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Advances in Elephant Reproduction and Conservation

Message from the Guest Editor

Elephants have many unique features regarding reproduction. A long estrous cycle and gestation, embryonic diapause, musth in male elephants, and unique reproductive anatomy. Most of what we currently know about elephant reproduction has been studied with elephants in human care. Elephant reproduction continues to be explored, and new information is vital for the conservation of elephants in human care and in free-ranging habitats. There are many issues facing both African and Asian elephant conservation. Populations of free-ranging elephants are under threat because of human–elephant conflict (HEC) from snare traps, poaching for ivory, crop raiding, encroachment of human agriculture into elephant habitat and by incursions of elephants into local villages and their crops. Added to this is the emerging effect of elephant endothelial herpesvirus-hemorrhagic disease (EEHV-HD) on both free-ranging and elephants in human care, especially as it results in a high percentage of young elephant mortality.

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