

# SEMINAR

Thurs, 1 Oct 2015 | **1pm – 3pm** | DBS Conference Room 1

Hosted by Dr Frank Rheindt



## Talk 1

**A Close Run Thing: Conserving the Endemic Turtles of Myanmar**

**By Kalyar Platt and Steven G. Platt**

**Turtle Survival Alliance/Wildlife Conservation Society – Myanmar Program**



## Talk 2

**Community-based Siamese Crocodile Conservation in Lao, PDR**

**By Steven G. Platt**

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### **About the Speakers**

Kalyar Platt, PhD is the Director of the Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) Myanmar Program based in Yangon Myanmar. Kalyar is a graduate of Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok where she conducted her dissertation research on the ecology of Batagurine turtles. Kalyar is a native of Myanmar with extensive experience working in turtle conservation throughout the country. She is currently conducting conservation projects involving some of the world's most threatened turtles. Her efforts have been instrumental in arresting the decline of the endemic Burmese Roofed Turtle and restoring populations of the Burmese Star Tortoise.

Steven G. Platt, PhD is an Associate Conservation Scientist with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Myanmar Program. Steven is a graduate of Clemson University and a former Associate Professor at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. Steven has worked on a variety of crocodylian and turtle conservation projects in the United States, Central America, and Southeast Asia. He collaborates with Kalyar on turtle conservation projects in Myanmar and also participates in turtle and crocodylian conservation efforts in Laos, Cambodia, and China.