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Journal conventions

Nomenclature

Use common names of animals and plants, giving scientific names in italics on first mention. Generally, refer to animals in the plural form (i.e. rhinos, elephants). We do not capitalise elephant, black rhino, white rhino and greater one-horned rhino. We do capitalise Javan and Sumatran rhino.

Spelling

Use British spelling, following the latest edition of the Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary using 'z' instead of 's' in words like 'recognize', 'organization', 'immobilized'; but 'analyse', 'paralyse', a full list can be obtained from the Managing Editor: <https://elt.oup.com/catalogue/items/global/dictionaries/oxford-advanced-learners-dictionary/?cc=global&sellanguage=en>

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Use the International System of Units for measurement (m, km, kg, ha, h) with a space between the numeral and the unit of measurement. Give measurements in figures, for example 12 mm, 1 km, 3 ha, except at the beginning of a sentence; in which case write out the full number, e.g. Forty-two black rhinos were born in 2023.

Spell out numbers under 10 if not a unit of measurement unless the number is part of a series containing numbers 10 or over, for example: 14 adult males, 23 adult females and 3 juveniles or there were nine people watching the group of 65 elephants.

In the text, use a comma as the separator for figures four digits or more: 1,750 and 11,750. The separator will be a full stop in French papers.

Hyphen, en dash and em dash

The hyphen (narrow) is used to separate compound words:

Long-term

Seventy-two

Decision-making systems

The en-dash (wider) is used to separate a range of numbers:

South Africa's Kruger National Park is home to 7,000–8,300 rhinos as of 2016.

Overall, all of the elephants had smaller annual home ranges (~450–1,750 km²).

The en-dash is also used to indicate relationships, for example:

Human–elephant conflicts

North–South divide

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The headwaters of the Chobe River–Victoria Falls is a distance of 136.3 km.

The em-dash (even wider) is to enclose a phrase within a sentence and provides greater emphasis than parentheses:

Our core values—integrity, collaboration, adaptability, sound decision-making and commitment—are at the heart of everything we do.

The presence of the new species—that scientists suspected existed—was confirmed last week.

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Article in a journal or periodical

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Hoare). Available at: <http://www.african-elephant.org/hec/pdfs/hecfencen.pdf>. [Accessed 15 July 2019]

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SSC	Species Survival Commission
AZA	Association of Zoos and Aquariums
AfESG	African Elephant Specialist Group
AfRSG	African Rhino Specialist Group
AsRSG	Asian Rhino Specialist Group
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (of Wild Fauna and Flora)
CMS	Convention on Migratory Species
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
EAZA	European Association of Zoos and Aquaria
ETIS	Elephant Trade Information System
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
IRF	International Rhino Foundation
KAZA-TFCA	Kavango–Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area
MIKE	Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants
RRC	Rhino Resource Center
SRI	Save the Rhino International
USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
WAZA	World Association of Zoos and Aquariums
WCS	World Conservation Society
ZSL	Zoological Society of London