

Borneo Pygmy Elephant

The Borneo Pygmy Elephant is a small Asian elephant that grows up to 2.5 meters long. It lives in subtropical and tropical climates in Borneo and sometimes Malaysia and Indonesia. Today, there are fewer than 1500 Borneo Pygmy Elephants in the wild.

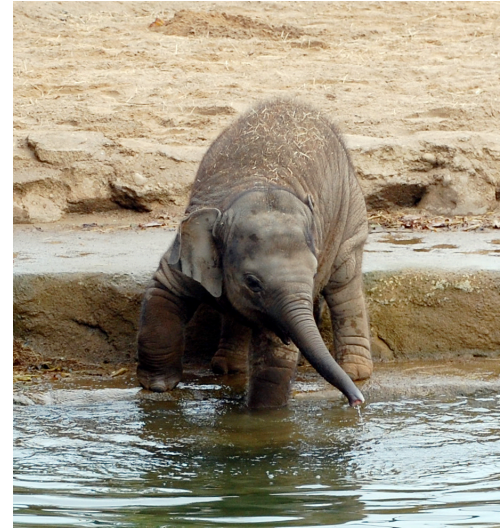
The Borneo Pygmy Elephant can be distinguished from other elephants as it is found in Asia, has large ears, a cute baby face, and straight tusks.

Asian elephants, including Borneo Pygmy Elephants, are the largest herbivores on the planet. This means that they only eat plants. They eat about 150 kg of plants every day. They love grasses, palm leaves, and bananas. Yum!

Borneo Pygmy Elephants are being affected by logging in their habitats. This is shrinking the area that they live in and cutting them off from needed food supplies, as well as bringing them into more contact with humans who sometimes hurt them. Borneo Pygmy Elephants are an endangered species because of this.

Can You Answer These Questions?

1. Where do Borneo Pygmy Elephants live?
2. How many of these elephants are alive today?
3. How can you tell these elephants apart from others?
4. What is an herbivore?
5. Why are Borneo Pygmy Elephants Endangered?



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