

INTRODUCING:

Elephant Haven's first resident

Name: GANDHI

Born: 1969

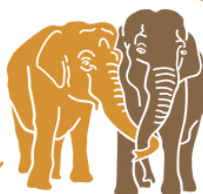
FEMALE ASIAN ELEPHANT



Background:
Transferred from the wild in
Asia (most likely Thailand)
Moved to Givskud Zoo,
Denmark, in 1973
Gandhi was later moved to
the former Pontscorff Zoo,
France, in 1998

Retiring to her new home October 2021

Elephant
E.H.E.E.S.
Haven





Wild born Gandhi, 52 years old, was entrusted to the former zoo of Pont-Scorff (now Les Terres de Nataé) in 1998 by the park of Givskud, Denmark.

Gandhi is thought to have experienced some complicated and traumatic events in the past, in particular difficult relationships with some of her own kind. She has retained very negative memories of these past situations which, unfortunately, left no choice other than to isolate her from her fellow elephants for many years. Because it is widely recognised that elephants are a social species, and with her welfare being the new management's absolute priority, Les Terres de Nataé sought to offer Gandhi the opportunity for a more suitable home - a place where she will have the possibility of gradually coming into contact with other elephants in a new environment. In addition, the transportation would need to be as short a journey as possible, given Gandhi's age and arthritis.

Elephant Haven European Elephant Sanctuary (EHEES) appeared, to all those involved in Gandhi's future welfare, to be the best destination that met their criteria. Gandhi will benefit from several hectares of varied landscape, personalised care, and a large space designed for elephants to make their own choices, in a peaceful haven for the remainder of their lives.

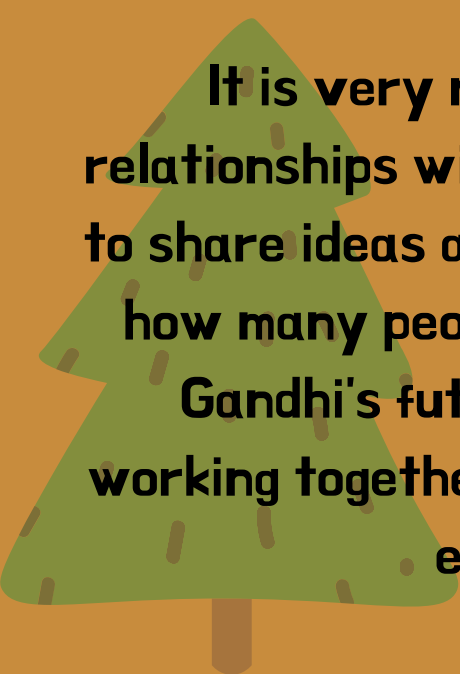


The EAZA Species Committee was consulted and approved EHEES as Gandhi's destination.

This transfer also firmly cements the constructive coalition between Les Terres de Nataé and the Brigitte Bardot Foundation (FBB), a very important partner organisation of EHEES, responsible for financing a large part of the indoor enclosure of the new facility. Furthermore, the planned transportation of Gandhi to her new home has been very much aided by a collaboration between The Elephant Sanctuary Tennessee (TES) and Elephant Haven. EHEES is privileged to have the cooperation and financial support of TES in this particular instance.

Of course we are ultimately grateful to all our partner organisations and individual donors who stood firmly alongside us throughout our incredible journey so far.

It is very much our intention to continue building relationships with those involved in elephant management, to share ideas and knowledge about their welfare. Knowing how many people have united in the effort to determine Gandhi's future, it's hugely encouraging to see how working together like this can achieve better outcomes for elephants and their wellbeing.





Over the past few weeks, the teams involved have worked closely together to prepare Gandhi for her trip to EHEES. Updates on Gandhi's new life at Elephant Haven will follow, but for now we can share with you already that she loves watermelons, cut nettles, plums, parsley and lemon!

