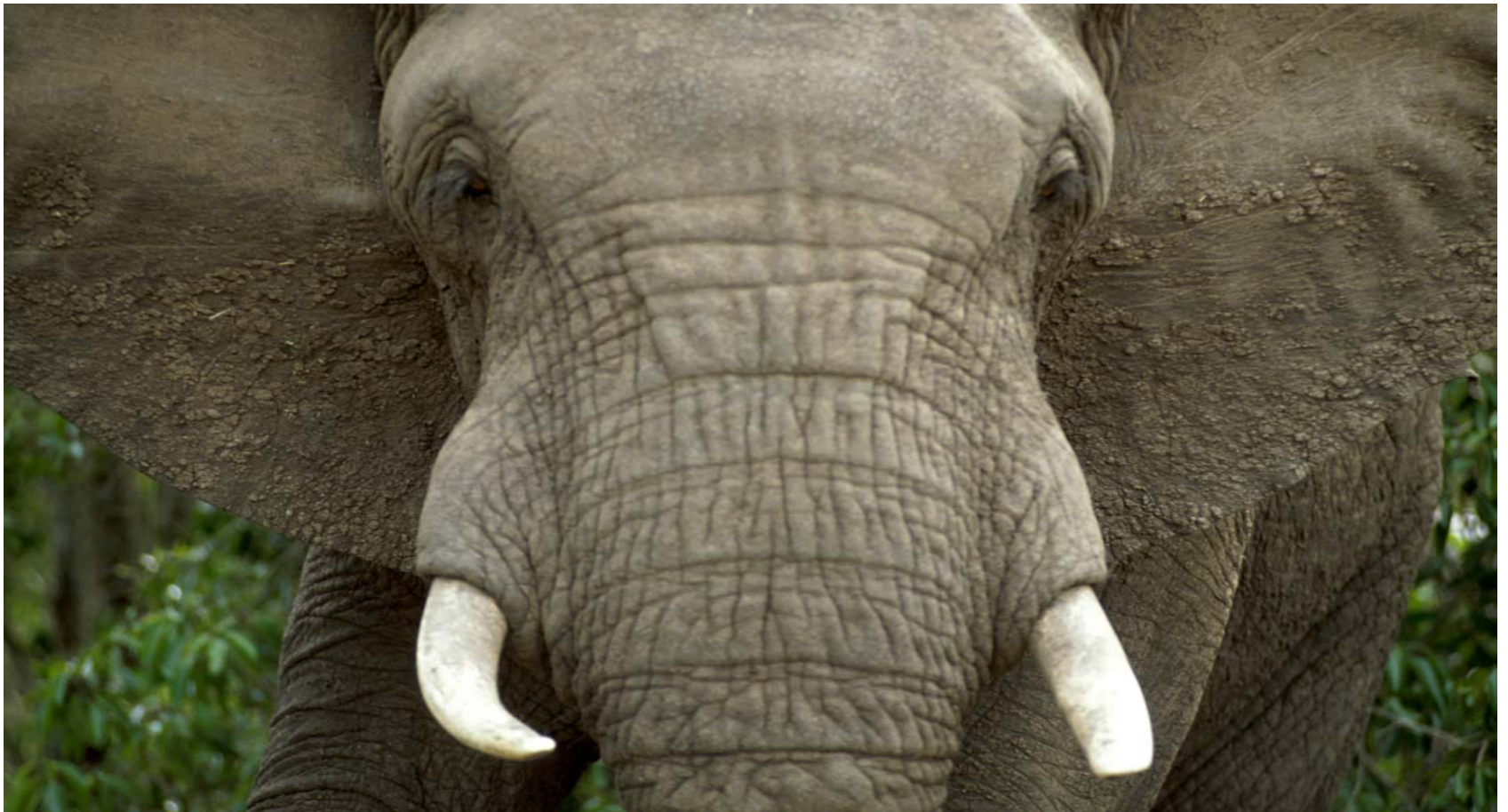




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Elephant welfare – An holistic view



IFAW Mission

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History of IFAW Involvement

- Translocations
- Culling debate and moratorium
- IFAW/NPB land purchase agreement
- Elephant research – Addo
- CERU/IFAW partnership – Kafue
- TERU/IFAW partnership – E. Cape



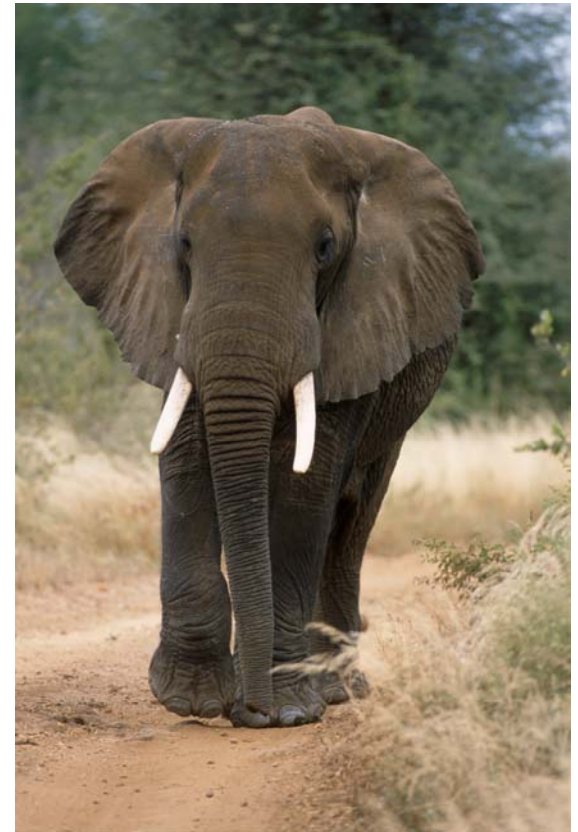


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Elephant Management

- Trans-frontier conservation
- Fertility control
- Translocation



Trans-frontier

- Based on meta-population concept.
- Allow for self regulation of elephant population
- Long term solution for elephant population management



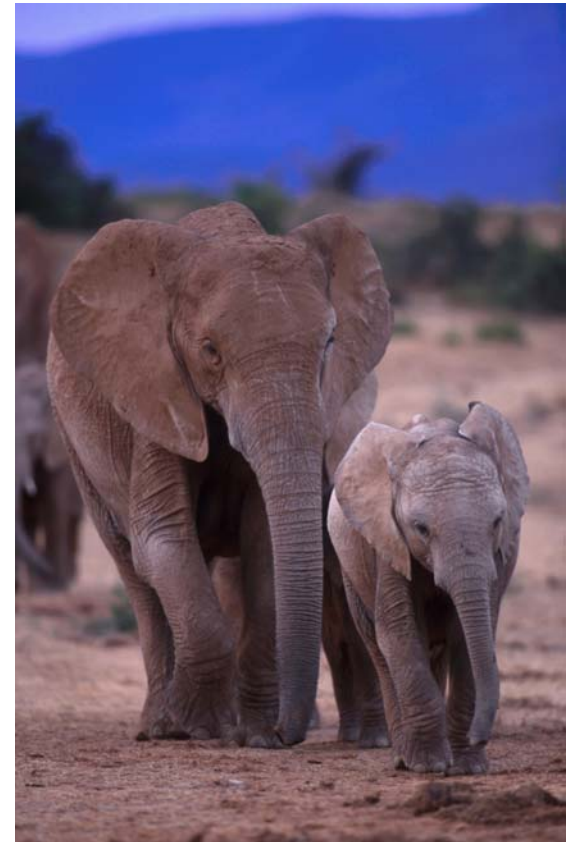


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Fertility Control

- Immunocontraception – significant results to date
- Importance of reversibility
- Examine more closely as an option for population control
- Potential of being an effective management tool for the 65+ smaller isolated elephant populations



Translocation

- Has been done with great success in the past
- Beneficial in the re-establishing of elephant in trans-frontier conservation areas



Culling

- Animal welfare and ethical concerns
- What are the effects of culling on the population?
- Scientific research suggest that culling may have far-reaching effects on both individuals and the population as a whole

The Scientific Approach

- Scientific research should be the cornerstone of any decision-making framework!
- The closer we get to understanding ecological complexity, elephants and the areas they inhabit the more informed the management decisions will be!





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The Scientific Approach cont.

- Decisions need to be based on science and not based on observation or commercial gain
- IFAW remains committed to helping find solutions for elephants that are practical, ethical and address their welfare





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