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## Report

### 2019 International Elephant Conservation & Research Symposium, South Africa



The 16<sup>th</sup> International Elephant Conservation & Research Symposium organized by the International Elephant Foundation was held at the Zebula Golf Estate and Spa from October 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 in South Africa.

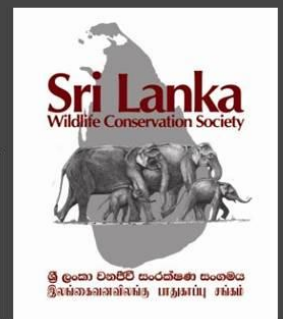
The Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society received a travel grant of \$1,500 from Asian Elephant Support to attend the International Elephant Foundation Symposium in South Africa.

The Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society presented two papers on its ground breaking human elephant conflict mitigation and elephant research work. The titles of the presentations were:

**Project Orange Elephant: An Economic Solution to Mitigate Human-Elephant Conflicts: A case study from Wasgamuwa, Sri Lanka**

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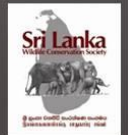
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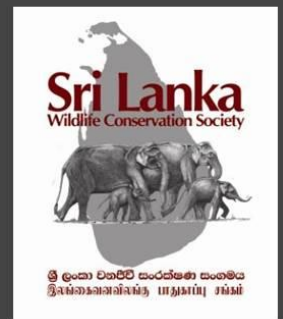
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The Society was invited to present a 3<sup>rd</sup> presentation on its internationally renowned voluntourism program. The presentation was titled: **Initiating a Voluntourism Program as a Sustainable Economic Initiative to help Mitigate Human Elephant Conflicts**

# Initiating a Voluntourism Program as a Sustainable Economic Initiative to help Mitigate Human Elephant Conflicts

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The SLWCS gave three presentations at the symposium garnering the Society international recognition for its innovative and pioneering efforts integrating social enterprise, responsible travel, field research, conservation and sustainable development concepts to create a highly successful model for sustainable community based conservation in Sri Lanka.

Over the past 15 years the founder of Asian Elephant Support (AES), Ms. Linda Reifschneider has been a staunch supporter of the Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society and has supported many of the Society's early pioneering initiatives. Since 2014 the AES has supported the EleVets Program and EleFriendly Bus initiatives of the SLWCS. The most recent support the SLWCS received from AES was the travel grant of \$1,500 to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> International Elephant Conservation & Research Symposium in south Africa.

Over the past 19 years the Sri Lanka Wildlife Conservation Society have had a close relationship with the International Elephant Foundation (IEF) and had the privilege to attend and present at 9 of the past 11 international symposiums held since 2000. We appreciate very much the support from AES to help us maintain this association with the IEF.

In 2003 when the IEF symposium was held in Sri Lanka the SLWCS was one of the local organizing partners. The SLWCS sponsored the key note speaker, Dr. Ian Douglas-Hamilton to attend the 2003 symposium. The Society also provided sponsorships for five Sri Lankan university students to attend the symposium.

Attending the IEF symposiums have being pivotal to the success of the elephant conservation efforts of the SLWCS. As a result the Society has been able to launch several innovative and pioneering projects such as its' Saving Elephants by Helping People, The Field Scouts Program, The Africa Asia Elephant Conservation Project and most recently the world's first EleFriendly Bus Service which also received funding support from Asian Elephant Support, Colombo Jewellery Stores, elephantea, Cha's Organics, Wealthtrust Securities Ltd., and Adele & Loi Nguyen.

We wish Asian Elephant Support all the very best and a long and successful future and look forward to continuing our engagement with AES in the coming years.

We extend a warm and grateful Thank you to Ms. Linda Reifschneider, the founder and Chief Executive of Asian Elephant Support for her long and continuing support to the SLWCS and to all the Board members of AES for their support.

