

Sharing Information about the Health of Wildlife, Livestock and People in Rural Communities

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Missaka Conference Hall (Opposite Hardy College), Ampara

PROGRAMME

- 09:30 Registration and Refreshments
- 10:00 Welcome – Provincial Director of Animal Production and Health, Eastern Province
- 10:10 Objectives of the workshop and introductions – Dr. Oswin Perera
- 10:30 Important zoonotic diseases in wildlife that can be threats to domestic animals and humans – Dr. Nihal Pushpakumara
- 10:50 Knowledge and perceptions of rural communities on wildlife diseases that can be transmitted to domestic animals and humans – Dr. Manoj Akalanka
- 11:10 The role of field personnel in the wildlife, domestic animal, human health and village administration sectors for early detection of potential disease hazards – Dr. Shalika Perera
- 11:30 – Discussions in small-groups with facilitators (*tentative topics*):
- What are the current limitations in detecting and reporting of wildlife and zoonotic diseases?
 - How can the current procedures for detecting and reporting of wildlife and zoonotic diseases be improved?
 - How can communication networks between rural communities and the government sectors be improved for dealing with disease outbreaks?
- 13:00 – Lunch
- 14:00 – Presentations by the groups, discussion and conclusions
- 15:30 – Closure and Tea

Note: The workshop will be conducted in Sinhala, with translations where necessary