

An Elephant Never Forgets!

An elephant made an epic journey to find his homeland. The adult male, who was given the name Morgan was one of the six elephants living near the Tana River Delta in Kenya. He was fitted with a collar that tracked his progress.

The elephant, named Morgan, is thought to be 30 years old, was staying in the Delta north of Malindi (Kenya). He only stayed there for two months before he went on the move to Somalia (February 16).

It is normal for an elephant to move about but there was something different about Morgan. He was only travelling at night! His journey was long because he walked up to 135 miles all together but he only walked up to 12 to 15 miles during the night, dashing across the open plains, and during the day found himself a thicket or a forest to hide in.

There are only about 300 elephants left and this must have inspired Morgan to take his epic journey. About four days into Morgan's journey he spent 96 hours in the same area, which could have suggested he had found somewhere to call home, but after that he then continued towards Somalia, crossing the border into Boni last Saturday. It was the first time that an elephant had been spotted inside Somalia for more than 20 years and that suggests that the animal could return there if the security improved.

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