Improperly trimmed to begin with, this elephant’s sole has worn unevenly, resulting in discoloration of the foot pad. Feces and other debris are caked into the grooves in her feet.

This elephant’s nails need to be examined by a veterinarian with elephant expertise to develop and maintain an adequate program of veterinary care that could help prevent further cracks from developing or warping to occur. The soles of her feet also need to be properly trimmed.
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[Photo 4] The bottom of this elephant’s foot is caked with feces and other debris. The condition of her nails also requires veterinary care.