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Dated Guwahati, the 19th/Oct/85

From :....

Shri P.C.Das,
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TO

The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Forest Department/Dispur

SUB:

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ASIAN ELEPHANT
SPECIALIST GROUP.

Sir,

I have the honour to point out that a special meeting of the Asian Elephant Specialist Group of the Species Survival Commission, IUCN will be held at Bandipur, Karnataka from the 5th to 8th. November, 1985. Participation of representatives from Assam has been desired by the convenor (the Curator, Bombay Natural History Society). A copy of letter no. 3934/85/AEG dt. 15/10/85 addressed to me is enclosed for your ready reference.

On the last occasion when an workshop on the Asian Elephant was held in West Bengal in 1982, five Officers from this State were sent by the State Govt. for participation (CCF, Addl, CCF, Field Director (Manas), DFO- (Kaziranga) and one ACF).

Govt. may kindly decide as to whether Assam should be represented in the above special meeting, and if so, as to who should be the participants (on duty).

I suggest that the undersigned and Shri S. Debroy, Field Director (Manas) be allowed to participate in the above meeting on duty.

Kindly communicate Govt. decision early.

Yours faithfully,

J.D.S. 19/10/85
CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
WILDLIFE ::::::::::: ASSAM

Copy to :-

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The Field Director, Manas Tiger Project, BARPETA ROAD
for present information.

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Bombay Natural History Society

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Ref: 3934/85/AEG

15 October 1985

Dear Mr Das

Kindly refer to my letter of 11th September concerning the meeting of the Asian Elephant Specialist Group which was scheduled to be held at Bangalore from the 5th to the 9th of November 1985.

I am glad to advise you that with the co-operation and assistance of the Forest Department of Karnataka it has been possible to shift the venue of the meeting to the Bendipur Tiger Reserve which is a more appropriate location for a conference of this nature. Transport for the journey is being arranged and the bus will leave Bangalore in the forenoon of 5th. The journey is approximately 5 hours, the distance being 230 kms.

I suggest that you plan to reach Bangalore on the 4th or early 5th morning. If you wish to have overnight accommodation at Bangalore for the 4th you should let us know well in advance. Daily flights from Delhi (No 518, dep 16-35 hrs, arr 20-50 hrs); Calcutta (No 271 hrs, dep 16-45 hrs arr 19-05 hrs); Bombay (No 105, dep 06-00 hrs arr 07-30 hrs, No 107, dep 18-30 hrs, arr 20-00 hrs) and from Madras (No 513, dep 6-40 hrs, arr 7-20 hrs and No 509 dep 16-30 hrs, arr 17-10 hrs and No* 533, dep 6-10 hrs, arr 6-50 hrs). *This flight does not operate on Sundays.

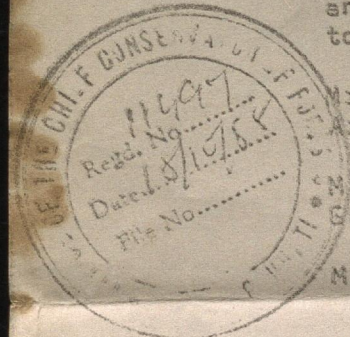
This letter is largely addressed to our foreign participants as this information would be readily available to my Indian colleagues. I shall be grateful if you will please give us an early indication of your programme and please copy letters to the following persons:

- Mr M K Appayya, Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)
- Aranya Bhavana, Malleswaram, Bangalore 560003
- Mr C H Basappanavar, Field Director, Project Tiger, Government House Complex, Mysore 570010
- Mr Ullas Karanth, 499 Kuvempu Nagar, Mysore 570009

Yours sincerely

J C Daniel
Curator

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Why was it not
brought to my office
earlier?
Elephant workshop
-URGENT-*



REGISTRATION CARD

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REGISTRATION FEE _____

Specify draft/ money order/ cheque number, date and amount.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Yes No

PAPER PRESENTATION

Yes No

ABSTRACT

Enclosed Will be sent by 20 May

The completed registration card and papers, if any, should reach us by **20TH MAY 1993.**

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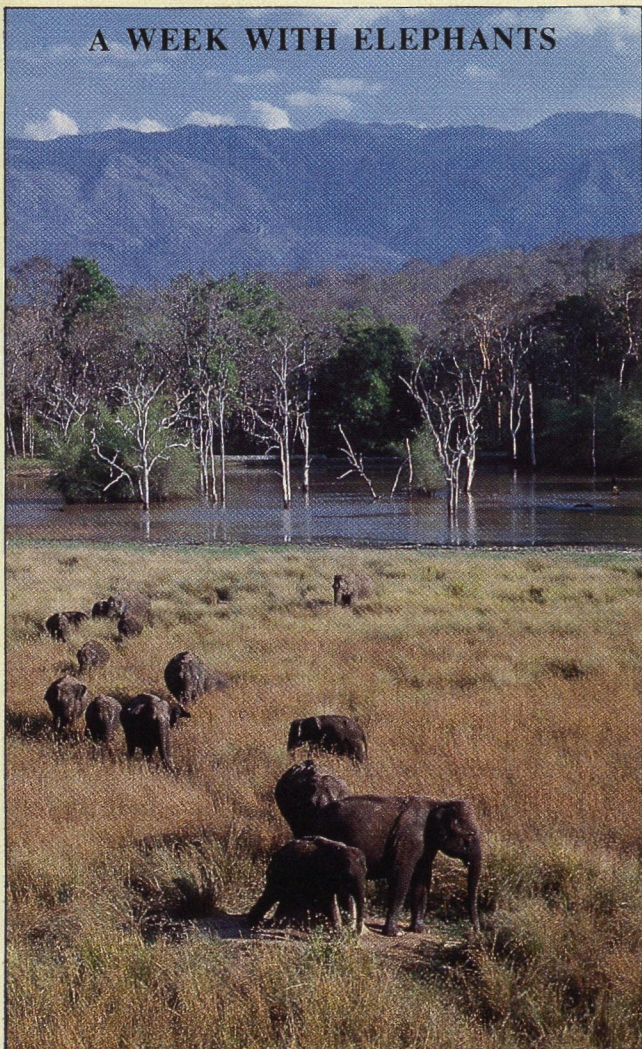
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A WEEK WITH ELEPHANTS



*International Seminar
on the conservation of*
THE ASIAN ELEPHANT

Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary,
Tamil Nadu

13 to 18 June 1993



BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

THE ASIAN ELEPHANT has enjoyed a close relationship with man since time immemorial. Even so, elephant habitats (and consequently populations) are today under increasing threat. The known historic distribution of the species was from the Tigris and Euphrates valleys of Syria and Iraq to the Yellow river in China and south to Sumatra. Today only a fragmented population survives from India eastwards, and only small *domesticated* populations may remain by the end of the 21st century.

Its survival is closely linked to the increasing human population and their demand on natural resources. Colonisation and settlement of new areas by agricultural man has long been a major cause for destruction of wildlife habitats, including those of elephants.

In 1976, the newly-constituted Asian Elephant Specialist Group of the IUCN commenced a four-year status survey of the species. The survey was followed by research studies by the Centre for Ecological Studies, the Bombay Natural History Society and the Wildlife Institute of India, culminating in Project Elephant.

This Govt. of India project, which was launched in 1991, now covers elephant areas in 11 states. The primary objectives are to identify viable populations; ensure the long-term survival of larger populations with habitat improvement where necessary; and evolve management plans for the smaller populations.

BNHS studies during the past nine years have focused on several aspects — population and distribution of elephants; habitat utilization; ranging studies using telemetry; breeding behaviour; fragmentation and degradation of habitat, and man-elephant conflict. Although a substantial body of data has been collected by BNHS and other institutions, there are still a number of areas where data is insufficient or altogether lacking.

This seminar has been planned with a view to highlight these problems, and suggest means to solve them. The presentations and discussions at the seminar will:

- Review the information currently available on the status, conservation and ecology of the Asian elephant.
- Highlight the problems of elephant management in India.
- Discuss the nature of, and possible solutions to, the problem of man-elephant conflict.
- Review the status of domesticated elephant populations, including breeding, upkeep and training.
- Examine the future prospects and conservation schemes for elephant habitats in India.
- Discuss the information available from elephant research in Africa.



REGISTRATION FEES

Rs 200 for Indian delegates
U.S. \$ 50 for foreign delegates

Payment should be made by crossed cheque, bank draft or International Money Order, payable to 'Bombay Natural History Society, Bombay'. For cheques, please add bank charges of Rs 15 (Indian delegates) or U.S. \$ 5 (foreign delegates).

Last date for registration — 20 May 1993.

PAPERS

Delegates are welcome to present papers at the seminar. Manuscripts should be typed double space on foolscap size paper, with at least 3 cm margin on all sides. Wherever possible, an additional copy should be submitted on a floppy diskette (5.25" or 3.5"), using WordStar 5 or earlier, WordPerfect or Word, and MS DOS 4.0 or earlier versions.

Each paper should be accompanied by a abstract of 150-200 words, outlining the scope of the study and the major findings.

Last date for submission of papers: 20 May 1993.

The Proceedings of the seminar, including the papers presented, will be published, and will be available to delegates at cost.

ACCOMMODATION

Simple, clean, shared accommodation and vegetarian meals will be provided to delegates at a nominal charge of Rs 400 (payable at the seminar). Delegates who wish to make their own arrangements for food and stay may do so. Alternative accommodation is available at private hotels within or just outside the sanctuary. Prices range from Rs 400 per day upwards for a double room.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Delegates will be received at Coimbatore and dropped back there after the seminar. Indian Airlines flies to Coimbatore from Bombay, Delhi, Madras and Bangalore; and East-West Airlines from Bombay.

Please send us your flight details as early as possible. And since flight schedules are subject to change without notice, plan your itinerary so as to arrive in India by 12th June.

CORRESPONDENCE

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PROGRAMME

13 June
Registration

14 June
Inauguration
Keynote address – D.K. Lahiri-Choudhury
Session I – Status of the elephant in Asia
Introduction – S.C. Dey

15 June
Session II – Status of the elephant in Asia (contd.)
Session III – Research
Ecology, behaviour, research techniques
Introduction – R. Sukumar

16 June
Session IV – Research (contd.)
Session V – Conservation and management
Habitat, corridors, park design, etc.
Introduction – Lyn de Alwis

17 June
Session VI – Conservation and management (contd.)
Session VII – The African experience
Introduction – Holly Dublin

18 June
Session VIII – Captive elephant management
Capture, training, care, diseases
Introduction – V. Krishnamurthy
Session IX – Action Plan for the Asian elephant
Introduction – Charles Santiapillai
Discussion and recommendations
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Discussion

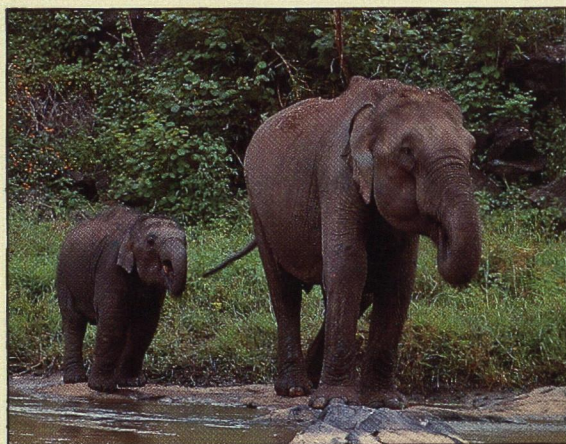
The introductory speech for every session will be followed by presentation of papers and a general discussion. Additional discussions will be held at the end of each day, to review and comment upon earlier presentations. Wildlife 'tours' in vehicles and on elephant back will be conducted twice each day, from 0600 to 0800, and 1700 to 1900 hrs.

CO-SPONSORS

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and Natural History, Coimbatore
Kerala Forest Research Institute
Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun
Asian Elephant Conservation Centre
Salim Ali Nature Conservation Fund, BNHS
WorldWide Fund for Nature

MUDUMALAI

MUDUMALAI IS quintessential elephant country — part of the vast elephant ranges of south India, and of a complex of wildlife reserves shared by three states. Bandipur and Nagarhole National Parks in Karnataka, Mudumalai in Tamil Nadu, the Wynaad wildlife sanctuary in Kerala, the Sigur plateau just east of Mudumalai and the Nilgiri mountains to the south-west — together they constitute some 2500 sq. km of nearly continuous forest, and harbour south India's largest elephant population.



The 321 sq. km sanctuary, in Nilgiris district, Tamil Nadu, is a Project Elephant Reserve and an important area for genetic exchange between the Eastern and Western Ghats populations. From east to west, thorn forest gives way to dry deciduous forest; then to moist deciduous climax forest dotted with tall-grass swamps; and eventually to semi-evergreen forest in the south-western corner. Also characteristic of Mudumalai are the gallery forests that line the banks of perennial streams.

Chital and sambar are common, as are gaur, wild boar and the pack-hunting dhole. Leopards and sloth bears are seen occasionally during the day, and the tiger rarely. The bird checklist numbers over 250 species, including ten species of woodpeckers alone.

ELEVATION AND TERRAIN

1000 m (average); undulating terrain with peaks and valleys. The highest peaks, Morganbetta (1258 m) and Karadiguda, lie in the eastern part of the sanctuary.

WEATHER (June)

Daytime temperature around 25 C. Nights are appreciably cooler. Intermittent rain, sometimes heavy.

NEAREST RAILWAY STATIONS

Udagamandalam (Ooty, 67 km), Mysore (98 km).

NEAREST AIRPORTS

Coimbatore (160 km), Bangalore (245 km).



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Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, 13 to 18 June 1993

19 March 1993

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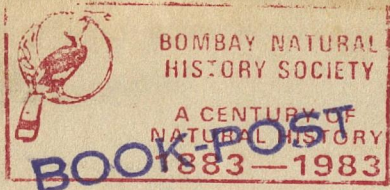
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Accommodation at Mudumalai will be free. Food will cost about Rs. 400 for the duration of the seminar (approximately Rs. 60 per day). We are trying to obtain a grant to subsidise even this cost. Therefore, please let us know whether you will require assistance in this respect.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Coordinator, ISCAE



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12th May 1993

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Dear Mr Debroy,

I understand from Goutam that he has already given you a registration form and other particulars. We would be happy if you can accept our invitation to participate in the seminar. We would be glad to offer travel facilities to you by 2nd A.C. sleeper from Delhi to Bangalore by Rajadani Express and return by the same. We shall arrange to have you picked up at Bangalore. You will be our guest at Mudumalai. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

J C Daniel
Honorary Secretary

J/sa.