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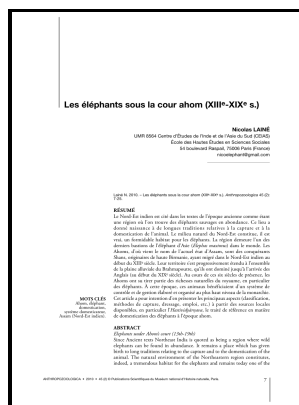
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anthology of writings on elephants in the raj

The evidence against early Vedic capture and training is simply that the people of the R̥g Veda and their gods did not use war elephants or even riding elephants: this we may see from the description of battles and warfare. Their diet is not very high in energy to begin with: mainly browse the leaves and twigs of trees and bushes, and of bamboo and grass.

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Where kings had access to elephants locally the attraction was magnetic. In a passage of the Rāmāyaṇa describing the attributes of Ayodhyā as a perfect capital city, we are told it is filled with elephants large as mountains and always in musth.

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I am deeply grateful to them all, more than I can say. This passage, taken from the Mahābhārata, is a particularly good one, not because it expresses a rare insight but on the contrary because it is perfectly typical of the representation of war elephants in poetry relating to Indian kingship.

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But no relaxation is possible under present conditions. Thus we do not have a written record to go on as we do for Egypt, Assyria, Mesopotamia, and China; what we have is limited to visual representations of elephants. The effect is somewhat spoiled for me, though, by the first line, which signals how very normal it was in the Southeast Asian kingdoms to include human slaves with rice fields, cattle, and buffaloes—and, rarely, even elephants—in a foundational gift to a religious institution such as a temple.

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