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SRI LANKA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY *e-Newsletter – No 1 of 2019*

Editorial

It is proposed to publish a quarterly eNewsletter to maintain closer contact with the members of the society. It will contain useful information as well as links to items of interest on the web site. So the website will also see more usage.

Members are encouraged to send in their snippets for publication to info@riscor.net. You could send in (say) an image of significance and/ or a write up of an interesting place you visited. These inputs may give rise to destination ideas for future excursions.

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YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Lal Motha retired from the Industrial Technology Institute (ITI), formerly CISIR, in June 2010 as the Head / Materials Technology. He is a materials scientist/technologist, an innovator with several patents to his credit and a consultant to the Polymer sector. He is a co-recipient of the National Science & Technology award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in 2008 for “Significant contribution to the application of Science & Technology” in the category of “Value addition to local biological resources”.

He schooled at St Peter’s and is a Chartered Chemist with a BSc from the University of Colombo and an MSc from the University of Vidyodya. He is also a dedicated nature lover, hiker, & wildlife enthusiast.

LECTURES

There are restrictions on accessing the University premises after the Easter Sunday incidents. We will have to look for an alternate venue or see if the situation at the University is relaxed before resuming the lecture series.

EXCURSIONS

The next excursion will be to Manigala in the Knuckles from 13th to 16th July (poya) – a flyer on this will be sent out soon so do keep the dates free.

UNFORTUNATELY

“The CITES Secretariat regrets to announce that the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18), originally scheduled to take place from 23 May to 3 June in Colombo, Sri Lanka, as well as the associated 71st and 72nd meetings of the Standing Committee, are being postponed. This decision has been taken out of respect for the victims of the recent attacks.” It would have been one of the largest conferences ever to be held in Sri Lanka.

Devil birds we saw at Haldamulla



If Manigala does not excite you enough, try this !

TADOBA TIGER SAFARI

08th – 13th November 2019 (05 Nights / 06 Days)

Seeing a Tiger in the wild in all its splendor, has to be the ultimate wildlife experience. Known as the “Jewel of Vidharbha”, the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in India has the highest year-round encounter rates to see the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger in the wild. Tadoba is also home to the elusive Indian Wild Dog or Dhole, Gaur – the mighty Indian Bison, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Nilgai, Spotted Deer, Striped Hyena and over 195 species of birds. The tour will be led by wildlife photographer Riaz Cader, who has worked with teams from National Geographic, BBC, Animal Planet and has traveled extensively across wilderness areas in Sri Lanka and India. This is an exclusive tour, run for a maximum of 08 persons only.



The tour includes:

- 🐾 Return flights from Colombo – Nagpur and ground transfers
- 🐾 Accommodation on Full Board basis at the Tiger Heaven Resort on Twin / Double Occupancy
- 🐾 08 half day safaris to Tadoba Tiger Reserve with a maximum of 03 guests per safari jeep with local naturalists
- 🐾 Wildlife photography classes and assistance while in the field and at the hotel
- 🐾 Mineral water during game drives and road transfers



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For further details, contact Riaz on +94 777 465 215 or email him at riazc@naturalworldexplorer.com



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The organizer, Riaz Cader delivered a lecture to NHS Members on the subject of Wildlife Photography at the museum in May 2018. While wishing Riaz every success, members should note that the SLNHS is not involved in organizing the Tiger Safari.