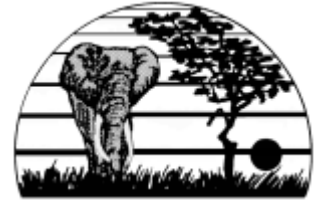


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STATEMENT FROM THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT SPECIALIST GROUP OF THE IUCN SPECIES SURVIVAL COMMISSION ON THE REMOVAL OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS FOR CAPTIVE USE

Believing there to be no direct benefit for *in situ* conservation of African elephants, the African Elephant Specialist Group of the IUCN Species Survival Commission does not endorse the removal of African elephants from the wild for any captive use.

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