

FUN ELEPHANT FACTS

- African elephants are the largest land animals on Earth. Some people say their ears look like the continent of Africa.

Tembo wa Afrika ndio wanyama wakubwa kuliko wote wa nchi kavu duniani.

Wengine husema masikio yao yanafanana na bara la Afrika.

- Elephants live in a matriarchal society which means the females lead the herd. Elephants make powerful low-frequency rumblings to communicate with each other over long distances.

Tembo huishi kwa makundi ambapo majike ndio huongoza kundi lote. Tembo hutoa sauti ndogo ndogo ambazo huwasaidia wao kuwasiliana katika umbali mrefu.

- Elephants keep cool by releasing heat through their ears. They also suck water up in their trunks and spray it over themselves. They like taking mud baths that protect them from the hot sun and clean off bugs and ticks.

Tembo hupooza miili yao kwa kupoteza joto kupertia masikio yao. Pia hutumia mikonga yao kurushia maji kwenye miili yao kama njia ya kupunguza joto. Hupendelea kuoga kwenye matope ambayo huwalinda na jua kali, wadudu pamoja na kutoa kupe mwilini.

- An elephant's trunk is a long nose used for smelling, breathing, trumpeting, drinking, and grabbing things—especially a potential meal. The trunk contains thousands of muscles.

Mkonga wa tembo ni pua ndefu ambayo hutumia kunusa, kupumua, Kutoa sauti, kunywa maji na kuchuma majani ya miti, nyasi na chakula kwa ujumla. Mkonga unakadirwa kuwa na maelfu ya misuli.

- Both male and female African elephants have tusks they use to dig for food and water and strip bark from trees. During the dry season, elephants use their tusks to dig for water in dry river beds, creating water holes. This provides water for other animals and people, too.

Tembo wote jike na dume huwa na pembe ambazo hutumia kuchimba chakula, maji na kutoa maganda kwenye miti. Wakati wa kiangazi tembo hutumia pembe zao kuchimba maji kwenye mito iliyokauka ili kutengeneza visima vyaa maji. Hii husaidia kupata maji kwa ajili yao, watu na wanyama wengine pia.

- Elephants eat roots, grasses, fruit, and bark. An adult elephant can consume several hundred pounds of food in a single day.

Tembo hula mizizi, nyasi, matunda na maganda ya miti. Tembo mkubwa huweza kula paundi mia kadhaa za chakula kwa siku moja.

