



ALIYA association, wildlife conservation and research in Asia

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ALIYA supports projects, organisations and events which are active in wildlife conservation on a scientific basis.

We primarily support the Centre for Conservation and Research (CCR) in Sri Lanka in their research activities and efforts in saving the Asian elephant in Sri Lanka, in the mitigation of conflicts between humans and these animals.

Activities of ALIYA

- Information (mainly via website, newsletter, Facebook and Instagram):
 - Publication of selected research articles and summaries in German
 - Information about activities, results and successes of CCR Sri Lanka
 - Information on animal species, national parks and research projects in Sri Lanka
- Support of CCR Sri Lanka in terms of finances and material procurement
- Cooperation with Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW):
Biannual lectures as part of the module "Wildlife Management"



Centre for Conservation and Research (CCR) in Sri Lanka www.ccrsl.org

CCR conducts scientific research to provide information necessary for better environmental conservation and management. CCR also offers advice and assistance when people and elephants come into conflict.

CCR was founded in 2004 with the idea of supporting species conservation with more research. Too many unanswered questions repeatedly cause well-intentioned conservation projects to fail. Since 2004 CCR has patiently collected data in a unique way, especially on Asian elephants. But CCR's efforts today include not only research, but also advisory work and much hands-on fieldwork.

Activities of CCR

- Asian elephant research projects:
 - Study of social organisation of Asian elephants
 - Monitor elephant populations by keeping track of their body condition and demography
 - Island-wide distribution survey, now being repeated after 10 years
 - Tracking elephants with GPS collar to study their movements
 - Smaller research projects on other animals of Sri Lanka
- Elephant conservation, in particular:
 - Consultation with affected people in village communities
 - Consultation at government level
 - Consultation for agricultural use and construction projects
- Promoting permanent and temporary electric fences as a human-elephant conflict mitigating tool
 - Work with village communities to put up permanent village fences
 - Work with farmer societies to construct seasonal fences around their paddy fields
 - Train government agencies to erect such fences on a large scale
- Awareness program to sensitise the general public and government agencies
- Supervision of students
- Publications
 - Scientific publications
 - Media work (articles in English / Sinhalese / German)
 - Reports on various topics
 - Help in publishing Gajah, the journal of the IUCN SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group