

# Conservation of Rusty-spotted cat in Sri Lanka



## **Project title**

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## **Project leader**

Ashan Thudugala

## **Project location**

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### **Project summary**

Ashan Thudugala is a wildlife conservationist and a primary investigator for "Save Fishing Cats Conservation Project". He is also the co-founder of "Small Cat Advocacy and Research" and a member of US-based "Fishing Cat Conservation Alliance (FCCA). Besides fishing cat, Ashan works for the conservation of Rusty-spotted cat and Jungle cat in Sri Lanka.

In this project, Ashan works with local government authorities in advancement of local rescue, rehabilitation and release (RRR) centers in Sri Lanka. He helps in building enclosures, provides medical and other support to care the rescued animals and also help to release the small wild cats back into the wild. Additionally, Ashan and his team do monitoring and community-based conservation of small wild cats in Sri Lanka.

### **Goal of Project**

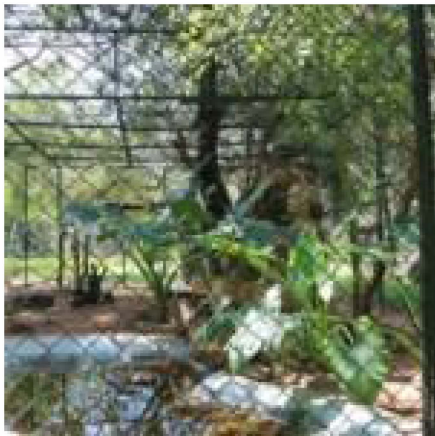
- To ensure the continual survival of Rusty-spotted and other small wild cats in the natural habitat in Sri Lanka
- Objectives of Project
- To support and coordinate with the local rescue centers for effective rescue, rehabilitation and release of Rusty-spotted and other small wild cats
  - To monitor the Rusty-spotted and sympatric small cats using camera traps
  - To raise awareness about Rusty-spotted and other small cats by conducting series of community and school outreach programs



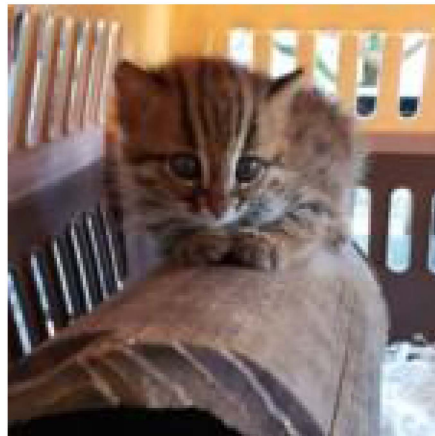
**PROJECT LEADER ASHAN SETTING UP CAMERA TRAP WITH LOCAL FIELD ASSISTANT**



**A CAMERA-TRAPPED PHOTO OF A RUSTY-SPOTTED CAT IN DUNUMADALAWA FOREST RESERVE IN CENTRAL SRI LANKA**



**ENCLOSURE IN ANURADAPURA- PERMANENT ENCLOSURE**



**ORPHAN RUSTY-SPOTTED CAT KITTEN IN THE RANDEINGALA VETERINARY FACILITY**