



## “Lets protect Sri Lankan Biodiversity”

### The Rufford in-country conference - Sri Lanka

14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November at Oak Ray Regency, Deveni Rajasinghe Mawatha, Kandy

#### Programme Day 1 (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016)

Registration 8.00 - 9.00 am

Inauguration ceremony 9.00 - 10.20 am

Welcome Address - Dr. Lalith Ekanayake, Chairman, Bio Conservation Society (BCSL)

Key Note Speech - **EX-SITU CONSERVATION, AN UNDERUTILIZED TOOL IN CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY IN SRI LANKA** - Prof. Siril Wijesundara, Research Professor, National Institute of Fundamental Studies, Hantane Road, Kandy.

Tea Break 10.20 - 11.00 am

#### Session 1 – Chairs - Dr. Lakshman Peries & Dr. Lalith Ekanayake

11.00 am -  
11.20 am **DETERMINING OCCUPANCY, ABUNDANCE AND POPULATION STRUCTURE OF AN ENDANGERED APEX PREDATOR, THE SRI LANKAN LEOPARD (*Panthera pardus kotiya*)** - Anjali Watson & Andrew M Kittle

11.20 am -  
11.40 am **BLEACHING PATTERNS AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MALDIVES CONSERVATIONISTS DURING REEF CHECK EXPEDITIONS** – Jean-Luc Solandt, Hussein Zahir\*, Matthias Hammer & Shaha Hashim

11.40 am -  
12.00 noon **SPECIES RICHNESS OF INSECTIVOROUS BATS IN SELECTED TEA PLANTATIONS IN SRI LANKA: A PRELIMINARY STUDY** - Tharaka Kusuminda\*, A.P.M.K. Karunarathna, Amani Mannakkara & Wipula B. Yapa

12.00 noon -  
12.20 pm **PATHOGEN DRIVEN LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY: TREMATODE INDUCED MORTALITY AND MALFORMATIONS IN FROGS** - R.S. Rajakaruna\*, N.U.K. Pathirana, U.A. Jayawardena & P.H. Amerasinghe

12.20 pm –  
12.40 pm **SIGNIFICANCE OF DIFFERENT HABITATS IN UPPER HANTHANA MOUNTAIN AREA, CENTRAL SRI LANKA FOR CONSERVATION OF SPIDERS** - W. G. D. Chathuranga\*, K. B. Ranawana & V.A.S. Jayarathna

Lunch Break 12.40 – 1.40 pm (Buffet lunch will be provided at the same hotel)

**Session 2 – Chairs - Dr. Anjali Watson & Dr. Lalith Ekanayake**

- 1.40 pm -  
2.00 pm      **STUDY ON BEE HONEY PRODUCTION FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SECURITY PURPOSE AND THE CONSERVATION OF ASIAN HONEY BEE (*Apis cerana*) THROUGH A BASIC SURVEY ON CURRENT STATUS OF COMMERCIAL APICULTURE IN SRI LANKA.** - Koushalya Mahagedara
- 2.00 pm -      **RESEARCH, MANAGEMENT AND DECISION MAKING** - Lakshman Peiris  
2.20 pm
- 2.20 pm -      **COMMUNITY BASED SEA TURTLE MONITORING AND CONSERVATION PROJECT IN BANGLADESH** - M. Zahirul Islam, Abdul Wahad Akonda, Foyisal Ehsan &  
2.40 pm      Rafat Adnan
- 2.40 pm –      **PRELIMINARY STUDY ON STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION OF UDAKEERUWA**  
3.00 pm      **DIPTEROCARP FOREST, BADULLA DISTRICT.** - S.P.Ekanayake & R.H.S.S. Fernando

**Tea Break** 3.00 - 3.30 pm

**3.30 - 5.00 pm General Discussion**

**5.00 pm Close for the 1<sup>st</sup> Day**

**Programme Day 2 (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016)**

**Session 1 - Chairs Dr. Rupika Rajakaruna**

- Invited Speaker** 9.00 -9.30 am      **OVERVIEW OF REPTILES OF SRI LANKA: WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO CROCODILES** - Anslém de Silva
- 9.30 -      **AWARENESS RAISING, SURVEYING AND CONSERVATION OF ELASMOBRANCHS**  
9.50 am      **(SHARKS AND RAYS) IN THE SOUTH EAST COAST OF INDIA** - - C. Kumar<sup>\*</sup>, D. Inbakandan, T. Marudhupandi, J. Vincent Jain, E. Vivekanandan, R. Kirubakaran, S. Ajmal Khan
- 9.50 -      **SMALL CATS AS URBAN CONSERVATION FLAGSHIPS: THE ECOLOGY AND**  
10.10 am      **BEHAVIOUR OF FISHING CATS IN SRI LANKA'S CITIES** - Anya Ratnayaka
- 10.10 -      **SEA TURTLES & COASTAL BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN THE KALPITIYA**  
10.30 am      **PENINSULAR OF SRI LANKA** - Lalith Ekanayake -
- 10.30 -      **THREATS AND CONSERVATION OF BRYOPHYTES** - N. C. S. Ruklani<sup>\*</sup> &  
10.50 am      S. C. K. Rubasinghe

**Tea Break** 10.50 -11.20 am

**Session 2 - Chairs Dr. Anslem de Silva & Dr. Lalith Ekanayake**

- 11.20 - **MANGROVES OF MADAMPA LAKE SANCTUARY IN SOUTHERN SRI LANKA**  
11.40 am M.G. Manoj Prasanna\*, K.B. Ranawana, E.G.T.P. Premarathne
- 11.40 am - **CONSERVATION OF LOCALLY ENDANGERED DUGONG (*Dugong dugon*)**  
12.00 noon **THROUGH COMMUNITY BASED SEAGRASS RESTORATION PROJECT IN THE BAY OF MANNAR, SRI LANKA** - Chathurika Munasinghe\* & K.B. Ranawana
- 12.00 noon **THE ENIGMATIC CROP RAIDERS OF UDAWALAWE** - Ashoka D. G. Ranjeewa  
12.20 pm
- 12.20 - **DIVERSITY OF STINGLESS BEES (HYMENOPTERA: MELIPONINI) IN SRI LANKA**  
12.40 pm T. H. S. E. Silva\*, C. P. Diyes & W. A. I. P. Karunaratne
- 12.40 - **CORAL REEF CONSERVATION PLANNING IN PASSIKUDAH: IDENTIFYING KEY**  
1.00 pm **AREAS, RESEARCH PRIORITIES AND CONSERVATION INTERVENTIONS**  
Gajaba Ellepola\*, Samitha Harischandra & K. B. Ranawana

**Lunch Break** 1.00 - 2.00 pm (Buffet lunch will be provided at the same hotel)

**Session 3 - Chairs Dr. Inoka Karunaratna & Dr. Lalith Ekanayake**

- 2.00 - **MALFORMATIONS IN A SRI LANKAN PADDY FIELD AMPHIBIAN COMMUNITY**  
2.20 pm N. B. Karunaratna\*, M. Meegaskumbura & R. S. Rajakaruna
- 2.20 - **PREDICTED DISTRIBUTION AND CONSERVATION PRIORITIES OF FISHING CAT**  
2.40 pm ***Prionailurus viverrinus* IN SRI LANKA** - A.N Thudugala
- 2.40 - **ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN**  
3.00 pm **SRI LANKA** Duminda Sanjeewa Balasooriya & Lalith Ekanayake

**Tea Break** 3.00 - 3.30 pm

**3.30 – 4.45 pm General Discussion**

**4.45 Vote of thanks by Dr. Lalith Ekanayake**

**Day 3 (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016)**

Field tour to Udawatta Kele Sanctuary



**Water board**

**Oak Ray  
Regency**

**Gannoruwa Road**

**Road passing Botanical Garden through Peradeniya**

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