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Dean, Faculty of Medicine  
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Through Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya

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Dear Dr. Rathnayake

### DEVELOP A POLYSPECIFIC ANTI SNAKE SERUM SPECIFIC FOR SRI LANKA- COLLECTION OF SNAKES

Let me thank you for granting me permission to build a serpentarium to house snakes for the purpose of milking medical grade venom that is required to develop snake antivenom. I am delighted to inform you that the construction of the serpentarium has been completed at Dambulla.

As per guidance given to me by the permit (No: WL / 3/ 2 / 1 / 7), I am hoping to initiate collecting snakes to be housed at this facility. As we are hoping to develop a snake antivenom that will cover all parts of Sri Lanka, we are compelled to collect snakes from all regions of Sri Lanka.

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The following list of personnel will help me in collecting these snakes:

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2. Mr Amal Kithruwan Wijesekera NIC: 700473350V
3. Mr. Roy Malleappah  
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4. Jerome Glen Hemhan Kiel  
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Thank you

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Dr. I. Gawarammana  
 Senior Lecturer & Consultant Physician  
 Faculty of Medicine  
 University of Peradeniya  
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Dear Dr. Gawarammana,

**Setting up of a Serpentarium for Medical Grade Venom**

This refers to your proposal on the above title submitted to this department.

Under the section 55 of the Fauna & Flora Protection Ordinance & the recommendations of the Research Committee of Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 permission is hereby granted for you to establish a Serpentarium at Dambulla as a collaborative project between DWC & University of Peradeniya, subjected to the conditions stated below.

**Conditions;**

- All activities pertaining to the management of Serpentarium should be under the guidance of National Zoological Gardens.
- Capturing snakes is allowed only from home gardens & not from Protected Areas.
- The snakes captured have to be used only for the specified purpose. Commercial exploitation is strictly prohibited.
- Accurate reports on captured species, locations, individual numbers & their health condition should be maintained.
- Strictly adhere to the provisions of the Fauna & Flora Protection Ordinance. (FFPO).
- Exportation of specimens either dead or alive, fully or parts or venom is strictly prohibited.
- Sri Lankan Government should hold the intellectual property rights of production of anti venom.
- Animals must be reared hygienically & be kept in comfort at all times.
- Harmful techniques should be avoided in extraction of venom.

Mr. S.R.B. Dissanayake, Deputy Director (Research & Training) has been assigned as the DWC Collaborator for this project.

You are requested to submit quarterly progress reports for DWC perusal.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

H.D. Ratnayake  
 Director General of Wildlife Conservation

**Copies:**

- 1) Secretary (Ministry of Agrarian services & Wildlife) - For your information pls.
- 2) Vice Chancellor (University of Peradeniya) - For your information pls.
- 3) Director (National Zoological Gardens) - For your information pls.
- 4) Deputy Director (Research & Training/ Law Enforcement/ North Central- Mahaweli)- For your information
- 5) Assistant Director (Mahaweli/ Research) - For your information

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