

Elephant translocation

Reasons for overpopulation at Majete National Park

- strict enforcement of anti-poaching laws
- successful breeding

Problems caused by elephant overpopulation

- greater competition, causing hunger for elephants
- damage to 31 in the park

The translocation process

- a suitable group of elephants from the same 32 was selected
- vets and park staff made use of 33 to help guide the elephants into an open plain
- elephants were immobilised with tranquilisers
 - this process had to be completed quickly to reduce 34
 - elephants had to be turned on their 35 to avoid damage to their lungs
 - elephants' 36 had to be monitored constantly
 - tracking devices were fitted to the matriarchs
 - data including the size of their tusks and 37 was taken
- elephants were taken by truck to their new reserve

Advantages of translocation at Nkhotakota Wildlife Park

- 38 opportunities
- a reduction in the number of poachers and 39
- an example of conservation that other parks can follow
- an increase in 40 as a contributor to GDP