

Asian Elephant Specialist Group convention, Kaziranga,
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IUCN Species Survival Commission's Asian Elephant Specialist Group (AsESG) is a network of over 60 likeminded specialists from 16 countries across the globe, concerned with the study, monitoring, management, and conservation of Asian Elephants (*Elephas maximus*) in its range countries. The overall aim of the AsESG is to promote the long-term conservation of Asia's elephants and, where possible, the recovery of their populations to viable levels.

The members of AsESG are convening in November 2016 in one of Asia's largest abodes for the Asian Elephant, Kaziranga National Park, Assam for the AsESG convention. The convention will bring together all the members from the group to review the current progress and also plan ahead for the way ahead for the AsESG.

Highlights of what is being planned for the convention are as follows –

- Report from Chair.
- Reporting of AsESG Working Groups.
- Framing of AsESG Policy Statements covering Asian elephant range countries.
- Discussion on framing Range Wide Action Plans for Asian elephants.
- Status reports of Asian Elephants in the wild and in captivity.
- Organizational Matters
- Future Plans

As a prelude to the annual meeting, the AsESG members may attend and participate in the **Asian Elephants in the Wild Conference** being hosted by the Balipara Foundation in Guwahati on the 8th and 9th of November 2016. This will also be an opportunity for the AsESG members to present their work and participate in this international conference. More information on the same can be found on the website- www.baliparafoundation.com