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We observed many elephants during last 3 months in the village. We found [m155] frequently at the main road at Dahaiyagala waiting till the dark comes to enter the villages.



We intensively monitored the park electric fence during field work and we found that elephants are more adaptive to modification of the park electric fence. At the beginning of this year we found elephants break the fence by knocking fence posts with their legs or trunks. After fence maintenance crew started to cover the fence posts with electric wires, making it difficult for elephants to reach the posts, now the elephants have started breaking the fence by pushing nearby trees on the electric fence.



With this hands-on experience, we understood that location, design of an electric fence and distance between fence and nearby trees are crucial for its success as a barrier for elephants.