

Resource 2

Look at the resource below, where some people share their opinions about the consequences of the African elephant species losing its tusks.

When elephants use their tusks to dig holes for water, it gives other animals access to water too. I think elephants not having tusks could really affect other species too.

Catalina

I think a consequence of elephants losing their tusks will be that eventually all elephants in Africa may become tuskless.

William

It is against the law to hunt elephants for their ivory tusks, but it still happens illegally. The actions of humans have caused more elephants to be born without the ability to grow tusks. This should mean less elephants will be hunted as there is no ivory for them to be hunted for!

Naaz



Pictured above: An African elephant with tusks.



Pictured above: A herd of African elephants. Some with tusks and some without.

Elephants not having tusks can affect some of the things they can do. Elephants use their tusks for protection against predators, lifting and moving things, digging for water and minerals, scraping bark to eat and gathering food.

Alfred

Can you think of any other consequences of elephants losing their tusks?