

COEXIST

with elephants

Live with elephants...

- Be observant and mindful when in the bush - even around houses.
- Keep a fence around your house
 - Electric (standard, 2-stranded, 45-degree etc.). Functioning at all times.
 - Non-electric (beehive, Kasaine, sharp and rolling rock barrier, pyramid barrier, stone wall etc.).
 - Cattle grid at the entrance (electric or rolling).
- Protect your water supply
 - Electric or non-electric barrier.
 - No water pipes lying exposed above ground.
 - Do not have a full water tank if not present.
- Mindful living
 - No feeding of wildlife.
 - No petting or taming wildlife.
 - No oranges or citrus at all.
 - Plant unpalatable vegetation near the house - do not have plants favoured by elephants near the house.
 - Protect outside rubbish bin with electric or non-electric barrier and keep away from gas, geysers etc.
 - Frequent removal of rubbish.
 - Limit noise pollution.

View elephants safely...

Do's:

- Give them the right of way.
- Approach slowly to the minimum distance of 50m (elephants have personal space).
- Be mindful of where all individuals are so you do not separate them, box them in or block their way.
- Stay in the vehicle.
- Only slow and determined movements.
- Be quiet – shot off the engine, no shouting,

yelling, or crying, no banging on the door, no drunken behaviour etc.

- Leave slowly and calmly if elephants show unease at your presence.
- Give males in musth plenty of space
 - A minimum of 80 m distance
 - Do not attempt to drive past
 - Leave calmly if approached
 - Leave at the first sign of unease
- Always have a clear escape route that is not in reverse – you will not be able to drive faster than a charging elephant in reverse.
- *In case of mock charge:* Bang on car and shout and leave as calmly as possible.

Don'ts

- Speed up to elephants.
- Separate elephants from each other.
- Block their path or box them in.
- Chase or follow elephants wanting to get away.
- Feeding or bringing citrus fruits.
- Shout, yell, bang on the door etc.
- Keep engine running (unless the car is unable to start again) or rev engine.
- Get out of the vehicle.
- Sudden, jerky, or jumping movements.
- Speed past elephants.

Behave in conflict situations...

- Talk to them calmly.
- Clap hands determinedly.
- Shine flashing lights at them (not directly into the eyes).
- Light chilies-bricks.
- Grow unfavoured plants as a deterrent in a buffer zone around property/house and close to the house.