

Tracking African Elephants

Since 1998, the North Carolina Zoo has been helping collar African Elephants and using satellites to track them in Cameroon and Nigeria.

The goals of this research project are to:

- Understand elephant herd home ranges.
- Locate *hotspots*: Places where elephants congregate for long periods of time.
- Identify their movement corridors.

Data collected from these collars will help researchers make plans to:

- Decrease the human/elephant conflict.
If rangers know where herds are, they can help keep them in the park and out of people's farms!
- Maintain safe corridors between elephant habitat areas.
- Decrease the poaching of elephants.
If rangers know where elephant hotspots are, they can concentrate on those areas for poachers.



Be sure to stop by the Elephant Tracking Station to learn more about this important conservation program!

