

Asian Elephant
Specialist Group

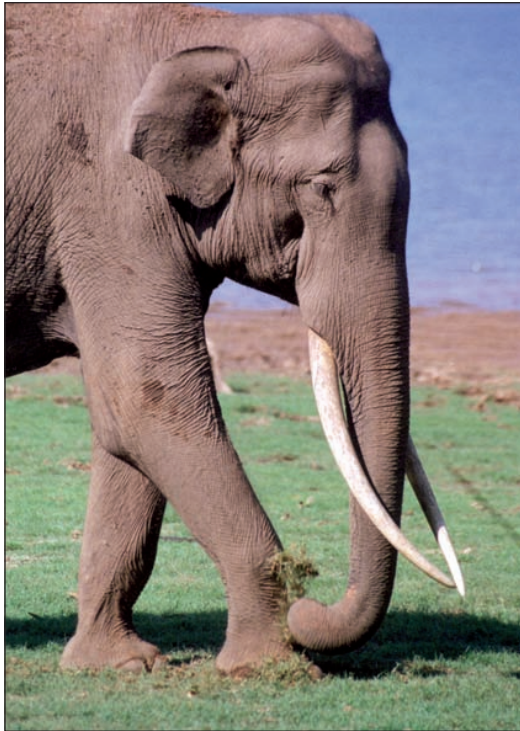
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Asian Elephant Specialist Group Convention

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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, at the Taj Viavanta, Guwahati, Assam for the AsESG meeting. The convention will bring together all the members to review the current progress and also plan ahead for the way ahead for the AsESG.

Following the meeting, the members can opt from one of two separate post conference tours to Kaziranga National Park on the 13th and 14th of November or Pobitara Wildlife Sanctuary on the 13th of November.

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

- Report from the AsESG 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 meeting, the AsESG members may attend and participate in the *Asian Elephants in the Wild Conference* being hosted by the Balipara Foundation in Guwahati, November 2016. This will also be an opportunity for the AsESG members to present their work and participate in this international conference. More information can be found at <www.baliparafoundation.com>.