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'Butterfly Fauna of Sri Lanka', a comprehensive guide to the butterflies of Sri Lanka, will be launched on 02 June, at 6.00 pm at the Meteorological Department auditorium in Colombo.

Authored by renowned lepidopterist, Dr. George Michael van der Poorten, and his wife Nancy, the book discusses the lives of all the butterflies in Sri Lanka (247 species) and illustrates the adults of both sexes with stunning color photographs.

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The 424-page, hard cover book, with 3,000 photographs, encompasses the remarkable and varied history of the study of butterflies in Sri Lanka and their biogeography, classification, morphology, and distribution, whilst highlighting the dire need to address the conservation of the butterflies.

Butterflies of Sri Lanka are threatened by the destructive impact of habitat loss due to clearing of forests, the extensive use of chemicals in agriculture, and invasive weeds.



Dr. van der Poorten was, inter alia, the editor of the Butterfly Conservation Action Plan of Sri Lanka (2014) and lead scientist for the national redlisting butterfly project (2012).

The book will be available for the public at a special price of Rs 6,200 at its launch.

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