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

11:00  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*