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The Sumatran elephant is one of the three recognised subspecies of Asian elephant. The Borneo elephant is believed to be a fourth subspecies. The Sumatran elephant is the rarest of the three subspecies, being classified as critically endangered. The arrival of the Dutch in Sumatra resulted in the majority of the Sumatran elephant population being killed, for ivory, and for sport.

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Fun fact:

Female Sumatran Elephants rarely have tusks, but the females that do keep them hidden away from sight until they open their mouths!