

THE FOREST ELEPHANT



Once thought to be a sub-species of the African savannah elephant, a 2010 genetic study found that the two are very different species.

Forest elephants are highly threatened by deforestation of their Central and West African rainforest habitat. Within Nigeria, Omo-Shasha-Oluwa is amongst the last 10% of suitable forest remaining, but even this is under threat and time is running out!

TAKE ACTION NOW!
You can help by sponsoring us and spreading the word.
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PARTNERS IN ACTION

The Initiative is a collaborative effort of Pronatura Nigeria, Nigerian Conservation Foundation, Paignton Zoo Environmental Park and ERM Foundation, alongside the State Government of Ogun, Osun and Ondo.

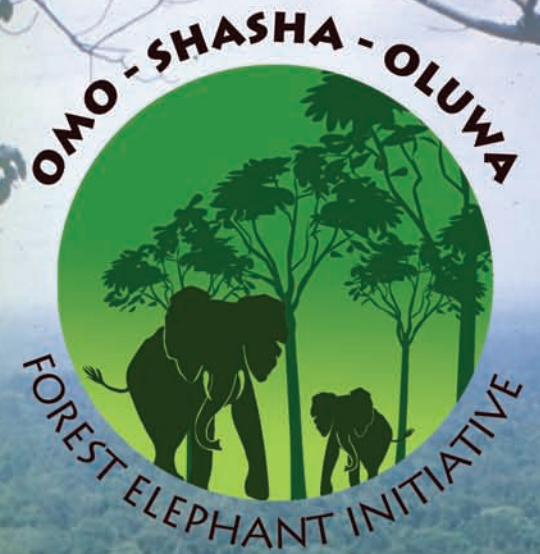


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CURRENT SITUATION

Located only three hours drive from Lagos, it is remarkable that 40% of Omo-Shasha-Oluwa's natural forest still remains, but this is disappearing fast.

To stop this from happening, we aim to bring Sustainable Development to the area.



THE PROTECTED AREA

We shall establish a Sanctuary for forest elephants and other wildlife through:

- Participatory and adaptive management of the March 2011 plan
- Protection and law enforcement
- Ensuring local government and communities benefit
- Extensive research and monitoring.

COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT



The Partners in Action recognise that the support of the local people is vital. We aim to address the major social and economic issues affecting them, enabling them to actively engage in managing their Sanctuary by:

- Empowering them through participatory learning and action
- Establishing a Community Development Foundation
- Strengthening community institutions
- Investing in livelihoods.

GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

We work closely with the State Governments of Ogun, Osun and Ondo; this is an essential component for success.



SUSTAINABILITY

In the long term, we shall ensure that the Initiative will continue in perpetuity through:

- REDD+ carbon credit financing
- Capacity building at all levels
- Enterprise development including ecotourism.

