Elephant Bibliography at
<http://savetheelephants.org/elephant-bibliography.html>

The Elephant Bibliographic Database at
<http://www.elephantcare.org/database.htm>

2. How can I access scientific papers you offered more than a couple months ago?

I don't store papers more than a couple of months on my computer due to space issues. But Dr. Susan Mikota of Elephant Care International, has offered to fulfill requests for papers that I have sent around, as that is one of the aims of her organization--to share information. She saves all the papers I send, and has for several years.

She runs the Elephant Bibliographic Database listed above and her contact info is as follows:

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Director of Veterinary Programs and Research
Elephant Care International
166 Limo View Lane, Hohenwald, TN 38462 USA
931-796-7102 / www.elephantcare.org

3. How can I get every single paper that you announce automatically, without requesting it?

I have a list called "Each Paper Each Time" that you can subscribe to.
To do this, please send an empty, untitled email to allpapers-subscribe@elephantnews.org

4. What if I've written a paper I'd like to have circulated?

Please email it to me and I'd be happy to consider it for circulation.

SUBSCRIBING DETAILS

1. How do I unsubscribe?

If you want to unsubscribe from African elephant news, please send an empty, untitled email to african-elephant-unsubscribe@elephantnews.org

If you want to unsubscribe from Asian elephant news, please send an empty, untitled email to asian-elephant-unsubscribe@elephantnews.org

The information on how to unsubscribe is also included at the end of every email.

2. Can I unsubscribe for a short period of time? How do I resubscribe?

Use the above unsubscribing process. When you want to be added again, follow these instructions:

If you want to subscribe to African elephant news, please send an empty, untitled email to african-elephant-subscribe@elephantnews.org

If you want to subscribe to Asian elephant news, please send an empty, untitled email to asian-elephant-subscribe@elephantnews.org

3. How do I change my email address?

Please unsubscribe your current one. Then resubscribe. Directions to both are in 1 and 2 above.

4. Do you offer a daily or weekly digest for people who don't want to get the emails one at a time?

We do not currently run a daily or weekly digest, but hope to offer this in the future.

MISC QUESTIONS

1. Can you help me with facts and figures or a study I am doing/a book I am writing/a movie or documentary I'm making/a campaign I am launching?

No, that is not the purpose of the listservs. Save the Elephants aims to make accurate and up-to-date information available on our website www.savetheelephants.org. For media or project enquiries, please contact info@savetheelephants.org

2. Whom do I contact if I have donation questions?

To donate to Save the Elephants visit <http://www.savetheelephants.org/donations.html> or contact info@savetheelephants.org

3. What can I do to help elephants?

Save the Elephants is a small Kenya-based NGO that punches far above its weight. The easiest and most effective way to help is to make a regular donation – your funding is the only way we are able to keep working for the species.

Other ways of helping are to spread awareness of elephants and the work of Save the Elephants. Social media such as facebook are particularly powerful tools. Visit us at www.facebook/savetheelephants.kenya

4. Whom do I contact about volunteer opportunities?

Save the Elephants runs an active and rewarding internship programme. For more information or to apply visit <http://www.savetheelephants.org/internships.html>