

## Project Update: July 2014

Please be informed that the new odonatological book with the title "*Dragonfly fauna of Sri Lanka: distribution and biology, with threat status of its endemics*" has just been published by Pensoft Publishers Ltd. Its authors are Matjaz Bedjanic, Karen Conniff, Nancy van der Poorten and Ali Salamun. The book has 321 pages and beside detailed texts it also includes hundreds of colour photographs, maps and charts. It is an Open Access publication, thus available to everyone and can be freely downloaded as a .pdf file (26 MB)...

The book is the final result of the Rufford Small Grant No. 11448-1 and without the contribution of Rufford Foundation, it wouldn't be possible to bring this long lasting work to life. I am sincerely thanking you for your personal understanding and support.

Short introduction into the contents:

*"Dragonflies are strikingly beautiful insects and small colourful pearls of Sri Lanka's remarkable biodiversity. At present, 124 species are known from the island, of which almost half are endemic. Such an extraordinary level of endemism makes Sri Lankan dragonflies an exceptionally interesting group for studies in biodiversity, zoogeography, phylogeny and ecology.*

*The book "Dragonfly fauna of Sri Lanka: distribution and biology, with threat status of its endemics" is the result of almost 20 years of the authors' work on the subject. With detailed texts and hundreds of colour photographs, maps and charts, it summarizes all the available knowledge on the distribution, taxonomy, biology and disturbing threat status of the dragonflies of Sri Lanka. It aims to raise awareness and promote interest in odonatology among a widespread and diverse community of researchers, nature conservationists and students in Sri Lanka and abroad."*

To download the book, please visit the Pensoft webpage at the link below:  
[DRAGONFLY FAUNA OF SRI LANKA: distribution and biology, with threat status of its endemics](#)