

- Some villagers in Nepal, India and Banglaesh recommended fire to discourage elephants, particularly fire that produces much smoke.
- Other villagers at West Bengal (India), Nepal, Bangladesh said they had various ways of making noise at elephants, such as shouting, whistling, clapping, etc.
- Some Nepalese sing hymns, conduct worship, etc which makes them calm in their mind which also affects the sensitive elephant.
- Villagers in West Bengal, India changed all their habits ... they planted paddy during the night, harvested paddy very quickly, and stopped planting corn.
- If you find elephants trashing your house or garden, think before you act. They are bigger and stronger. You can't win a fight. Stand down.
- If elephants are taking something from you, think of its value!. Is it worthwhile to risk your life or your well-being for a basket of coconuts?
- There are many, many suggestions and rules for avoiding or minimising conflict with elephants in villages. The main one is to try and stay out of the way, no matter what.

Give up your rights!

All human beings are very attached to what they perceive as their "rights". Sometimes if we are very stubborn about our "rights". It leads us to do foolish things.

Demanding our rights when dealing with elephants is like shaking our fist at a *tsunami* or tornado, or terrorist attack. In some situations you have to do what is wise and what will help you survive, not what you think you are entitled to!

Imagine a man holding a coconut nearby an elephant. The elephant reaches for the coconut and the man hits out at the elephant, and the elephant hits back. Now, see the man in hospital, bandaged from head to toe still holding his coconut saying "I won!".

Giving an elephant the right of way is usually wise. Demanding your rights in some situations may cost you your life, or your backbone, or your leg.

What good are your rights then ?

Appendix 4

Conservation Conscious / Conservation Careless Zoos – Contents only

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- VIII. Principles for Positive Action – How to be a GOOD Zoo Volunteer.
- IX. Drama at the Zoo including Sample dramas.
- X. Frequently Asked Questions and Honest Answers!

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