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Moscow's Unused Holiday Trees Become Zoo Animals' Treat

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After the winter holidays are over, the wishes have been made and presents have been given, what happens to Russia's unused New Year's trees? This year, they ended up at the Moscow Zoo. Fir and pine trees that weren't sold during the New Year holidays are now being used to enrich the animals' living enclosures and diets, the Moscow Mayor's Office website said. The trees aren't just a tasty treat for herbivores — they can be used as toys and claw-sharpeners by the zoo's carnivorous creatures. The zoo has already received 1,500 firs and pines since Jan. 1. "Our animals are very happy with these gifts," Svetlana Akulova, the general director of the Moscow Zoo, said.



Everyone in Russia celebrates the New Year — especially this elephant. **Gavriil Grigorov / TASS**

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