

SRI LANKA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY SLNHS Public Lecture 2019 #6

SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR OF ELEPHANTS Sumith Pilapitiya

Dr. Sumith Pilapitiya PhD has been the Lead Environmental Specialist at the World Bank for the South Asia Region, where he led Environmental, Biodiversity



and Wildlife Conservation Projects in South Asian countries. More recently, he was the Director General of Wildlife Conservation in Sri Lanka, a position from which he resigned in June 2016 on matters of principle. He is currently researching the social behaviour of elephants at Minneriya and Kaudulla National Parks.

Elephants are very communicative, and use a wide range of sensory channels such as visual, tactile, auditory and olfactory signals to communicate with one another. In his presentation, Dr. Pilapitiya will attempt to take you on a journey that will give you an insight into the social behaviour of free ranging elephants in the wild.

Monday - 23rd September - 6.30 pm

Auditorium of the Organisation of Professional Associations (OPA), 275/75, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo, 7

All are welcome - entrance free

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