

Two Wild tusker killed by lightning



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Hojai: Two wild elephants died due to lightning strike in the Lankajan Dorjeesheet area under [Hojai](#) district along the [Hojai](#)-Karbi Anglong border on Sunday night.

According to information, the two tuskers came down from the forest in Karbi Anglong district in search of food and were moving in the Lankajan Dorjeesheet area but died at wee hours due to lightning. While one of the elephants is a mature male elephant, the other is a male elephant calf, aged 10 to 12 years.

In the morning, the villagers [found](#) the carcass of elephants in sugarcane field in two separate places. They immediately informed it to the Forest Department.

Certain [Injury](#) marks have been [found](#) in the head of the mature male elephant.

A joint team of Forest officials from [Hojai](#) and Lanka rushed to the spot and made arrangement for conducting post-mortem of the elephant by a veterinarian. It has been suspected that both the male elephants died due to lightning.

Death of the two elephants after coming out from the forest to the plain area in search of food has descended a pall of [gloom](#) among the animal lovers in the area.

As the news of the death of the elephants spread in the area, a large number of villagers gathered at the spot to have a view of the wild elephants.

The locals also informed about lightning strike on Sunday night.



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