



Alluring Sri Lanka is an easy to read, enjoyable and informative coffee table photography book. It has one hundred and thirty five pages of glossy pictures with accompanying short anecdotes. Including seventy one different types of exotic birds, elephants, leopard, monkeys, reptiles and more images brought together in a superb presentation to give the reader an insight into an amazing wild diversity of an ancient island civilisation. For an island only 432 kilometres long, 224 broad and 65525 square kilometres in area, from its lowlands to its hill country and across to its broad beautiful beaches this exotic and complex land has a lot to offer anyone seeking a voyage of serendipity.

The book is not 'weighted down' with scientific detail or analysis. It is designed to give the reader a pleasurable, experience and stimulate interest or conversation on the remarkable wild diversity existing to day in Sri Lanka. It is hoped many young Sri Lankans living across the World may find this book an illustrative, enjoyable, reference book on the land of their origins. Similarly, it is hoped many Sri Lankans of all ages will find this book equally enjoyable, if not stirring. To the wider, international readers the book provides an insight into a vibrant, exotic, exciting wild diversity.

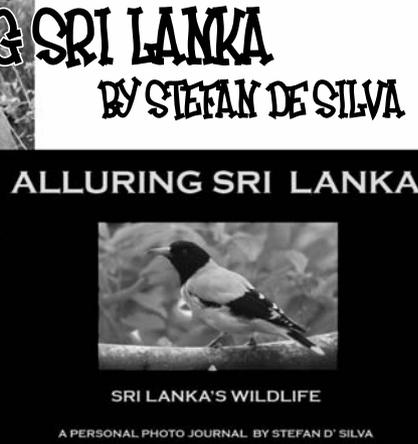
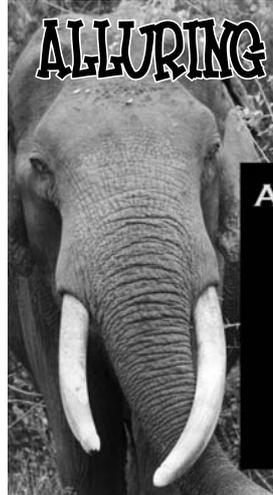
The book resonates with affection and passion for the wild diversity of Sri Lanka. It is a remarkable personal collection that deserves to be shared with all who love nature and comprehend that an overcrowded planet is struggling to manage bulging populations and diminishing wild habitat. Nevertheless, each and every one of us can play a part

in protecting what is truly ours to protect.

The author of "ALLURING SRI LANKA" Stefan De Silva was born and

Sri Lanka around the age of five. Always the adventurous spirit, as soon as he was old enough he was off on a variety of journeys within Sri Lanka with his close

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raised in Colombo attending St. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia till he migrated to Australia in April 1977 at the age of twenty one. As Stefan recalls, he became fascinated with the diversity of wildlife in

group of friends. Determined to capture the essence of Sri Lanka's wild diversity on film he started off with a 35mm camera in 1979. Somewhat unsatisfied with his early efforts he then dabbled in video

taping wildlife in the jungles of Sri Lanka over the next seven years. He returned to still photography in earnest in 1998. Commenting on his passion for wildlife Stefan asserts "I am certainly not in the league of the professional photographer; I am just an amateur enthusiast, with a lot to learn, who enjoys photographing wildlife in a beautiful, complex and exotic land".

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Stefan attends Sri Lanka at least twice a year and never fails, no matter how short the stay, to visit a National Park, game reserve or sanctuary. He also continues to be very active in developing Rugby Union at his Alma Mater. His other interests are old books, particularly on the colonial era of Sri Lanka and India. He has been a frequent visitor to the jungles of Sri Lanka over the past thirty odd years. This is his first book, with plans on the 'drawing board' for a few more. His wife of the past twenty eight years and his two children play a large part in supporting his travels to the jungles of Sri Lanka. Stefan lives with his family in Sydney.

The book which is ideal as a gift to give to Australian friends young and old (especially as a Christmas present) can be ordered through the web site www.alluringsrilanka.com or by contacting Stefan via email on stefan@alluringsrilanka.com



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