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Description:

The Borneo pygmy elephant is the smallest subspecies of Asian elephant, endemic to the island of Borneo. They are one of the least-studied elephants in the world. After being isolated from other Asian elephants around 300,000 years ago, Bornean elephants became smaller, developing proportionally larger ears, longer tails, and straighter tusks than their mainland relatives.

Info:

Borneo elephants are sociable animals that live in matriarchal hierarchy. They form small groups of 8 individuals on average, which are dominated by females. However, on riverbanks and other open feeding areas, these animals can be seen in larger groups. Groups of this species are family units, typically consisting of mothers, daughters, sisters and immature males. Mature males tend to live solitarily or form temporary bull herds. Family units occasionally gather together. This association is highly beneficial for them, helping keep genetic diversity, which, in turn, is vital for their further evolution and survival.

Characteristics:

- Long tails that occasionally touch the ground,
- developing proportionally larger ears.
- straighter tusks are distinguishing characteristics.
- petite stature, is the largest mammal on the island, standing between 2.6 and 3.0 metres tall.

Fun fact: Did you know? A Borneo elephant can live for 60-75 years.