

# Department of Zoology Faculty of Science / University of Peradeniya



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#### **About Me**

I'm in my early career as a behavioral ecologist researching the natural history and behavior of endemic Toque macaques in Sri Lanka.

## **Higher Education Qualifications**



**MPhil** 

University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka (2023)

BSc

University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka (2016)

# Awards, Scholarships, Memberships & Fellowships



Scholarship of Savithri and Nimal Gunathilka for Excellence in Ecology Academic year 2015/2016, University of Peradeniya in 2016



University Prize for Academic Excellence, University of Peradeniya in 2016



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## **Positions Held**



Lecturer (Probationary) in Zoology, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, Eastern University Sri Lanka- (August 2018 to June 2023)



Student counselor (Academic), Faculty of Science, Eastern University Sri Lanka- (January 2019 to January 2021)



Academic Sub-Warden, Eastern University Sri Lanka- (August 2018 to August 2019)



Demonstrator, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka- (January 2017 to July 2018)

# My Teachings



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# Research Interests (Research Fields/ Projects)

Animal Ecology and Behaviour, Wildlife Management, Biodiversity Conservation, Mammalogy and Primatology

## **Ongoing Research and Projects**



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## **Key Publications**

Natural history note - (2022)

Agamid lizard predation by Macaca sinica (Toque Macaque) in Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

Original research article - (2022)

Community-level awareness and perspective towards human-monkey conflict in Polonnaruwa district, Sri Lanka. Primates

Original research article - (2021)

Gastrointestinal parasites of endemic and endangered free-ranging purple-faced leaf monkey (Semnopithecus vetulus) in Sri Lanka: effect of host group size and habitat type. Primates

#### Conferences



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#### **My Publications**

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