

Endangered elephants

Savanna elephants in Africa have fallen in numbers dramatically, raising fears the animals could be wiped out largely due to poaching, the results of a **three-year** aerial survey have revealed.

About **84 per cent** of the population surveyed was sighted in legally protected areas while **16 per cent** was in unprotected areas.

Savanna elephant populations declined by **30 per cent** (144,000 elephants) between 2007 and 2014. The current rate of decline is eight per cent per year, due to poaching.



352,271 elephants were counted in the 18 countries surveyed. This figure represents at least 93% of savanna elephants in these countries.

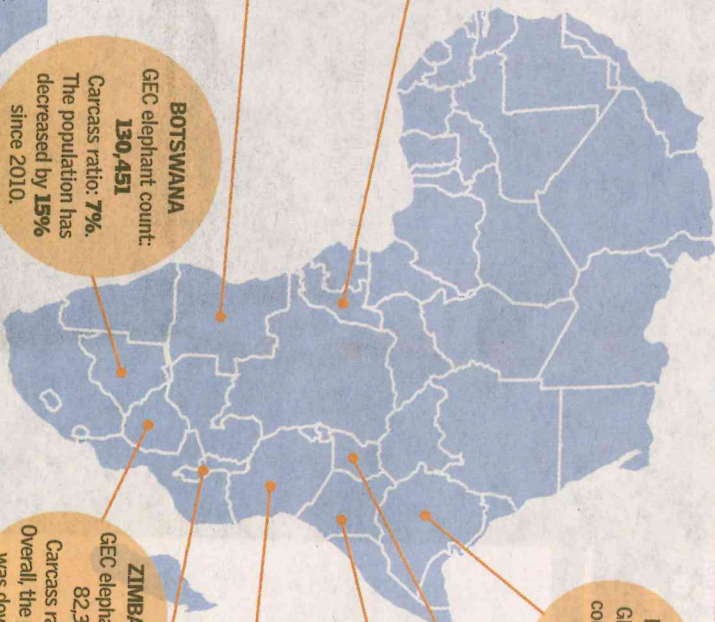


- Highest carcass ratios occurred in:
1. Cameroon (83%)
 2. Mozambique (32%)
 3. Angola (30%)
 4. Tanzania (26%)

The carcass ratio for the entire GEC was 11.9%, indicating a declining population continent-wide.



COUNTRY BY COUNTRY FINDINGS FROM THE GREAT ELEPHANT CENSUS



NORTHEAST DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
GEC elephant count: **1,959**.

ANGOLA
Elephant count: **3,395**
Carcass ratio: **30%**.
Since 2005, elephant populations in Angola have declined by **22 per cent** due to poaching.

BOTSWANA
GEC elephant count: **130,451**
Carcass ratio: **7%**.
The population has decreased by **15%** since 2010.

ETHIOPIA
GEC elephant count: At least **799**

TANZANIA
GEC elephant count: **42,871**
Carcass ratio: **26%**.
There was a rapid population decline of **60%** in five years.

UGANDA
GEC elephant count: **4,864**
Carcass ratio: **0.5%**.

KENYA
GEC elephant count: **25,959**
Carcass ratio: **13%**

ZIMBABWE
GEC elephant count: **82,304**
Carcass ratio: **8%**.
Overall, the population was down **6%**.

MALAWI
GEC elephant count: **817**
Carcass ratio: **2%**

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