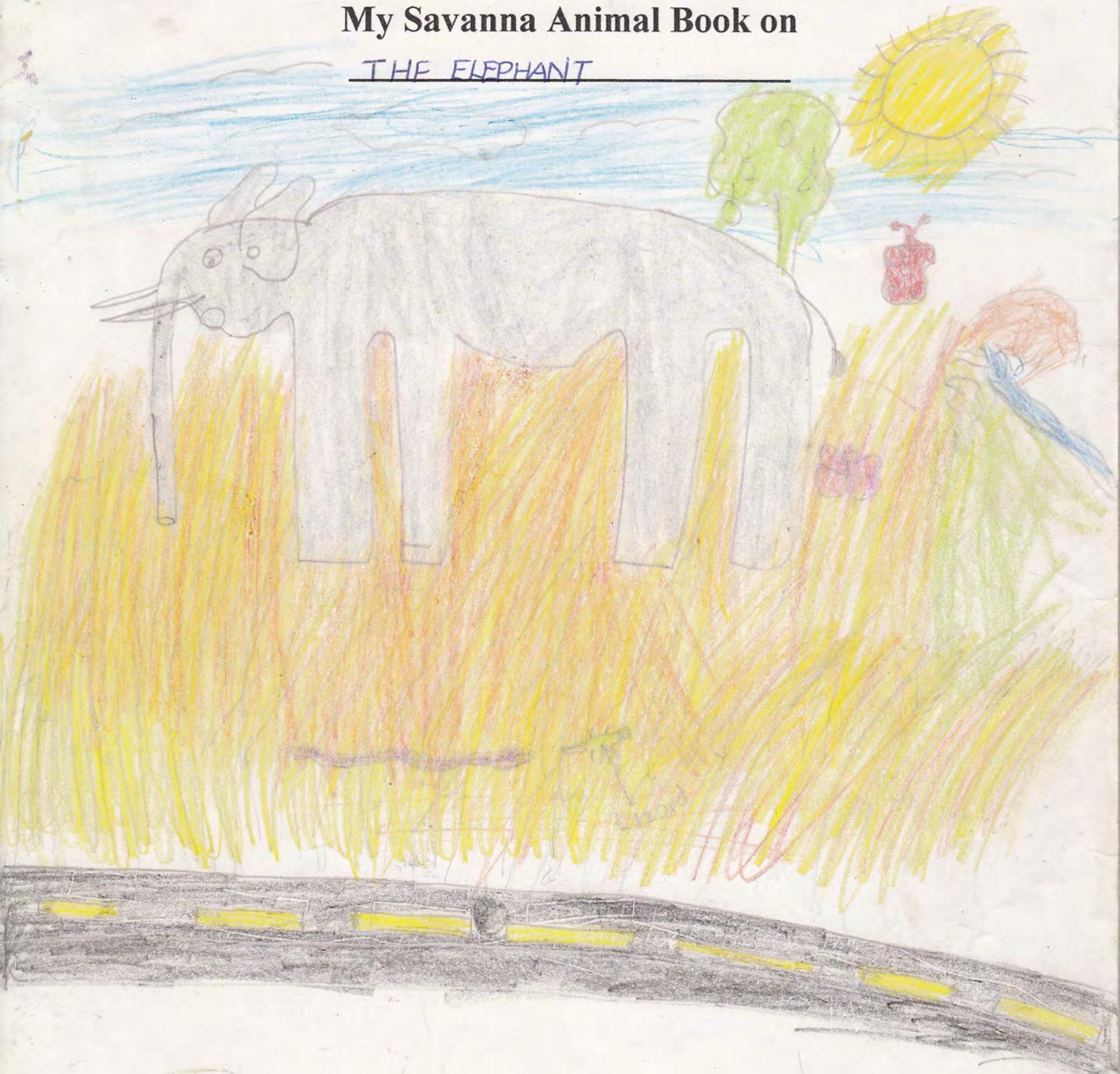


My Savanna Animal Book on

THE ELEPHANT



Written by JOHN



**About me...**

**But before I start my book, I'd like to share with you about some of my favorite things.**

I like eating fish, chicken, vegetables, rice and ugali. I like going to wedding ceremonies. I like watching cartoons. I like wearing boots, baggy T-shirts and shorts. I like watching cartoons. When I am idle I like to help.



**Okay, now I'm ready to write about what savannas are, their importance, and facts about one of my favorite animals, ELEPHANT.**

First, *savannas* are found in a wide band on either side of the equator on the edges of tropical forests and desert biomes. Savannas are typically characterized as rolling grasslands scattered with shrubs and isolated trees. Additional characteristics are:

It is found in dry areas with little rainfall. Trees and grass are scattered. Lowest in mountain vegetation. There are two types of trees mainly baobab and acacia.



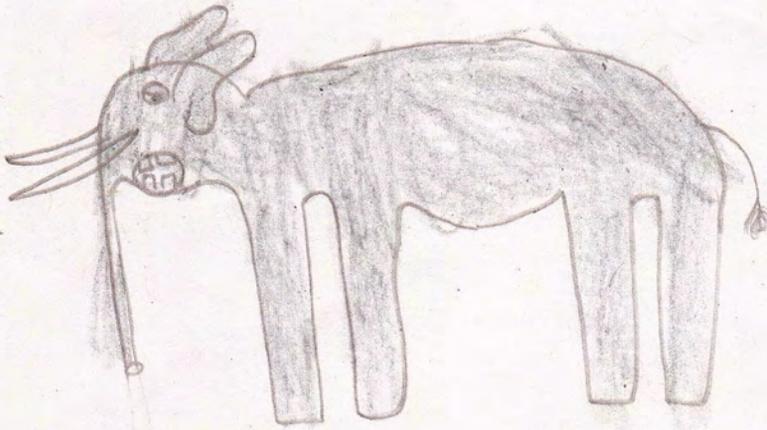
Second, we are very fortunate to literally have savannas as part of our community. They serve many *important* purposes, such as:

In Kenya, it attracts tourists who pay money which is used to build social amenities and paying civil workers. Grass is used to thatch traditional houses. It is the best land for grazing beef cattle. It is found in national parks and reserves. Home for wild animals.



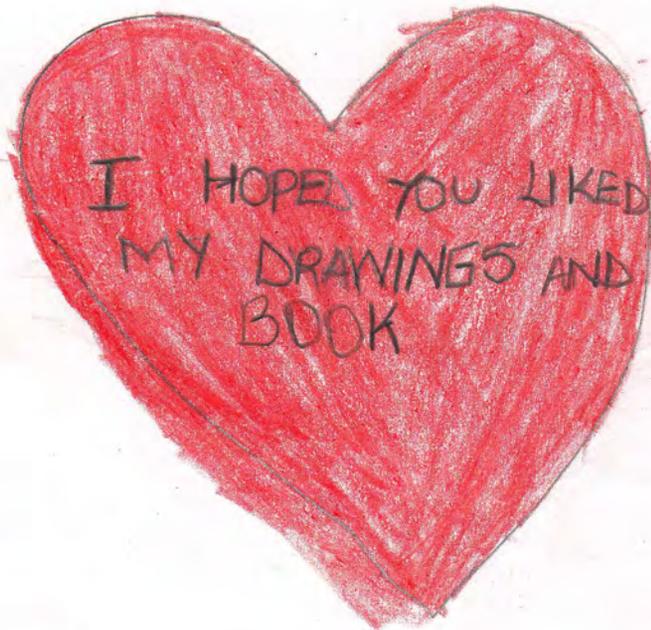
Third, there is a particular *animal* of interest to me, namely the Elephant. I chose this *animal* because it is a very huge animal.  
It is also a very interesting animal and the largest  
land living animal.

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In the following paragraphs, I will briefly discuss what I researched about my animal of interest, the Elephant. I will cover the following: classification, common name, scientific name, physical characteristics, behavior, if the animal camouflages, adaptations, range, migratory, population, status, reproduction, habitat, prey, predators, where animal fits in food web, and whether aborigines used the animal for food, clothing, or other purposes.

*I hope you enjoy the book!*



## ***Classification***

The Elephant is a vertebrate because it has a backbone. It is classified as a mammal because it has mammary glands and gives birth to live young ones called calf and has a constant body temperature.

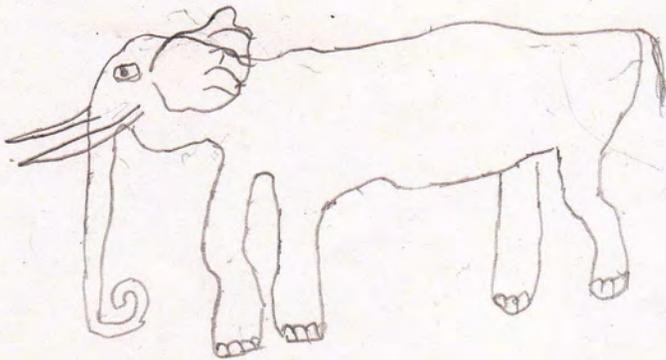
## ***Names***

The Elephant has two names. The common name is Savannah elephant/tembo, and the *scientific name* is Loxodonta Africana  
Africana.

In science, the *scientific name* is the genus and species of the animal or plant.

**Physical characteristics... my animal looks like...**

**My animal** is a big fat animal with two big ears, thick grey skin, two curved outer teeth called ivory tusks. It has a long trunk and has four broad legs. It has 28 teeth in total. It ~~is~~ looks like a mammoth, which is extinct.



**Camouflage...does my animal blend into its environment?**

After looking at my animal and reading more about it, I realize that it does not need to though its colour allows it to blend with its environment.

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## Adaptations

**My animal is unique because** it is the largest mammal. The tusks are used to dig for roots and strip barks of trees for food. They also use them on fights during mating season and to defend themselves against predators. They are teeth. That is the second set of incisors. Has large ears for cooling itself. It has good memory and high intelligence.



## Animal behavior

**The way I would describe the behavior of my animal is** that it likes to trumpet to call other elephants. It likes to feed in herds as family units led by an elder female called a Matriarch. This family unit is made up of females and calves who are taken care of by the younger females called allomothers. Males group on their own.

## Range

The Elephant is found mostly in  
the savannah grassland in Eastern, Western, and  
Southern Africa. It is also found in forests, woodlands  
and scrubs or deserts.



-  - Savannah Grassland
-  - Savannah woodland

INDIAN  
OCEAN

***Migratory...does it travel from one location to another during seasons?***

The Savannah Elephant does migrate. For example, it migrates to look for water sources because it cannot live without water.

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## Population

The population of my animal is 690,000 to 710,000 elephants living in the wild. From 1.3 million 10 years ago.

690,000 → 710,000  
ELEPHANTS.

## Status

The status of the Elephant tells me whether it is endangered, threatened, or stable. What I found out is that the African Elephant is Vulnerable. I find this interesting because it is hunted for its ivory tusks, skin and its meat.

## **Reproduction**

The reproduction of the Elephant is that a female elephant can give birth at an age of 25-45 yrs. Gestation period is 18-23 months. They all mothers begin caring for calves at an early age of 2-12 years. Elephants live up to 60-70 years old.

## **Habitat...home**

The Elephant's habitat is mostly in forests and grasslands.

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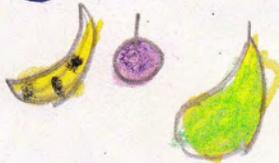
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**Prey and predator...(to eat and to be eaten)**

The prey my animal eats are: NONE

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My animal eats other things such as:  
grass, shrubs and fruits of trees.

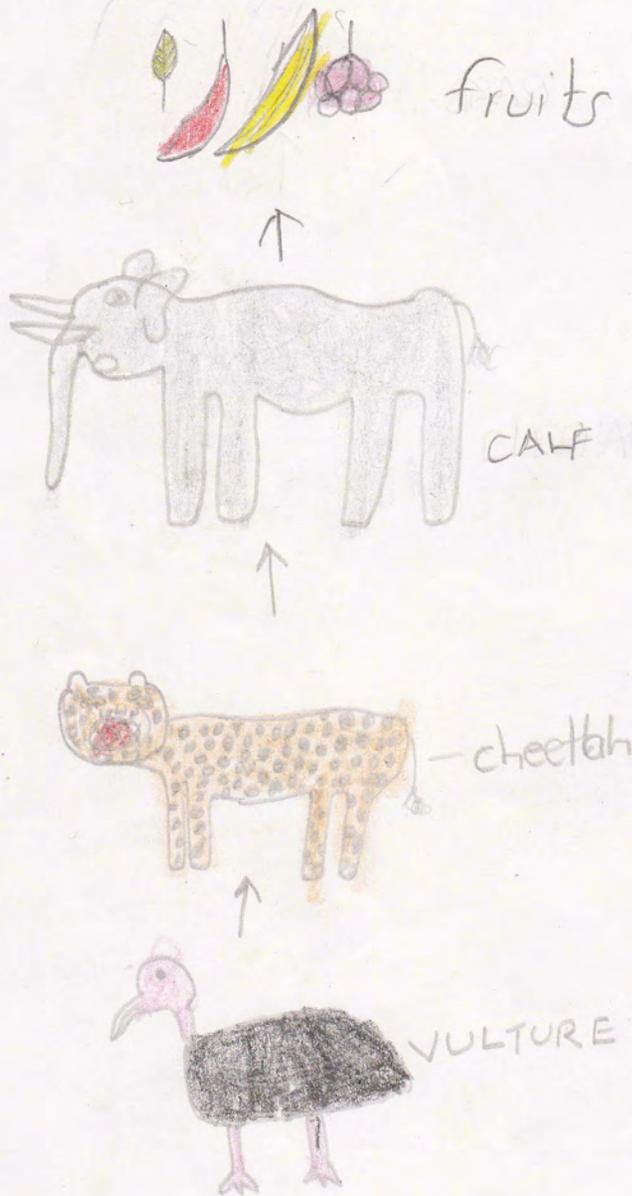


The predators that eat me are: Lions, hyenas  
cheetahs but the cubs are the ones who are mostly  
hunted.



# Food web

My animal is a herbivore (browser). The following picture demonstrates where my animal fits in the food web.



## Aborigines

I'm curious to see if the aborigines used the Elephant in anyway, for example, for food, clothing, or for other purposes. What I discovered is that they used it for its ivory tusks and skin. Ivory tusks are mostly sold and used to make rings and bangles. It was also used for its skin.



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Thank you for reading my book. I hope you *really* enjoyed it and learned a lot about the Loxodonta Africana Africana. Please feel free to *comment* about my book and also, test your knowledge by answering the following *questions* below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Comments for me:

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Questions for you: (*See if you can answer these...*)

1. What is the main product<sup>poached</sup> from the Elephant?
2. Have you ever seen an elephant? Where?
3. What trees are found in the savannah?

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