

Copy of letter No.334/84 dated 8th February 1984 from A.C. Danial Chairman, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, Special Survival Commission, Bombay to Members, Asian Elephant Specialist Group.

I give below a note from Dr. Lahiri Chowdhury Convenor of the Eastern Region task force of the group. I trust you will find it useful.

“Arunachal Pradesh Forest Department has successfully introduced a new form of elephant barrier. I was first told of this in 1983 January by Shri. A.K. Sen, A.C.F., now attached to Namdapha National Park. Here a trench 1.5m. wide and 1 m. deep is dug and coered with bamboo matting. Apparently elephants being uncertain of what is underneath to do cross this and are suspicious of “the foreign body” covering the stable ditch. In Gare and Khasi hills terrain with a red soil such trench could be cheap and efficient around areas of permanent human settlement or cultivation.

It is now in use to protect a silvicultural collection plot (bamboo etc.) under Mr. Beniwal, Silviculturist, Bundedawa”.

Sd/-
J.C. Daniel,
Chairman.

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Sd/-
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Approved for issue,

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