

The Asian Elephant in Nepal

Educational Notebook
Cycle 4



Produced by STAND UP 4 ELEPHANTS
And its volunteers.



The game has begun

We want to create an alliance to help us protect, raise an awareness and ensure the well-being of captive Asian Elephants in Nepal, as well as their mahouts (elephant caretakers).

But let's start with the basics : Your knowledge !

Working in teams, we will combine our knowledge, and focus on some elephant missions.



ASIAN ELEPHANT ELEPHANT/PEOPLE



Asian ancestral traditions

India/Thailand/Laos

Nepal : not ancestral/created for tourism industry

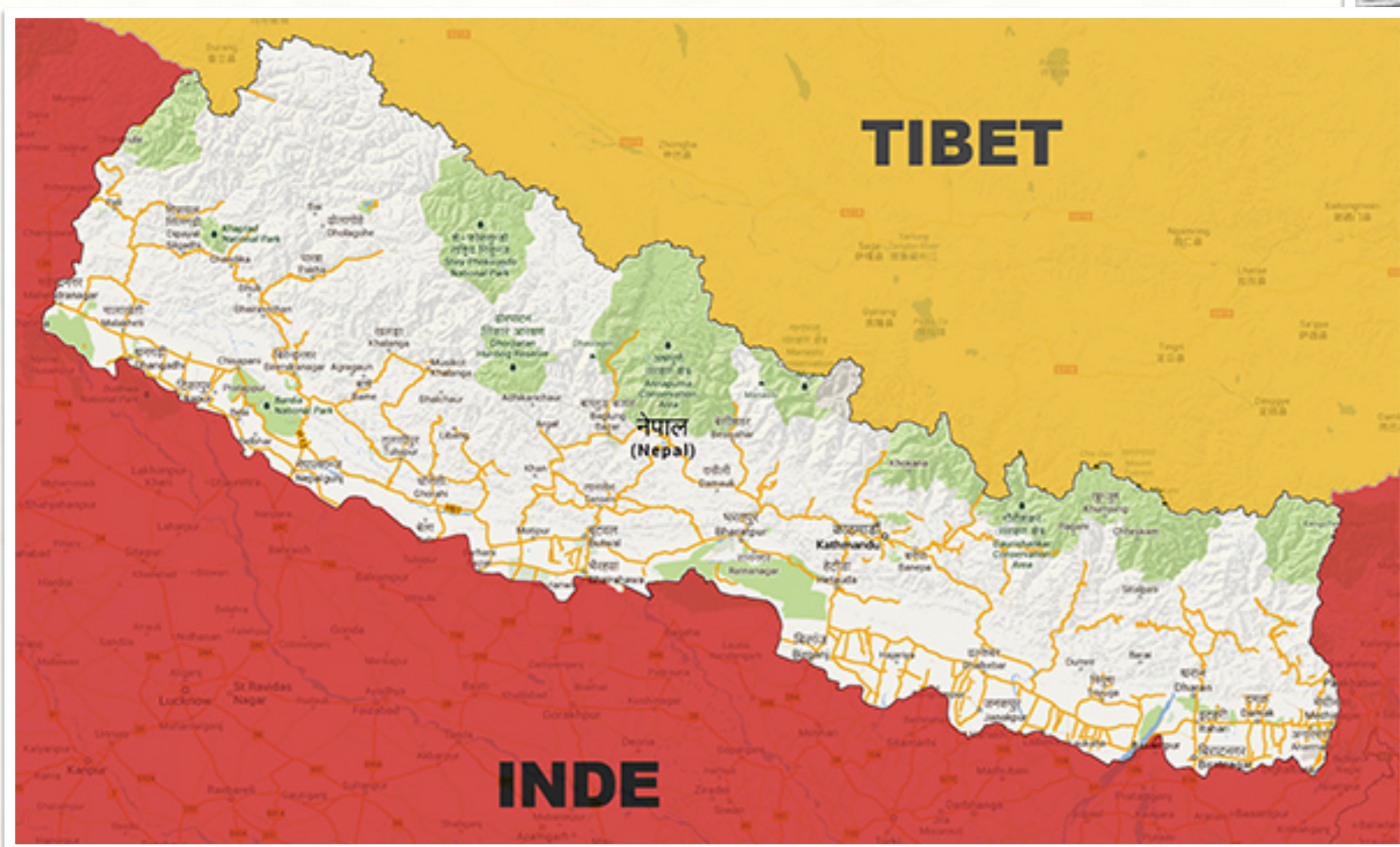
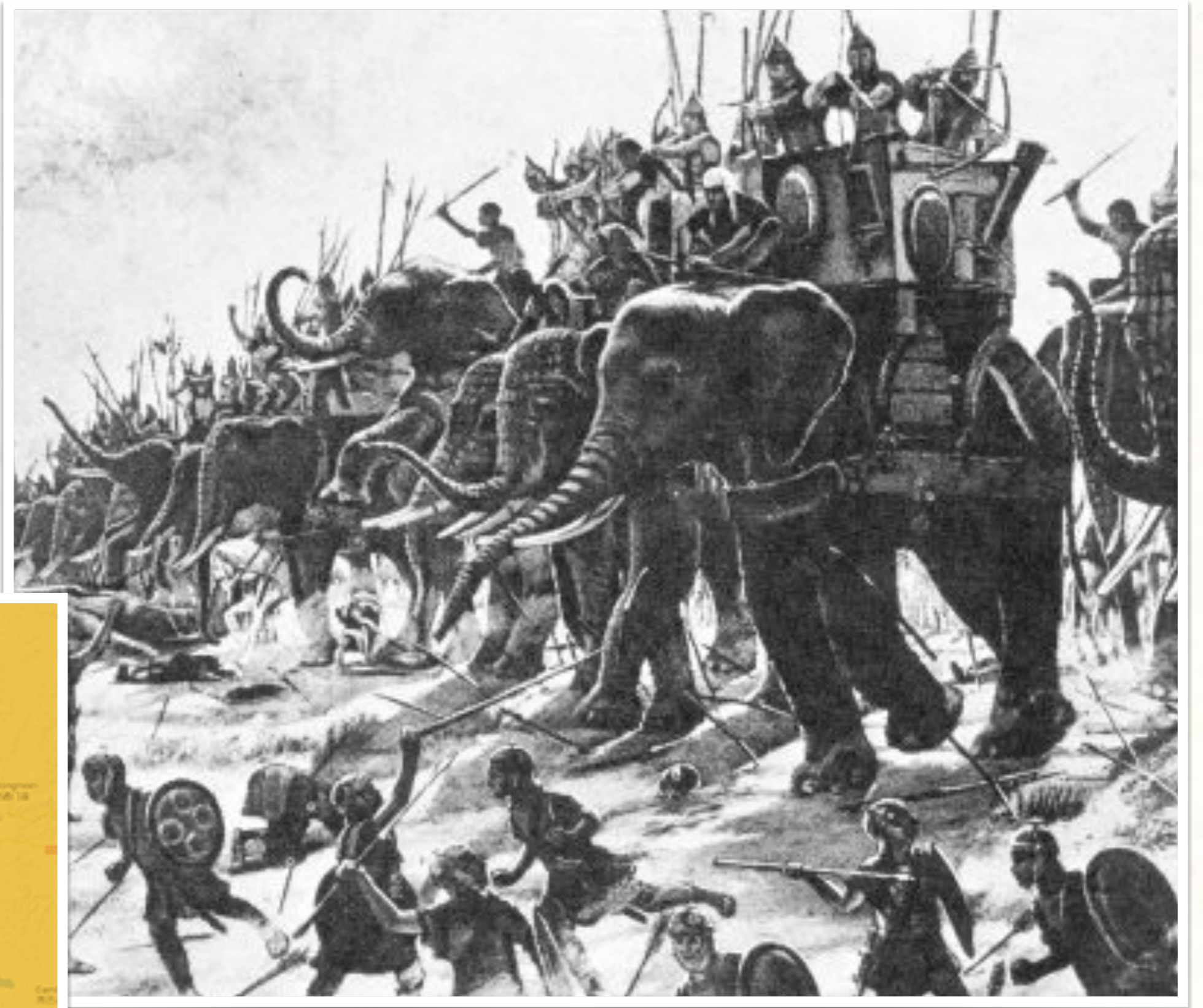
India/Nepal border

Illegal importation : ghost elephants

Western tourism

Geo-political issues

Association Stand Up 4 Elephants





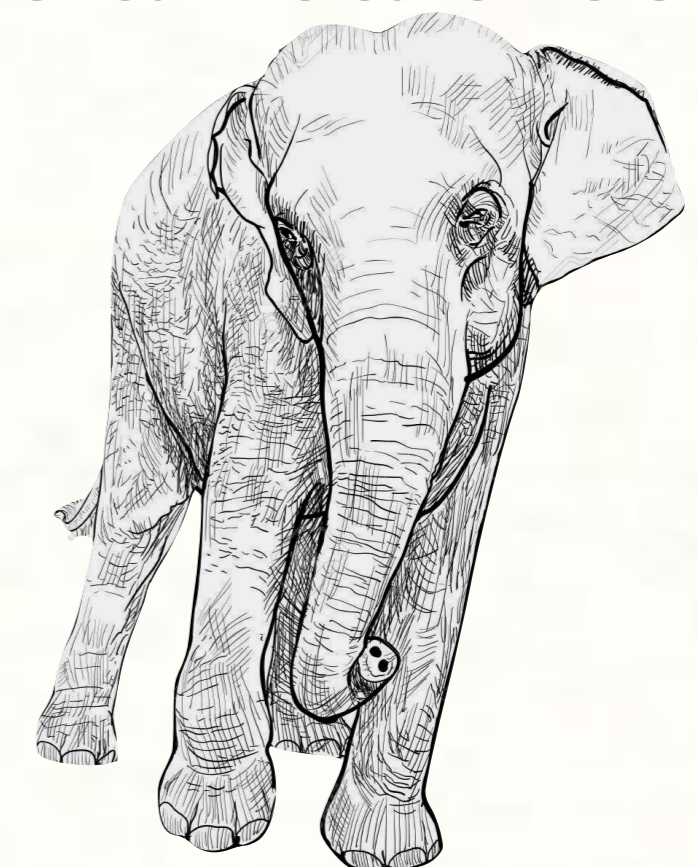
THE SU4E HOME



Here is the SU4E elephant HOME with our two resident elephants and their mahouts. This location must meet **the basic needs** of both species, humans and elephants. SU4E provides them with **better standards of living** and a well-deserved **retirement** in a comfortable, safe environment.

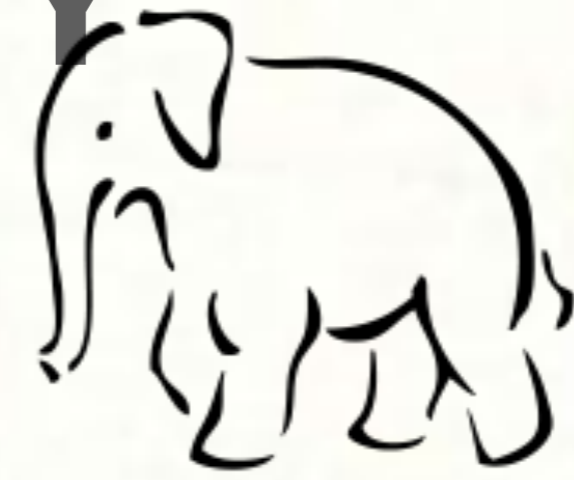
For this, how do you imagine the layout of the camp must look ? Remember, it must include housing for both elephants and their mahouts ?

List all the considerations that must be taken into account. For example : **security, play, food, accommodations...** Imagine you are building an elephant camp, make a plan for your facility. What special features would you include ?





SU4E and the COMMUNITY



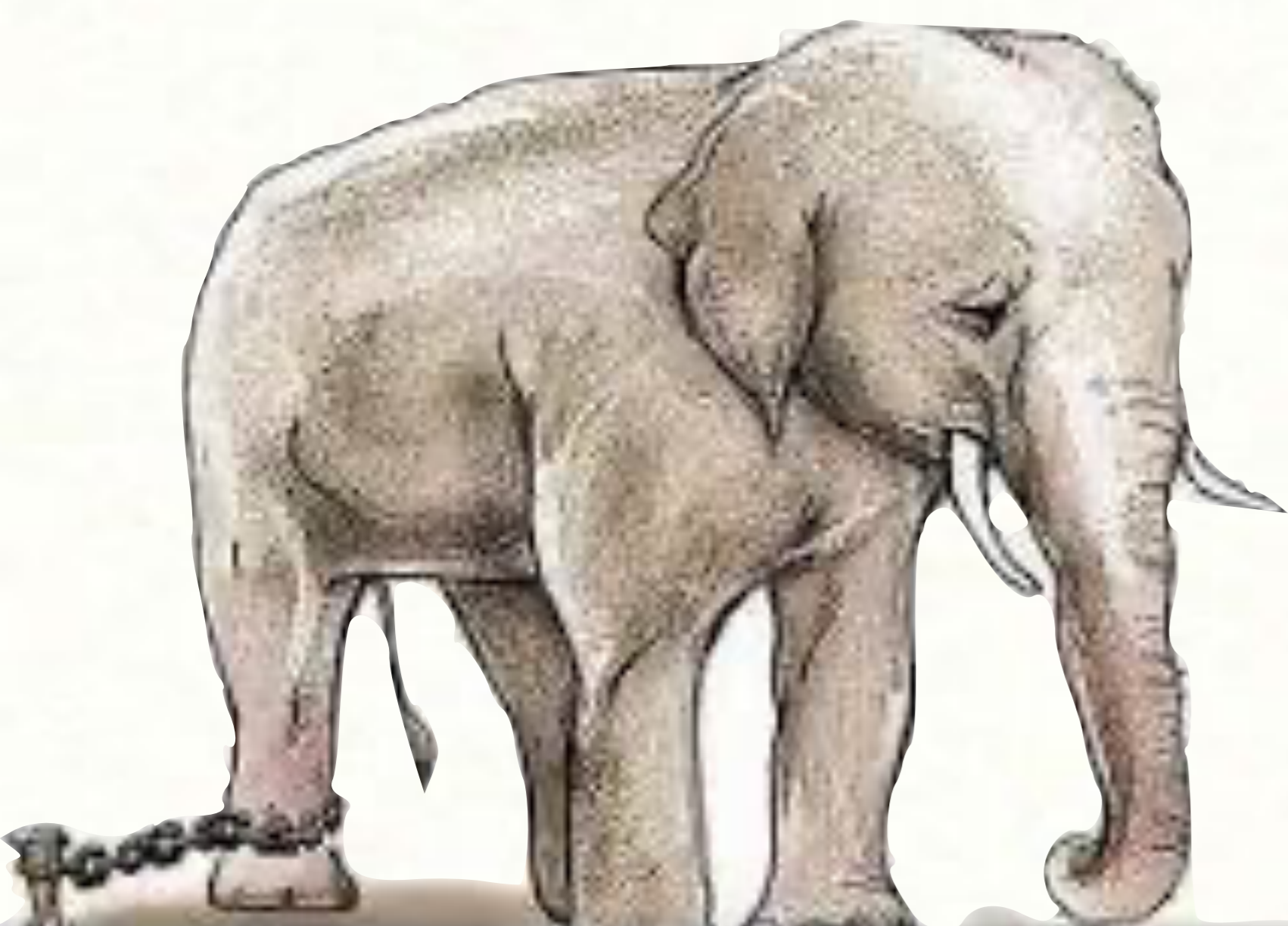
How did we get a place, as a foreign association, in a village where elephants are a business ?

There are over **60** elephants in Sauraha used exclusively for tourism. It's a lucrative business for the elephant owners, who, in addition, generally own hotels in the area. Riding an elephant is a very popular activity among tourists visiting Chitwan.

How to reach an agreement and, importantly, a collaboration with the owners of these animals in distress ?

We must be able to educate the owners to the benefits of better care for their elephants. The SU4E HOME acts as a model of more ethical methods and techniques.

But what techniques ? How to achieve your goals ? What are the steps to follow ?



TOURISM



From September to April, tourists come from all over the world to « **share a moment** » of their life with elephants without knowing what is happening behind the scenes. **Westerners** are becoming increasingly more aware whereas **Asian tourists** are a still bit behind. Each year, the industry grows, and with it, the demands increase, making the life of these elephants even more painful and unbearable.

The elephant bath : forced to carry tourists on their neck to entertain them by spraying water with their trunk at the river.



The elephant ride : forced to carry around four to five tourists plus a mahout on their back every hour between 9am to 7pm with a saddle of more than a 100kg attached by the tight straps that often cut into the skin of the elephant.

How do you change the mentality of tourists to make them aware of animals rights ?

Can we imagine alternative activities for tourists that don't harm the elephants ?

(Other ways to meet elephants)



END OF THE GAME !

The SU4E associations has many ongoing projects but our main goal is to improve the lives of the elephants of Sauraha who are suffering. The future is looking bright, especially with help from kids like you. Together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for your cooperation and remember to spread the word :

Raise awareness among those around you.

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