

American Center Hosts a Presentation on

Conservation of Elephants and Mitigating the Human-Elephant Conflict



The main threat to conservation of elephants in Sri Lanka is generally regarded to be the human-elephant conflict.

Approximately 50-60 humans and 200-220 elephants die annually

because of this conflict. It also results in a significant economic loss to farmers, contributing to rural poverty. Consequently, the human-elephant conflict has become a major conservation, socio-economic and political issue.

Speaker: Dr. Prithviraj Fernando

Chairman of the Centre for Conservation and Research and a research associate of the Smithsonian Institution USA. He pioneered genetic analysis of Asian elephants using their dung and initiated radio tracking of elephants in Sri Lanka. He has conducted field work in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia and Bangladesh.

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4:00 p.m.**

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Will be linked via digital video conference to American Corners in Kandy and Jaffna

All are welcome!

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