

EARTH DAY 2019



TWO NEW FILMS FOR EARTH DAY ON WORLD

CHANNEL: WORLDchannel.org/collection/Earth-Day

Discuss online at **#WORLDxEarthDay**.

FACTS TO CONSIDER

■ There are currently about 500,000 elephants on our planet; as many as 40,000 elephants were killed by poachers worldwide in 2015—the most recent statistics available.

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■ The Asian elephant is officially considered “endangered,” while the African elephant has been designated as “vulnerable.”

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■ Humans and elephants are more alike than we think: elephants are long-lived, intelligent creatures with excellent memories and complex social relationships.

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■ Forest elephants are the least well known of the three species of elephant. Found in Central and West Africa, forest elephants number fewer than 100,000, the number of seizures of ivory suggest that we may have only 40,000 left.

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■ The Pokagon people have endured thanks in part to their Seven Grandfather teachings: the values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Humility, and Family. Adapting these deeply-rooted ideals to contemporary circumstances has made the Band an engine for economic development and a model for sustainable living in the region.

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■ Floodplains are low, flat areas next to rivers, lakes and coastal waters that periodically flood when the water is high. The animals and plants that live in a floodplain often need floods to survive and reproduce.

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QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHTS AND DISCUSSION

1. What changes can you make in your lifestyle to conserve water and ease the burden on your community’s water supply?
2. What do you think your community is doing right to ensure your water resources are clean and protected? What could your community be doing differently?
3. Why is it important to conserve and protect wildlife, here at home and elsewhere around the globe? How does their survival impact our own lives?
4. The Pokagon Band infuses cultural practice and tradition into their approach to conservation and sustainability. Do you have any cultural beliefs or practices that influence how you view and interact with the natural world?
5. Change comes from a commitment to long term action and the discipline to follow through. What is one long term commitment you can make today to make a difference in the health of our planet and your local community?

RESOURCES FOR LEARNING AND ACTION

- **Earth Day Network:** The people who brought you Earth Day.
- Learn about elephant communication, social behavior and efforts to support the ethical management and care of elephants at [Elephant Voices](#).
- **African Elephant Atlas.** An interactive map of today’s African elephants and the territories they inhabit.
- Learn more about the [Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi](#), their history and traditions.
- Visit [American Rivers](#) to find out ways you can help protect and restore our nation’s rivers, and in particular, [rivers within your local land management plan](#).

STORIES – Watch on WORLD Channel

■ APRIL 21: ELEPHANT PATH-NJAIA NJOKU (DOC WORLD)

The last herd of forest elephants are threatened by war and poaching in the Central African Rainforest. Together, three people dedicated to their survival will be tested by the realities of war and the limits of hope for these majestic animals.

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■ APRIL 22: THE SEVEN GENERATION RIVER (LOCAL USA)

Blending the latest science with their traditional ways, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Indians of the Great Lakes might have the key to healing our divisions, healing nature, and healing ourselves.

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