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## CAREER SUMMARY

Self-motivated and innovative Environmental Specialist with over nine years of experience. Excellent technical and project management skills with the ability to successfully manage multiple projects and daily responsibilities. Experienced in collaborative work with multi-stakeholder groups including the government sector in economically developing countries in Asia, NGOs, and other international donor agencies to achieve conservation outcomes in large-scale projects. Recognized for strong client orientation and the ability to develop and implement highly successful solutions for key issues affecting portfolio performance. A team player willing to learn while dedicated to motivating and mentoring colleagues within multicultural settings.

**Skills:** Environmental and ecological data collection and analysis, GIS analysis, Scientific writing, Research, Compliance

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## EDUCATION

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| 2017- 2023 | <b>Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Policy</b> , Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy, University of Miami, Florida, USA |
| 2014- 2017 | <b>M.Sc. in Fish and Wildlife Management</b> , Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (GPA – 3.66)  |
| 2009-2012  | <b>B.Sc. Upper Second-Class Honors</b> (GPA - 3.32) Majored in Zoology in Faculty of Science, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka      |
| 2010       | <b>Diploma in Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT)</b> , University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC), Sri Lanka            |
| 2005       | <b>Diploma in English Level III</b> , American College of Higher Education, Sri Lanka.  |

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## RELEVANT TRAININGS

- Completed the GEF e-course: Introduction to the Global Environment Facility (GEF)- 2022
- Completed the training workshop for the resource persons of District Level training programs, organized by Biodiversity Secretariat of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, funded by UNDP, held at Sri Lanka Foundation 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- Completed the 64- hour study program on Management Training based on the Management Training Program (MTP) course developed by Japan Industrial Training Association, February – April 2015
- Completed a 50- hour course in Business Communication Skills with British Council, Sri Lanka, January- March 2013

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## EXPERIENCE

**Postdoctoral Associate**, January 2023- Present

*Institute of Environment, Florida International University, Miami, FL, USA* Conceptualized an

- Performing analyses to understand priority areas for climate change resilience actions based on metrics across multiple dimensions, encompassing social, ecological, and economic factors, to implement climate resilience actions in Miami-Dade County

- Holding the position of International Management Office Officer at the International Long-Term Ecological Research Network (ILTER)
- Co-instructing the first-year undergraduate course on Sustainable Ecosystems at Florida International University, FL, USA

**Graduate Fellow, Teaching, and Research Assistant, August 2017- Present**

*Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy, University of Miami, FL, USA*

- Conceptualized an interdisciplinary project and secured funding for field work, via a competitive application process, from the National Research Council of Sri Lanka
- Conducted rigorous ecological field work, permanently residing in a rural field site over two consecutive years collecting data/tracking progress
- Presented and communicated research findings at local and international conferences- 8 conferences
- Conducted awareness programs for general public and the government sector in the United States and in Sri Lanka on impacts of linear infrastructure, invasive alien species, and the importance of conservation
- Studied perspectives of different stakeholders (government officials, funding agencies such as the Asia Development Bank and World Bank Group, and ecologists) on the impact of development activities on wildlife by conducting semi-structured interviews
- Developed skills in project management, community engagement, scientific communication, data analysis, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), R programming, funding acquirement, and conservation decision making
- Educated undergraduate students: supervised data collection, presented lectures, developed exams, and completed grading for 1 semesters of Tools for environmental decision making: The Quantitative Perspective and 1 semester of Introduction to the Earth's Ecosystem class and laboratory as a teaching assistant

**Research and Projects Officer, August 2016- July 2017**

*Environmental Foundation (Guarantee) Limited, Sri Lanka*

- The Environmental Foundation (Guarantee) Limited (EFL) is a non-profit public interest law group. Since 1981, EFL's mission has been the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment in Sri Lanka through legal means
- Assessed and provided technical inputs for legal investigations over environmental issues  
Including, environmentally destructive mini-hydro power projects, releasing of sewage by commercial entities located along the riverbanks, illegal mining of Metal, illegal forest clearing issues, illegal development activities, and mismanaged garbage dump sites
- Evaluated and provided expert opinion/ comments on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) reports on behalf of the organization
- Demonstrated government agencies on methods to streamline the EIA/ IEE process in Sri Lanka to minimize environmental impacts early on a development project
- Engaged in policy discussions with government agencies to support finding solutions to long-term environmental issues
- Spearheaded conservation projects- including two events for a GEF funded project
- Published research communication and outreach materials
- Represented the organization in media conferences and television programs  
Includes, one television interview on environmental issues of mini-hydro power projects and two media conferences on deforestation
- Coordinated with multiple stakeholders, including general public, NGOs, and government organizations to organize workshops, and execute conservation projects

**Independent fauna specialist, and Ecologist, March 2015- Present**

- Coordinated an awareness program and a capacity building program for government officials under a GEF funded project aimed at enhancing biodiversity conservation and Sustenance of Ecosystems services in Environmentally Sensitive Areas

- Designed and acquired funding through competitive bidding for developing provincial profiles, for 7 out of 9 provinces, for invasive alien species in Sri Lanka
- Coordinated research teams in 4 provinces and conducted surveys in two provinces to develop provincial profiles of invasive alien species
- Conducted awareness programs on invasive alien species for general public, NGOs, and government officials at district and provincial level under a UNDP funded project, on impacts of linear infrastructure to officers in the EIA division of the Central Environmental Authority of Sri Lanka
- Conducted field surveys and prepared technical reports for a ADB funded project to translocate identified critical fauna and flora affected by a proposed reservoir project into identified suitable habitats
- Volunteered to develop a biodiversity profile, prior to opening for public visitation, provide management recommendations, and design information display boards for Beddagana Wetland Park- the first ever The World Bank supported urban park in Metro Colombo- conducted as the independent project for M.Sc.
- Conducted ecological surveys to assess the status of wetlands in Metro Colombo for Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation (SLLRDC)

**BioReach volunteer, 2017- Present**

*University of Miami, FL, USA*

- Developed informal educational presentations to engage students with scientific topics such as what it means to be a scientist, and the importance of invasive species management
- Introduced students to reptiles and amphibians through hands-on interactions with the animals in a fun, safe environment
- Visited local schools and welcomed students to the University campus for both on-site and field trip type events

**Manager Corporate Engagement, December 2015- January 2016**

*CSR Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka*

- Organized workshops and forums for CEOs, managers, and entrepreneurs to educate them on CSR related topics including stages of CSR, CSR awards, and public private partnerships
- Managed corporate memberships
- Coordinated directly with the director board and organized meetings both within the company and with clients
- Updated company website and made press releases on company achievements and news

**Coordinator International Unit, November 2014- July 2015**

*University of Colombo, Sri Lanka*

- Communicated with foreign universities on behalf of the university to attract knowledge and resources from them through workshops, scholarships and exchange programs and communicate them to higher levels in the organization structure (including the Vice Chancellor and the Ministry of Higher Education) to achieve universities' goals towards better quality education system.
- Organized events/meetings with foreign delegates, students and utilized university resources in an efficient manner
- Assisted foreign delegates, and students with the visa application process to arrive at university for exchange programs, meetings, and workshops
- Coordinated the compilation and signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) between the university and foreign organizations

**Temporary Demonstrator (Teaching Assistant), February 2013- August 2014**

*Department of Zoology, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka*

- I was responsible for setting up and conducting laboratory practical sessions, under the supervision of the professor-in-charge
- Prepared practical manuals and protocols for the laboratory practical components in above units
- Conducted field workshops on Fauna of Sri Lanka, Biogeography and Evolution, Ecology, Animal Behavior, Variety of Animal Life and Wildlife
- Provided teaching assistance in Mini-Research Projects in Ecology and Biogeography and Evolution

**Tutor (Biology and Chemistry), 2009- 2012**

*Guideline Education Academy, Sri Lanka*

- Conducted private classes, designed notes and mock exams for Cambridge O/L and A/L students

**Call-center agent, 2009- 2012**

*Belvantage- Continental Insurance PLC, Sri Lanka*

- Answered emergency calls by the insured requesting for roadside assistance during a vehicle accident and immediately assigned assessors to visit accident locations
- Maintained accident logs and handled each case until it's completion, from the reporting of the accident to the obtaining of an estimate for approved repairs and damages
- Handled customer complaints after the completion of a case

**Selected projects in detail**

- **From/ To:** September 2016  
**Employer:** Environmental Foundation (Guarantee) Limited, Sri Lanka  
**Project:** Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation and Sustenance of Ecosystems services in Environmentally Sensitive Areas"- a **GEF** funded project, implemented by the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (MMDE) and supported by United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) with the objective of streamlining biodiversity management in the course of development in the areas with conservation value  
**Location:** Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka  
**Activities:** Assisted with coordination and acted as a resource person for the **awareness program** for Divisional and District Level Government Officials
- **From/ To:** August 2016  
**Employer:** Environmental Foundation (Guarantee) Limited, Sri Lanka  
**Project:** Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation and Sustenance of Ecosystems services in Environmentally Sensitive Areas"- a **GEF** funded project, implemented by the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (MMDE) and supported by the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) with the objective of streamlining biodiversity management in the course of development in the areas with conservation value  
**Location:** National inland fisheries training center in Kalawewa, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka  
**Activities:** Assisted with coordination and acted as a resource person for the workshop on **Capacity building** of Divisional and District-level Government Planning Teams on Integrating Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use into Land Use Planning in Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- **From/ To:** August 2016  
**Employer:** Environmental Foundation (Guarantee) Limited, Sri Lanka  
**Project:** District Level Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Training Programs  
**Location:** Kegalle District

**Position:** Resource person- IAS fauna  
**Client:** Biodiversity Secretariat of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, **GEF** funded and supported by the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**)  
**Activities:** Conduct training sessions for government officials and other NGO, CBO officers on the status of distribution, threats, and management measures of invasive alien species in Sri Lanka and the legal background to control the spread of IAS

- **From/ To:** October - November 2016 (Intermittent)  
**Employer:** Biodiversity Secretariat of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment  
**Project:** Training Programs for Officials in Ministries at Provincial Level on Invasive Alien Species (IAS), **GEF** funded and supported by the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**)  
**Location:** Central, Southern, and Sabaragamuwa Provinces  
**Position:** Resource person- IAS fauna  
**Activities:** Conduct training sessions for government officials and other NGO, CBO officers on the status of distribution, threats, and management measures of invasive alien species in Sri Lanka and the legal background to control the spread of IAS

- **From/ To:** June - September 2016 (Intermittent)  
**Employer:** EML Consultants (Pvt.) Ltd., No. 68, Davidson Road, Colombo 04.  
**Project:** District Level Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Training Programmes  
**Location:** Western Province  
**Position:** Resource person - IAS Fauna  
**Client:** Biodiversity Secretariat of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, **GEF** funded and supported by the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**)  
**Activities:** Conduct training sessions for government officials and other NGO, CBO officers on the status of distribution, threats, and management measures of invasive alien species in Sri Lanka and the legal background to control the spread of IAS

- **From/ To:** November 2015 - April 2016 (Intermittent)  
**Employer:** EML Consultants (Pvt.) Ltd., No. 68, Davidson Road, Colombo 04.  
**Project:** Development of Provincial Profiles of Invasive alien Species to identify the status of distribution, threats, and management measures  
**Location:** Western, Southern, Northwestern, Uva, Sabaragamuwa, Central, and North Central Provinces  
**Position:** Assistant Fauna Specialist  
**Client:** Biodiversity Secretariat of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, **GEF** funded and supported by the **UNDP**  
**Activities:** Collect information on invasive alien faunal species to identify the status of distribution, threats and management measures and contribute to develop of provincial profiles of invasive alien species using the findings from surveys

- **From/ To:** August 2015 to October 2015 (Intermittent)  
**Employer:** National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Sri Lanka  
**Project:** Species translocation programme in the proposed Per Aru Reservoir area under the **ADB** Assisted Dry Zone Urban Water & Sanitation Project  
**Location:** Vavuniya, Sri Lanka  
**Position:** Fauna Ecologist  
**Client:** National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWS&DB), Funded by Asian Development Bank (**ADB**)  
**Activities:** Translocation of identified critical fauna and flora species from the Access Roads, Dam Axis and Inundation Area of proposed Per Aru Reservoir into identified suitable locations in the area

- From/ To:** April 2015 to March 2016 (Intermittent)  
**Employer:** Signes and RM Wetlands & Environment Ltd (RMWE)  
**Project:** The Consultancy Services for the Preparation of a Management Strategy for Wetlands and Carrying out an Assessment of Water Quality in the Inland Waterways and Lakes within Metro Colombo Area Under the Metro Colombo Urban Development Project, Ecological Data Collection

**Location:** Metro Colombo, Sri Lanka  
**Position:** Ecology Team Member  
**Client:** Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation (SLLRDC)  
**Activities:** Carrying out ecological survey (flora, fauna, habitat, and vegetation types) in the wetlands of the Metro Colombo area

- From/ To:** March 2015 to March 2016 (Intermittent)  
**Employer:** Urban Development Authority  
**Project:** Biodiversity Assessment of the Beddagana Biodiversity Park, Sri Lanka  
**Position:** Volunteer member of the management team  
**Activities:** Carrying out Biodiversity Assessment (Flora and Fauna, Habitats, Vegetation) and providing technical inputs for establishing monitoring protocols and mechanisms

#### **EIA/ IEE/ EA**

- From/ To:** July 2015 to March 2016 (intermittent)  
**Employer:** Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau  
**Project:** IEE Study for the Proposed Kalinganuwara- Angamedilla Pumping Complex Project

**Location:** Wasgamuwa and Angamadilla National Parks  
**Position:** Member of the Ecological Survey  
**Client:** Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment
- From/ To:** June 2015 to July 2015 (Intermittent)  
**Employer:** Waharaka Energy (Pvt.) Ltd  
**Project:** IEE for the proposed Waharaka Watta Mini Hydro Power Project at Bulathkohupitiya

**Location:** Bulathkohupitiya in Kegalle District, Sri Lanka  
**Position:** Fauna Ecologist  
**Client:** Waharaka Energy (Pvt.) Ltd.  
**Activities:** Carried out Faunal survey according to given ToR by the Central Environmental Authority (CEA), Identified project related impacts, Proposed mitigation measures and Provided inputs for preparation of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP).
- From/ To:** January 2015 to April 2015 (Intermittent)  
**Employer:** JICA and EML Consultants (Pvt.) Ltd., No. 68, Davidson Road, Colombo 04  
**Project:** Survey on Environment and Social Considerations for National Transmission and Distribution Network Development and Efficiency Improvement Project (II)

  - The 400kV transmission line (95km).
  - The 220kV Transmission line (45km).
  - Construction of totally enclosed SF6 gas insulated substation at Sampoor
  - Sampoor coal-fired power generation plant (in Trincomalee)

**Location:** Trincomalee district  
**Position:** Member of the Ecological Survey  
**Client:** CEB  
**Activities:** Collected and reviewed relevant Information and data that are needed for environmental and social considerations of the project based on both the JICA guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations (April, 2010) and the Sri Lanka legislation. Conducted ecological field surveys and interview surveys.

Prepared review reports by reviewing EIA reports prepared for the proposed 400kV transmission line between Sampoor grid substation and new Habarana grid substation (95km) and Sampoor coal-fired power generation plant. Identified project related impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

- **From/ To:** March 2015  
**Employer:** Sri Lanka Energies (Pvt.) Ltd.  
**Project:** Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for Wegantalee Mini Hydro Power Project at Mella Kele, Mawanella  
**Position:** Member of the Ecological Survey  
**Activities:** Carried out ecological survey (Flora and Fauna, Habitats, Vegetation), identified project related impacts, Proposed mitigation measures and provided inputs for the preparation of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) and EIA report.
- **From/ To:** Jan 2015  
**Employer:** EML Consultants (Pvt.) Ltd., No. 68, Davidson Road, Colombo 04.  
**Project:** Dam Safety and Water Resources Planning Project (DSWRPP), Environmental Assessment for Rehabilitation of Koorai Dam  
**Position:** Member of the Ecological Survey  
**Activities:** Carried out ecological survey (Flora and Fauna, Habitats, Vegetations), identified project related impacts, Proposed mitigation measures and provided inputs for the preparation of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) report.

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## PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

### Book chapters

- **Hewavithana, D.K.**, Wickramanayake, E., Gunawardena, M., Sathananthana, D., 2019. Central Highlands of Sri Lanka, in: Bindra, P.S., Ghosh, S., Roy, A., Mathur, V. (Eds.), *Wild Treasures: Reflections on Natural World Heritage Sites in Asia- An Anthology*. pp. 1–503.

### Full papers

- **Hewavithana, D.H., Hewavithana, D.K.**, Wijesinghe, M.R., and Udagama P. V. (2022). Gastrointestinal Parasites of six large mammals in the Wasgomuwa National Park, Sri Lanka. *International Journal for Parasitology: Parasites and Wildlife*. 17, 1-6.
- Mothes, C. C., Clements, S. L., **Hewavithana, D. K.**, Howell, H. J., David, A. S., Leventhal, N. D., & Searcy, C. A. (2019). Use of standardized methods to improve extinction-risk classification. *Conservation Biology*, (October). <https://doi.org/10.1111/cobi.13421>
- **Hewavithana, D.**, Peries, N., Weerakoon, D., & Wijesinghe, M. R. (2017). Establishing baseline information for dragonflies and butterflies of the newly established Beddagana wetlands park. *The Sri Lanka Forester*, 38, 47–59.
- **Hewavithana, D.K.**, Wijesinghe, M.R., 2017. Discovery of a large nesting colony of the Blue-tailed Bee-eater (*Merops philippinus*) in Oluvil, Ampara. *Wildlanka* 5, 11–16.
- **Dishane K.H.**, Mayuri R.W., Chandima D & Gayan D 2016, Habitat and dung preferences of scarab beetles of the subfamily Scarabaeinae: a case study in a tropical monsoon forest in Sri Lanka. *International Journal of Tropical Insect Science*, vol. 36, no. 02, pp. 97-105.
- **Dishane K.H.**, Mayuri R.W., Chandima D, Lekamge D & de Silva C 2015, The diversity of true dung beetles in large mammal dung within the Wasgomuwa National Park, Sri Lanka, during the dry season. *Taprobanica.*, vol. 07, no. 04, pp. 219–223.

## Communications

- **Hewavithana, D. K.,** Weerakoon, D. K., Wijesinghe, M. R., Searcy, C. A., Weerakoon, D. K., Wijesinghe, M. R., Searcy, C. A., (Abstract- talk) 2021 (12-14<sup>th</sup> January). Do culverts contribute to reduce the number of roadkills? A study on roadkills along the Habarana-Polonnaruwa road, Sri Lanka. *IENE 2020 International Conference "LIFE LINES – Linear Infrastructure Networks with Ecological Solutions"*, Évora, Portugal.
- **Hewavithana, D. K.,** Weerakoon, D. K., Wijesinghe, M. R., Searcy, C. A., (Abstract- talk) 2021 (12-14<sup>th</sup> January). Level and spatial scale of impact from different linear development types. *IENE 2020 International Conference "LIFE LINES – Linear Infrastructure Networks with Ecological Solutions"*, Évora, Portugal.
- **Hewavithana, D. K.,** Weerakoon, D. K., Searcy, C. A., (Abstract- talk) 2021 (12-14<sup>th</sup> January). Making the road more permeable to wildlife using existing infrastructure. *IENE 2020 International Conference "LIFE LINES – Linear Infrastructure Networks with Ecological Solutions"*, Évora, Portugal.
- **Hewavithana, D. K.,** Peries, T. N., Weerakoon, D. K., Wijesinghe, M. R., Searcy, C. A., (Abstract-poster) 2019 (11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September). Are current roadkill mitigatory measures adequate? *Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC) Asia Pacific Conference held in Thihariya, Sri Lanka.*
- **Hewavithana, D. K.,** Weerakoon, D. K., Wijesinghe, M. R., Searcy, C. A., (Abstract-poster) 2019 (2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July). Planning for the future: Ecological impacts of Sri Lanka's growing linear infrastructure network. *Student Conference on Conservation Science.* Brisbane, Australia.
- **Hewavithana, D. K.,** Weerakoon, D.K., Wijesinghe, M. R., and Peries, N. (Abstract-poster) 2016, Establishing Baseline Data to Monitor Viability of the Newly Established Beddagana Wetland Park. *International Research Symposium on Blue Green Economy and Environment. on 18th October 2016 at BMICH, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.*
- **Hewavithana, D.K.,** Wijesinghe, M.R. and Dangalla, C. (Abstract-Poster) 2013 (**25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013**), Lepidopteran inhabitants on mammalian dung in the Wasgomuwa National Park. *Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS) held in Bangalore, Karnataka.* <http://journals.sjp.ac.lk/index.php/fesympo/article/view/1888>  
(This work was well recognised and got published in international and local newspapers as well, India Times- <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/flora-fauna/Young-conservators-tap-kids-power/articleshow/23064939.cms> Two other articles attached with the CV).
- **Hewavithana, D. K.,** Wijesingha, M. R., Lekamge, D. and de Silva, C. (Abstract-talk) 2013, Habitat Selection in Dung Beetles (Family Scarabaeidae; Subfamily Scarabaeinae) in the Wasgomuwa National Park. *18th International Forestry and Environment Symposium held at MAS Fabric Park, Thulhiriya, Sri Lanka.* <http://journals.sjp.ac.lk/index.php/fesympo/article/viewFile/1888/993>
- **Hewavithana, D. K.,** Wijesinghe, M. R. and Udagama, P. (Abstract-talk) 2013, A comparison of gastrointestinal parasites of large mammals in the Wasgomuwa National Park with their counterparts at the Zoological Gardens, Sri Lanka. *33rd Annual Sessions of the Institute Of Biology (IOB) held at Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.*
- **Hewavithana, D. K.,** Wijesinghe, M. R. and Udagama, P. (Abstract-talk) 2013, Diversity and Abundance of Gastrointestinal Parasites in Large Mammals in the Wasgomuwa National Park, Sri Lanka. *69th Annual Scientific Sessions of Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) held at University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka.*



## Conferences

- Attended and presented at the IENE 2020 International Conference “**LIFE LINES – Linear Infrastructure Networks with Ecological Solutions**”, Évora, Portugal 12th-14th January 2021
- Attended the **International Conference on Ecology and Transportation**, held in Sacramento, USA- 22nd to 26th September 2019
- Attended and presented at the **Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC)** Asia Pacific Conference held in Thihariya, Sri Lanka- 11th-13th September 2019
- Attended and presented at the **Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS)**. Brisbane, Australia. 2nd- 10th July 2019
- Attended and presented at the **International Research Symposium on Blue Green Economy and Environment** 18th October 2016
- Attended and presented at the 18th **International Forestry and Environment Symposium** held at MAS Fabric Park, Thulhiriya, Sri Lanka September 2014
- Attended and presented at the **Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS)** held in Bangalore, Karnataka. (25th-28th September 2013)
- Attended and presented at the **Annual Scientific Sessions of Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS)** held at University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka 2013
- Attended and presented at the **Annual Sessions of the Institute of Biology (IOB)** held at Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka 2013

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## OTHER LICENSES, TRAININGS, AND LEADERSHIP

- CSR 2.0 accredited Assessor and Advisor- 2015
- Possesses a valid driving license for category ‘B’ vehicles
- Conducted training programs in the “Training of trainers” course on Social Harmony and Conflict Resolution, conducted by the Ministry of Higher Education in Collaboration with Columbia University July 2011.
- Participated in the hands-on workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction and Introduction to First Aid, conducted by University of Colombo in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society June 2010.
- Member of The Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science-2013 to 2017
- Member of the Field Ornithology Group, Sri Lanka- 2010 to date
- Member of Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka- 2013
- Vice President of the Golden Zee Club of Colombo 2012-2013

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## REFERENCES

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