

DIWPA International Field Biology Course in Sri Lanka will be held!!

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We are pleased to announce that the DIWPA International Field Biology Course (IFBC) will be held in Sri Lanka in October 2026.

DIVERSITAS in the Western Pacific and Asia (DIWPA) is an international network for the promotion of cooperative studies and information exchange on biodiversity in the Western Pacific and Asia which aims to connect existing networks of people working on biodiversity and research projects in Asia and the Western Pacific. One of the main functions of DIWPA is "capacity building of scientists particularly young scientists from developing countries". In 2026, the International Field Biology Course (IFBC) will take place at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, in Sri Lanka.

DIWPA invites applications for a scholarship to attend the International Field Biology Course.

The IFBC is subject to change due to external circumstances.

Details

1. Date and schedule:
October 9-14, 2026
Participants are expected to arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on October 8, 2026
2. Accommodation:
TBA
3. Site:
University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka
4. Financial support:
DIWPA provides a scholarship that covers accommodations and travel expenses from Bandaranaike International Airport. However, due to our limited budget, participants are kindly asked to cover their own travel costs to reach Bandaranaike International Airport.
5. Application:
Applicants should be talented researchers/graduate students whose supervisor is the DIWPA member.
Applicants should prepare the following documents.
 - (1) CV
 - (2) A statement of their interests in the field of ecology
The DIWPA IFBC in Sri Lanka will include practical training on DNA analysis using the fecal samples collected in field work, focusing on sex judgement of mammals.
 - (3) A recommendation letter written by the supervisor
6. Application submission and deadline:
Submit applications to the DIWPA office by e-mail before July 7, 2026.
DIWPA Office (Attn: Seki) : diwpa@ecology.kyoto-u.ac.jp
7. Report submission:
Successful candidates will be asked to submit a report for DIWPA News Letter.

Only successful candidates will receive further details by late July 2026 via e-mail.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact us.
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