

From Tigers to Turtles: Conservation Biology in Northeastern India

A Guest Lecture by

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Dr. Firoz Ahmed is a senior scientist with **Aaranyak**, the Indian Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO) branch responsible for conservation biology in northeast India.

Ahmed will discuss his conservation and GIS research in the Assam state in northeastern India — a landscape more in common with its montane neighbors of Bhutan and China than the western preconceptions of tropical India. He will discuss the challenges of conservation research and management in remote regions and with geopolitical conflicts, as applied to his primary subjects of study: **tiger biology and herpetology**.

Ahmed received the Carl Zeiss Wildlife Conservation Award in 2011, and has previously received grants from the World Wildlife Fund and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for tiger research in Assam. He is the coauthor of the recently published *Amphibians and Reptiles of Northeast India*, and has described several new frog species in India among his many efforts in Indian conservation biology, management and public outreach.

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