



Workshop on Asian Elephant Conservation in Fragmented Habitats

15th – 17th June

Elephants in the wild in India are facing several conservation threats, largely owing to habitat fragmentation and rising human-elephant conflict. **A three-day workshop, organized by the Project Elephant Division of the Ministry and the Amity School of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development, will discuss issues relating to wild and domesticated elephant conservation, between 15th and 17th June 2001, at Amity University.** Recommendations from the workshop will be crucial in refining management and conservation plans of elephant reserves in the country.

The workshop will deliberate elephant conservation in fragmented habitats, policy frameworks and instruments, the science and challenges of conservation, and landscape/land-use planning for long-term management and conservation. There will be a special focus on wild elephant populations in northern West Bengal, and address conservation threats specific to the region, including fragmentation due to linear developments such as roads, railway lines and deep canals; addressing elephant mortality from train mishaps; corridors; mitigation of human-elephant conflict; and community participation.

India's elephants

India is home to more than 27,000 of an estimated 50,000 strong wild elephant population across Asia. Elephants are wide ranging megaherbivores that require large contiguous habitats. However, elephant habitats in the country are severely fragmented, owing to land uses such as agriculture, mining, highways, railroads and other development.

Across the country, there are 17 elephant range states, with more than 59,000 sq. km. of important elephant habitats in India across 27 notified Elephant Reserves.

The workshop is being attended by the Chief Wildlife Wardens, Directors and Field Officers of Elephant Reserves, wildlife experts, conservationists, biologists, members of the leading civil society organizations as well as the people at the grassroots, both the representatives of the communities as well as field staff of State Forest Departments from elephant range states. A copy of the Workshop Schedule is attached.



Ministry of Environment and Forests
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Three-Day Workshop
on
“Conservation of Asian Elephants in Fragmented Habitat: Issues and Challenges”
by
Amity School of Natural Resources & Sustainable Development
Venue: F-2 Block, MDP Conference Hall, Amity University Campus, Noida
Date: June 15-17, 2011

(Sponsored by: Project Elephant Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests)

PROGRAMME

First Day: 15th June, 2011 (Wednesday)

09.30 – 10.00 Hrs	Registration & Networking/Tea	
10.00 – 11.50 Hrs	INAUGURAL SESSION	
10.00 – 10.05	Invocation	Lighting of Lamp, Saraswati Vandana
10.05 – 10.15	Welcome Address and Theme of the Workshop	<i>Prof. B.K.P. Sinha</i> Director, ASNRSD
10.15 – 10.30	Presentation on Amity	<i>Maj. Gen. R.K. Dhawan</i> Senior Vice President, RBEF & Director, IAD, Amity University
10.30 – 10.40	Few Thoughts	<i>Dr. J.C. Kala</i> Honorary Director General, AIGWES
10.40 – 10.55	Keynote Address by Guest of Honour	<i>Mr. A.K. Srivastava, IFS</i> Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife), MoEF
10.55 – 11.05	Few Thoughts	<i>Maj. Gen. K. Jai Singh</i> Vice Chancellor, AUUP
11.05 – 11.15	Few Thoughts	<i>Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan</i> Founder President, RBEF & President, ASNRSD
11.25 – 11.40	Chief Guest Remarks	<i>Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam</i> High Commissioner for Sri Lanka
11.40 – 11.45	Release of Study Material	<i>Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam</i>
11.45 – 11.50	Vote of Thanks	<i>Mr. I.P. Popli, ASNRSD</i>
11.50 – 12.15 Hrs	Hi Tea	
12.15 – 13.30 Hrs.	TECHNICAL SESSION-I	



Reportiers : Dr. P.P. Das
Ms. Parichay Saxena

The Conservation of Elephant in Fragmented Habitat – The Ministry's View Points
Mr. A.K. Srivastava, IFS, Inspector General of Forests (WL) & Director, Wildlife Preservation, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi
Interactive Discussions

13.30 – 14.30 Hrs. Lunch

14.30 – 17.30 Hrs TECHNICAL SESSION-II

Reportiers : Dr. Upamanyu Hore
Ms. Maya Kumari

Policy Framework and Instruments for Elephant Conservation

Mr. A.N. Prasad, IFS, Chief Vigilance Officer, NPCC, New Delhi
Conserving the Habitat Fragments and Isolated Elephant Populations - The Science and Challenges
Dr. P.S. Easa, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Kerala
Interactive Discussion

Second Day: 16th June, 2011 (Thursday)

10.00 – 13.00 Hrs. TECHNICAL SESSION-III

Reportiers : Dr. P.P. Das
Dr. Upamanyu Hore

Landscape/Landuse Planning for the Conservation and Management of Elephants
Dr. Sushant Chowdhury, Scientist-G, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun
Conservation and Management of Fragmented Elephant Population with Special Reference to Northern West Bengal Elephant Population
Dr. N. Baskaran, Sr. Scientist, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
Interactive Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Hrs. Lunch

14.00 – 17.30 Hrs TECHNICAL SESSION-IV

Reportiers : Ms. Maya Kumari
Ms. Parichay Saxena

Engineering Solution to Fragmentation of Elephants Habitats Due to Linear Developments – Road, Rail Line and Wide-Deep Canal
Mr. A.P. Singh, Executive Engineer, U.P. Irrigation Department, Meerut
Mitigation of Elephant Mortality Due to Train Accident
Dr. Anil K. Singh, Coordinator & HoD, Conflict Mitigation Division, Wildlife Trust of India, Noida
Interactive Discussion



Third Day: 17th June, 2011 (Friday)

10.00 – 13.00 Hrs. TECHNICAL SESSION-V

Reportiers : Ms. Maya Kumari
Dr. Upamanyu Hore

Elephant Corridor

Dr. Sandeep K. Tiwari, Wildlife Trust of India, Noida

Conservation of Elephant and Mitigation of HEC through Community Participation in Chirang Ripu Elephant Reserve

Dr. B.P. Lahkar, Wildlife Biologist & Programme Secretary, AARANYAK, Guwahati

Animal Rights Akin to Human Rights

Dr. Bharti Chhibber, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi, Delhi

Interactive Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Hrs. Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Hrs TECHNICAL SESSION-VI

Reportiers : Dr. Upamanyu Hore
Dr. P.P. Das

Role of Megaherbivores in the Ecosystem

Mr. Ashok Kumar, Vice Chairman, Ivory Trade & Wildlife Trust of India, Noida

Interactive Discussion

15.30 – 17.00 Hrs PANEL DISCUSSION

Mr. Ashok Kumar, Vice Chairman, Ivory Trade & Wildlife Trust of India, Noida

Dr. P.S. Easa, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Kerala

Dr. J.C. Kala, Hony. Director General, AIGWES

Prof. B.K.P. Sinha, Director, ASNRSD

Presentation of Recommendations

(Tea/Coffee would be served at 11:30 hrs and 15:30 hrs daily during the day sessions)