



# Today in History

*August 24, 2001*

▲ Researchers in Kenya revealed that Africa's forest and savanna elephants are two different species, raising to three the number of living elephant species

**410:** The Visigoth army, commanded by Alaric, sacked Rome, then the largest city in the world

**1821:** Mexico was declared independent of Spain

**2006:** Pluto was stripped of its status as a planet and recategorised instead as a "dwarf planet"

**2016:** The Colombian government and Farc rebels agreed a historic peace accord after 52 years of bitter conflict