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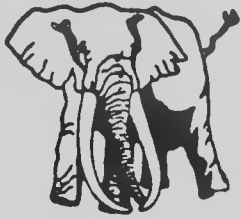
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Ahmed remains the symbol...

This drawing of the legendary Ahmed is based on photographs taken at Marsabit, North Kenya, by Jeheskel (Hezy) Shoshani in June 1973 and incorporated with other reference material. The final layout of the front cover is by Sherri L. DeFauw.

Ahmed, Kenya's most celebrated elephant, was and still is regarded as a national monument. His estimated height is 10 feet (3.05 m). He had the largest tusks of those seen in recent years; his right tusk was 9 feet 9 inches long (2.97 m) and the left 9 feet 4 inches (2.85 m). Each one of his tusks weighed about 148 pounds, approximately 67 kilograms. During Ahmed's life, the average elephant tusk weighed about 70 pounds, while 100 pounds was considered large. At present the average tusk weight is much less. A worldwide protest to save Ahmed's life was ignited by a report that two American hunters were after his huge ivory. This protest included more than 5,000 letters and cards delivered to the East African Wild Life Society. Thereafter, Ahmed was totally protected from human harassment:

- 1) by the mere fact that he was in a protected park - Marsabit.
- 2) by a decree from the late president of Kenya, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta.
- 3) by daily monitoring of his movements performed by two askaris (soldiers).
- 4) by "the close proximity of two younger bulls."

This last statement is perhaps a legend rather than an observation.

In the Presidential Decree, the late Jomo Kenyatta described Ahmed as "...this individual animal which captures the imagination and concern of all mankind." It was further stated in the Decree that "...under no circumstances may (Ahmed) be hunted or harassed by anyone."

Early in 1974 Ahmed died at about 55 years of age. The death was "natural"; that is, he was not the victim of the "Ivory Rush" as was initially feared. Ahmed is preserved in the National Museum of Nairobi, Kenya. The great elephant remains the symbol of conservation for this and future generations. For additional information, see Volume 1, Number 2 page 35 and Number 4 page 234.

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