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Picturesque subjects make the most obviously pressing conservation issues, so plenty has already reached us about these two. However, beautifully presented and up to date, here comes something a cut above the average. We get needle-sharp photography, well-designed maps and a balanced look at the various influences contributing to the decline of these giants and to their preservation.

Ivory poaching gets a good going-over, and its ramifications are the main burden of **Elephants**. Pollution, protection and research occupy most of **Whale**. There are sensible looks at the future of each species and the last six pages of each volume are devoted to a 'Fact file' containing not only routine statistical stuff but engaging information about the species' all-important social behaviour.

Heathcote Williams almost certainly approves.

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