



# The unending saga of the exploitation of elephants

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Exploitation of elephants by humans date back to the dawn of the time. Our ancestors preyed on elephants for food. The modern humans have continued with the exploitation unabated.

Our greed for ivory is killing thousands of elephants every year. Since the elephants can pull and carry heavy weights especially in hostile terrain, we have been abusing them as our bonded labour and personal vehicles. Decorated captive elephants are displayed as part of royal and religious entourage. In the past, we have also ruthlessly used elephants to fight our battles.

### Preyed on for food

### Killed for ivory

Spanish Guinea 1954



Mozambique Co. 1918



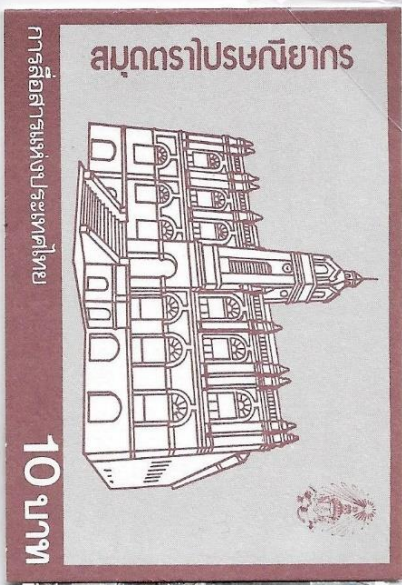
### Decorated Royal/Religious entourage

### Battle tanks

### Personal vehicles



Sri Lanka 2003, Imperforate Pair.



Selangor 1895, Specimen

We have continued to derive cheap thrills by employing them at circuses, zoos and sports.

### Sport star

### Zoo attraction



France 2002, Meter cancel with advertisement. Neopost/Satas (digital) 2000.

Australia 1994, Frama vending machine label stamp.

### Circus mainstay



U.S.A. 1957, Meter cancel with advertisement, Pitney Bowes, Models RF, RT series (multi value), March 1942.

This unending exploitation has threatened the survival of elephants on the planet. Its time for us all to come together with renewed vigor to stop it!

Come together to stop exploitation of elephants.

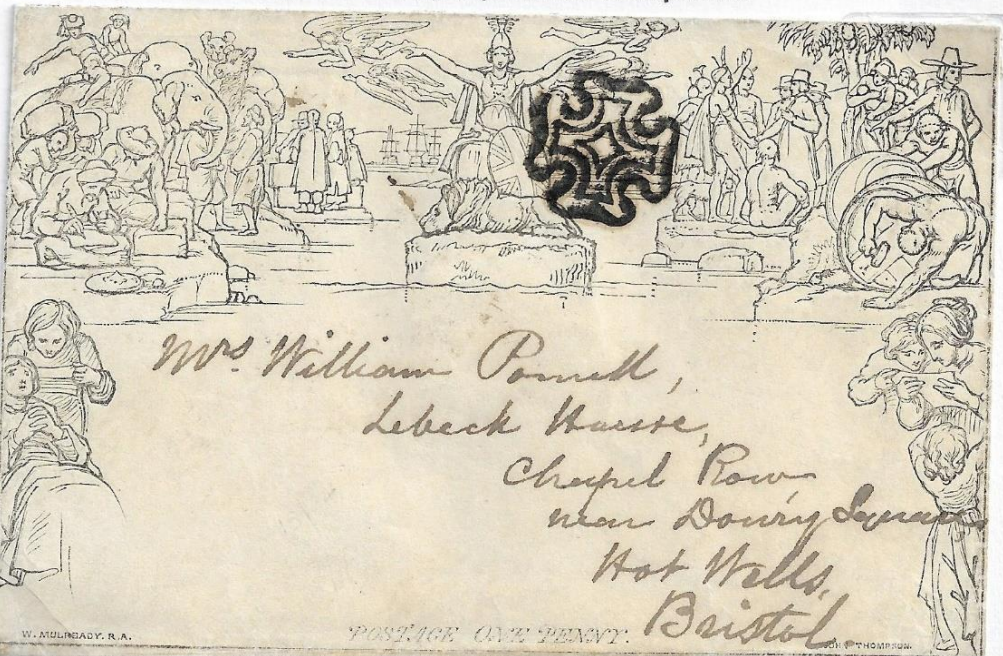
Thailand 1992, Booklet Pane

### Bonded labour



North Viet Nam 1974, Imperforate

1842, Postally used one penny Mulready envelope stereo A 174 with Maltese cross cancel.



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