

ELEPHANTS



1955 Tangier

Telegraph stamp

The original trunk call?



2016 Thailand

Inkjet-printed stamp

How bad is that?

(Squashed calf & all!)

- Page 2 Elephant Ancestors** How man relates to elephants goes back almost to the beginning of time. Paleontology, the study of fossils, has shown us what extinct elephant ancestors looked like. Our earliest ancestors saw mammoths, as evidenced by their rock paintings found in caves.
- Page 3 Prehistoric Rock Paintings & Ivory** Modern day extant species of elephants have also been recorded in rock paintings showing people hunting them. These hunter-gatherer people made as much use of the entire animal as they could, including the ivory.
- Page 4 Asian Elephants** The people of Asia domesticated Asian elephants and used them for many things including for war, for transport and as beasts of burden.
- Page 5 African Elephants** The African elephant was less able to be domesticated, if at all. Human encroachment into wild habitats sees a clash between man and animals, particularly elephants, where they regard the crops as a source of food. The age of egotistical trophy-hunting has largely ended, being replaced by ivory poaching and exploitation.
- Page 6 Zoo & Circus Elephants** Exploitation of both the Asian and African elephants was, unfortunately, practiced by zoos and circuses, although, fortunately, attitudes are changing for the better.
- Page 7 Post Card & First Day Cover** Some Asian nations see elephants as having God-like attributes, resulting in worship of them and inclusion of them in national emblems ... none of which has prevented the abuse or misuse of elephants in captivity.
- Page 8 First Day Cover & Post Card** Just for fun - Children's Day First Day Cover and a 'gentle' dental appointment reminder!

ELEPHANT ANCESTORS

Mastodon



Woolly Mammoth
1996 USA

Paleomastodon
Oligocene

Mammut
Miocene-Pliocene



Amebelodon <Miocene-Pliocene> Platybelodon
1994 Congo Republic

Steppe Mammoth



Southern Mammoth
1966 Romania

A few near-complete specimens of woolly mammoth have been discovered deep-frozen in the Arctic tundra.

It is said that guests at a scientific banquet were once served with portions of mammoth steak taken from animals that had been newly defrosted after being frozen for thousands of years.



Stegodon Ganesa
1951 India

Pliocene
2-12 million yrs ago



Mammoth
1971 Bulgaria

Miocene
12-26 million yrs ago



Woolly Mammoth Deinotherium Giganteum ('Terrible Beast')
1991 Vietnam

Oligocene
25-40 million yrs ago



Woolly Mammoth
1999 Irish Republic

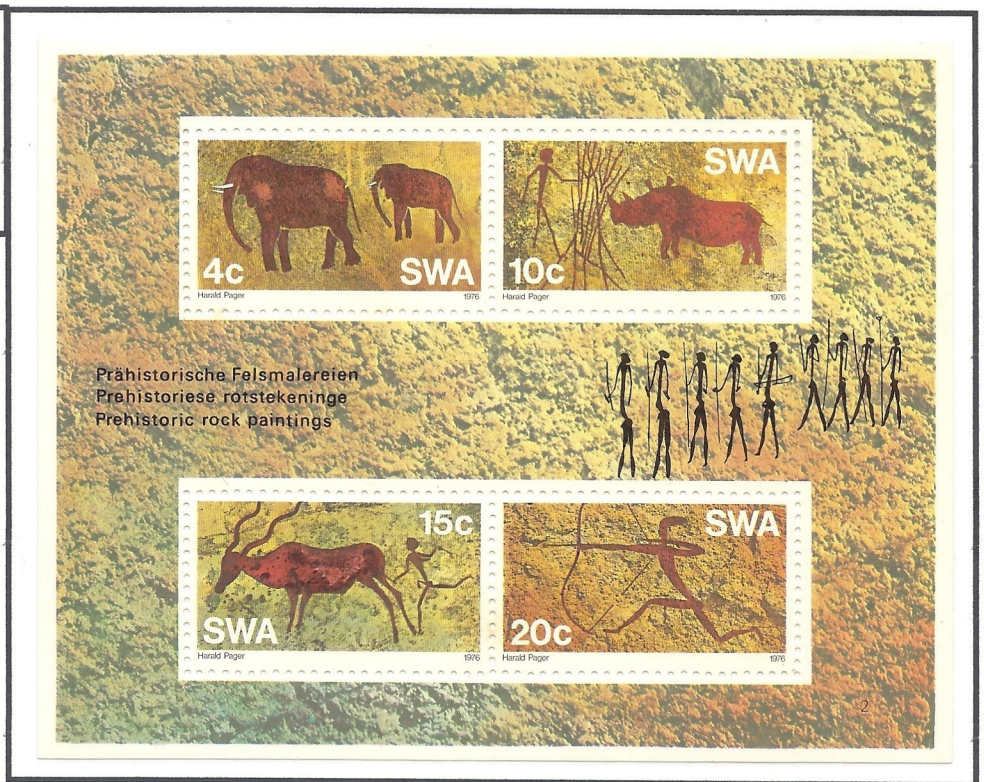
PREHISTORIC ROCK PAINTINGS

1954 SWA
Bushman
Rock Painting



1967
Rock Painting
Kondo,
Tanzania

*Native throw-
ing spear at
elephant*



1976 South West Africa
Prehistoric Rock Paintings



1962 Chad
Rock painting Postage Due, Ganoa Elephant

**Hunter-gatherer people of Africa were reliant on
hunting for survival, including elephants**

Tusk &
Rhinoceros



Tusk &
Elephant



1919 Ethiopia

**Ivory-poaching
& the trade in
ivory, is now an
international
crime**

Ivory carver carving
elephants into tusk



1965 Ivory Coast



1900 French Congo Tusks & Leopard



1975 K U T
Ark - Aberdare Forest Lodge, Kenya
Tusks with elephants at ark

ASIAN ELEPHANTS - ELEPHAS MAMMUS



1995 China

Bilateral issue
with Thailand



1986 Vietnam
Mother suckling calf



1974 Thailand
*Domestic elephants being used
to rope a wild elephant*

*China and Thailand
have no common
border*



1995 Thailand



1982 Laos

*Domesticated elephants
are used as **beasts of
burden** for heavy manual
forestry work, including
teak in Burma.*

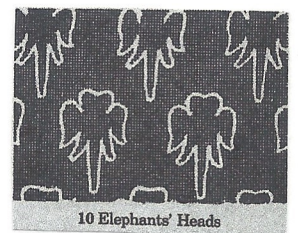


1946 Burma



1949 Union of Burma

*Both of these stamps are
printed on elephant heads
watermarked paper*



10 Elephants' Heads



1973 North Vietnam



1992 Thailand

War Elephants

*Carthaginian General Hannibal used
38 war elephants in the Second Punic War
against Rome 218-201 BC*



*A method of **transport**
for royalty & common
people alike*

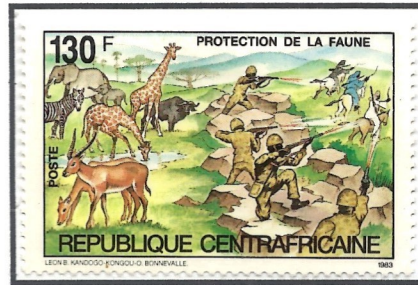


1958 Kingdom of Laos

AFRICAN ELEPHANTS - LOXODONTA AFRICANA



1923 Liberia
Overprinted O S
Men carrying elephant tusk
maybe for trophy hunter



1983 Central African Republic
Soldiers protecting wildlife
from poachers



1977 Malawi
Handcraft - woodcarving



1982 Rwanda
10th anniversary UN
Environmental Programme



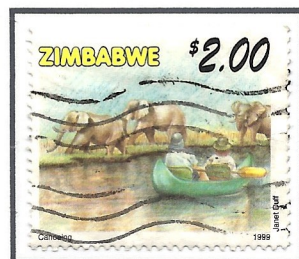
1983 Ivory Coast
Ecology in action
Protected animals



1982 Republic of South Africa
Lithographic printing on fluorescent paper
with elephant postmark!



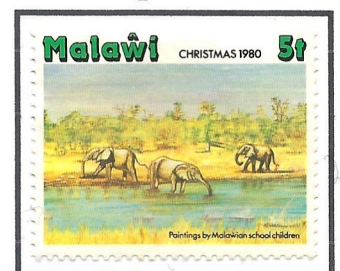
1964 Zambia
Photo-safari with armed
game warden
Luangwa Game Reserve



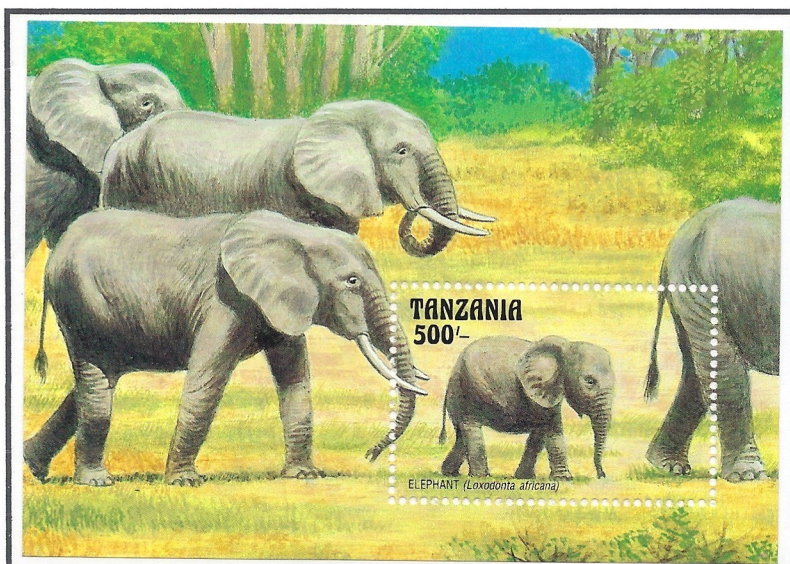
1999 Zimbabwe
Canoe-safari game viewing



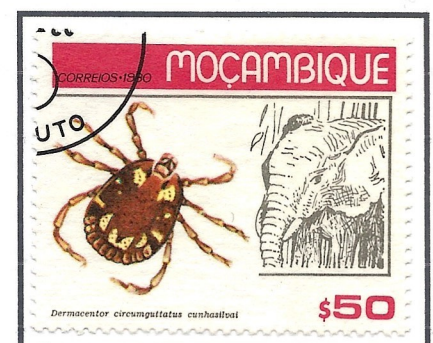
1978 Swaziland
25th anniv of coronation of QEII
Se-tenant trip



1980 Malawi Christmas
Painting by school child



1993 Tanzania Miniature Sheet
Elephant herd with calf



1980 Mozambique
Dermacentor Circumguttatus Cunhasilvai
Elephant Tick

"TAKE NOTHING BUT PHOTOS, LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS"

ZOO ELEPHANTS



1962 Czechoslovakia
Indian & African Elephants
Prague Zoo



1976
African Elephant, Calf &
Cattle Egret - a tick-eater
Dvurkralove Wildlife Park



1964 Cuba
Indian Elephant
Havanna Zoo



1966 Bulgaria
Indian Elephant
Sofia Zoo



1961 Hungary
Indian Elephant & Calf



Main entrance to
Budapest Zoo



1956 East Germany
Indian Elephants
Berlin Zoological Gardens

Historically elephants have
been mistreated in
zoos & circuses.
Thankfully attitudes are
changing.



1978 Poland
Indian Elephant & Calf
50th Anniv of Warsaw Zoo

CIRCUS ELEPHANTS



1983 Great Britain
Big wheel, helter-skelter
& performing animals



2002 France
EUROPA's Annual
Competition Theme:
The Circus



1986 Monaco
12th International
Circus Festival



1974 Mongolia
Mongolian Circus



1994 Romania
Circus Elephant

Circuses are
tending towards
less animals in
performances.

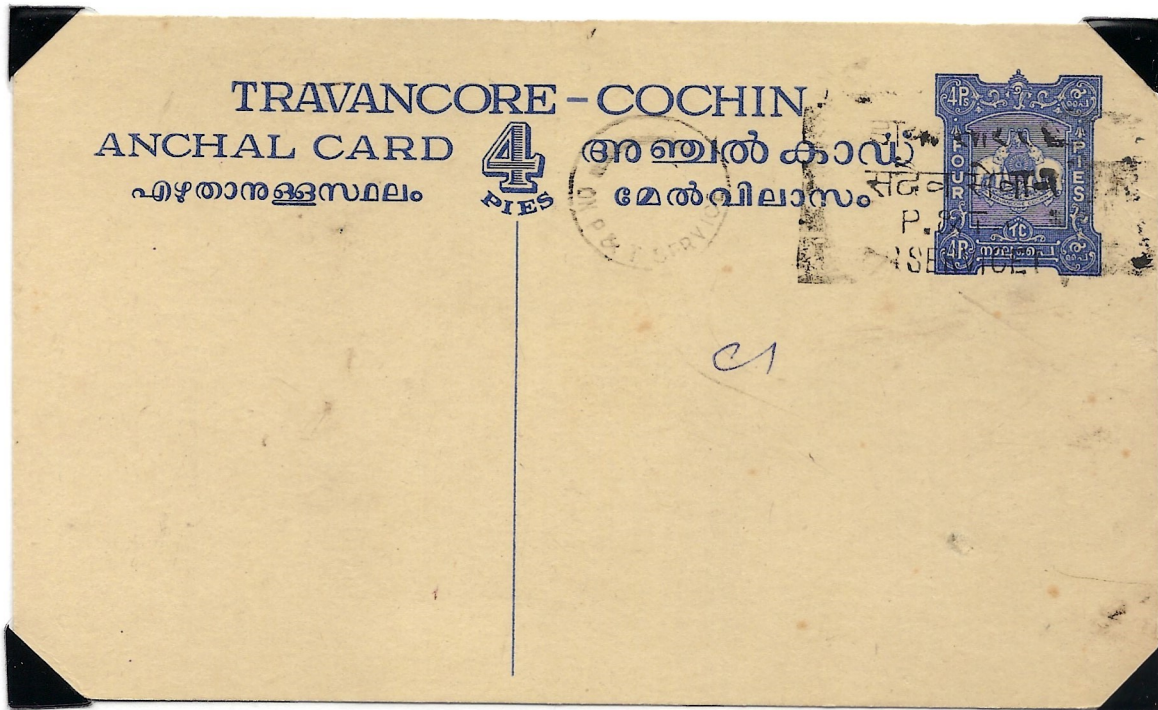


1973 North Vietnam
Circus Elephant

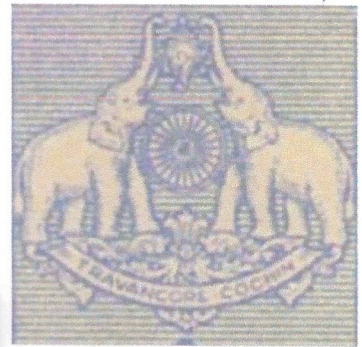


1992 Switzerland
Circus Elephant

POST CARDS and COVERS



*Two elephants
around conch shell
& chaka symbol,
all having religious
significance*

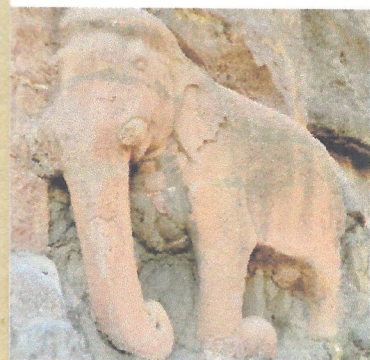


Circa 1949 Travancore - Cochin



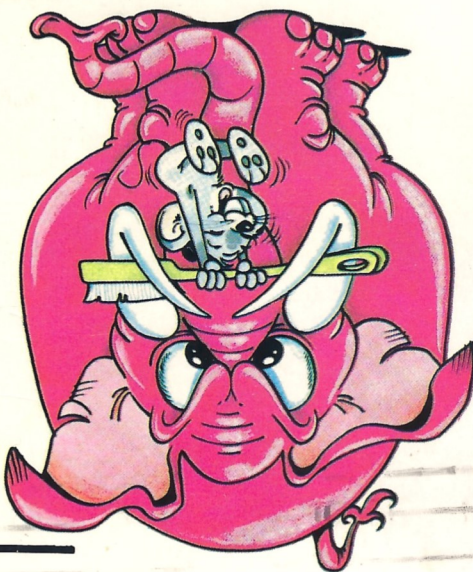
Elephant postmark

*Elephant stamp is of
an Ajanta Panel, of
religious
significance, carved
in stone in
Ajanta Caves*



*A carving in
Ajanta Caves*

1949 India
Independence Day



Regular dental checkups prevent small problems from becoming LARGE ones!

A gentle dental reminder

Helensville Dental Centre
16 Commercial Road
Helensville
Phone: (09) 420 8983

IF THIS IS NOT CONVENIENT, PLEASE CALL.

DAY _____ DATE _____ AT _____ TIME _____

IT'S TIME FOR YOUR DENTAL CHECK-UP
PLEASE CALL TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT
☐ YOUR APPOINTMENT IS

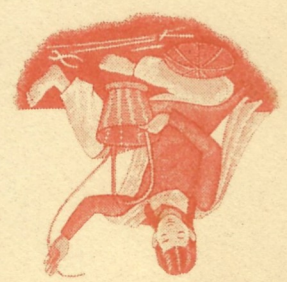
New Zealand
Posted 20 -11-1999



Mrs. Eric J. Dunn,
25 Kent Road,
St. Johns Hill,
Wanganui
NEW ZEALAND

INDIAN POSTS & TELEGRAPHS

CHILDREN'S DAY
14 NOVEMBER 1961



FIRST DAY COVER



INDIA CHILDREN'S DAY 14-11-1961
Girl weaving basket
Boy wood-turning

Spot the elephants ...