

**BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE!** Game park visitors watched as 26 full grown elephants were sucked into the belly of a hovering starship!

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# Elephants snatched by UFO

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**A UFO kidnapped a herd of elephants from a safari park while horrified witnesses watched!**

"We don't know what to make of it," Police Maj. Oscar Merino told reporters in Lugo, Spain. "It sounds like something out of a science fiction novel."

"But 40 people say they witnessed the abduction. And the fact remains, 26 full grown elephants are missing."

The bizarre drama reportedly unfolded in broad daylight at the African Safari Park just east of Lugo. According to witnesses, a 250-foot UFO with purple lights on its edges seemed to appear out of nowhere over the park.

Then it sprayed the grazing elephants with a beam of orange light and pulled all 26 into its belly at once.

"I thought the whole thing was being staged when the UFO first appeared," said Imelda Gil-Casares, who was driving through the park with her children.

"But when the elephants started rising up in the air I knew it wasn't a joke. The kids were screaming and laughing but I was speechless."

"I wanted to put the car in reverse and escape but I was too frightened."

The entire incident lasted less than two minutes, Mrs. Gil-Casares and other witnesses said. After that the

starship, which was said to be silver and shaped like an upside-down bowl, disappeared.

Park officials refused to comment on the alleged abduction. Madrid-based UFO researcher Jose Diaz Salazar, however, has spoken at length on the case. He says space aliens have abducted over 200 exotic animals from zoos and safari parks around the world

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in the past six months alone. "It's a trend that government officials worldwide are aware of," he said.

"Hardly a week passes when we don't have at least one new report of an animal

abduction. The extraterrestrial collectors obviously have a growing interest in Earth and its animal life."

