



பரிசுர அலாநனாண்ட
சுற்றாடல் அமைச்சு
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT



2025 ப்ராக்ரி லார்கால க்க 2026 த்ரியாகாரீ க்கலுக்கீம்
2025 முன்னேற்ற அறிக்கை மற்றும் 2026 செயல் திட்டம்
2025 PROGRESS REPORT AND ACTION PLAN 2026



2025 Progress Report and 2026 Action Plan

Ministry of Environment

Ministry of Environment

Dr. Dammika Patabendi
Minister of Environment

Mr. Anton Jayakody
Deputy Minister of Environment

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. K.R. Uduwawala
Secretary to the Ministry of Environment

Mr. Sudheera Jayarathne
Additional Secretary (Administration)

Mr. H M B V Herath
Additional Secretary - Administration

Ms. R H M P Abekoon
Additional Secretary (Environment policy and Planning)

Mr. D P C Udaya Kumara
Additional Secretary - Development

Mr. W D S C Weliwattha
Additional Secretary (Natural Resources)

Mrs. Chandanie Wijayawardane
Director General - Planning

Ms. W G Kumaragama
Additional Secretary (Environment Projects and Education)

Mrs. U P L D Pathirana
Director General - Investigations

Mr. R D S Jayathunga
Additional Secretary (Environment Development)

Mr. I L Somasiri
Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Sunethra Pathirathna
Chief Financial Officer

INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE MINISTRY

Department of Coastal Conservation and Coastal Resources Management

- Prof. Terney Pradeep Kumars, Director General

Department of Forest Conservation

- Mr. S C Palamkumbura, Conservator General of Forests

Department of Wildlife Conservation

- Mr. M S.L.R P Marasinghe, Director General

Department of National Zoological Gardens

- Dr. Chandna Rajapaksha, Director General

Department of National Botanic Gardens

- Mrs. H. C. P. Jayaweera, Director General

Central Environmental Authority

-Mr. Thilak Hewawasam, Chairman

-Mr. R S P Kapila Rajapaksha, Director General

Geological Survey and Mines Bureau (As per the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2458/65 dated

- Mr. J M S N Jayasinghe, Chairman

- Ms. D P R Weerakoon, Director General

Marine Environment Protection Authority

- Mr. A. J. M. Gunasekara, General Manager

State Timber Corporation

-Mr. K.P.L. Nishantha Patabendi, Chairman

-Mr. W D Samantha, General Manager (Acting)

Water Resources Board

-Mr. R. M. S. Bandara, Chairman

-Mr. R M B Somarathne, General Manager

GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Limited (As per the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2458/65 dated 18.10.2025, it has been brought under the Ministry of Industries)

- Mr. J M S N Jayasinghe, Chief Executive Officer (Acting)

Sri Lanka Climate Fund (Pvt) Limited

- Mrs. K. H. M. H. Abeyratne, Chief Executive Officer (Acting)

Message from the Hon. Minister of Environment

It is with great honour and privilege that I present this message at the presentation of the Progress Report – 2025 and Action Plan – 2026 of the Ministry of Environment to Parliament. The Ministry continues to serve as the guiding authority and pioneering institution in the creation and continuous management of a sustainable environment in Sri Lanka, with the overarching vision of safeguarding the continuity of life on Earth.

At this juncture, as our nation advances towards sustainable economic development in alignment with the policy directives of the Government, the Ministry of Environment bears a profound responsibility. It is incumbent upon the Ministry to ensure that national economic progress is achieved in harmony with environmental sustainability, thereby nurturing an environmentally conscious society that integrates ecological considerations into all spheres of economic activity.

In this endeavor, it is equally the duty of both the Government and the people of Sri Lanka to ensure that, while overcoming prevailing economic challenges, the sustainable existence of our country's ecosystems remains inviolate.

Guided by the national policy theme *"A Thriving Nation, a Beautiful Life,"* the Government remains firmly committed to protecting and conserving the environment—the lifeblood of our nation—while advancing the national economy. In the years ahead, the Ministry will continue to play a central role in implementing Sri Lanka's economic and investment priorities in a manner consistent with international environmental commitments and agreements. The creation of a sustainable environment will remain a fundamental pillar of our national development agenda as we move forward on the path to sustainable development.

The Ministry has undertaken numerous initiatives aimed at conserving the nation's water resources, identifying strategies to ensure the sustainable use of marine resources, and enhancing the understanding of interrelationships among the country's diverse ecosystems, thereby ensuring environmental continuity. Among the foremost challenges confronting us are the transboundary inflows of waste materials and the intrusion of polluted gases into the atmosphere within our territorial boundaries. These issues necessitate the strengthening of international partnerships and cooperative mechanisms to ensure their effective mitigation.

In pursuit of these objectives, the Ministry and its affiliated institutions are steadfastly committed to ensuring that all development activities are conducted in an environmentally sustainable manner. Continuous efforts are being made to review, regulate, and update existing environmental laws and regulations to meet contemporary needs, while formulating new legislative frameworks that secure enduring benefits for the present and future generations of Sri Lanka. I take this opportunity to convey my sincere appreciation to the entire staff of the Ministry of Environment and its affiliated institutions for their unwavering commitment, professionalism, and dedication towards the realization of these national objectives.



Dr. Dammika Patabendi (MP)

Minister of Environment

Message from the Hon. Deputy Minister of Environment

It is with great honour and pleasure that I extend this message as the Deputy Minister of Environment, in presenting the 2025 Progress Report and 2026 Action Plan of the Ministry of Environment—an important milestone in our collective efforts to protect Sri Lanka's natural heritage and advance the cause of sustainable development. .

The protection of the environment and the pursuit of sustainable development for future generations must rest upon the shared commitment and cooperation of all. Sri Lanka occupies a distinguished position in the global environmental sphere owing to its unique biodiversity and diverse ecosystems. However, in the face of growing challenges such as climate change, deforestation, pollution, and habitat degradation, it is imperative that we further strengthen our national efforts to safeguard the environment while maintaining a resilient and sustainable economy. Therefore, the continued promotion of innovative ideas and proactive measures in sustainable resource management and environmental stewardship remains a foremost priority. Through collective and determined action, we can bequeath to future generations a healthy environment and a secure, sustainable future.



Furthermore, the Ministry and all its affiliated institutions are working collaboratively to devise and implement effective measures to address the human–elephant conflict in Sri Lanka, while ensuring sustainable and community-based solutions that protect both people and wildlife. The meaningful engagement of children and youth is of particular importance in identifying Sri Lanka's current and future environmental priorities and in strengthening resilience to the impacts of climate change. Accordingly, the Ministry continues to focus on promoting practical, experiential, and community-based learning approaches that foster environmental awareness and responsibility among the younger generation.

Our collective goal must be to build a cleaner, greener Sri Lanka by enhancing conservation initiatives to protect endangered species and habitats, reducing our national carbon footprint, and advancing energy sustainability through the promotion of renewable energy projects. At the same time, effective waste management programs, along with a culture of recycling and reuse, must be fostered to ensure the long-term health and productivity of our environment. The Ministry of Environment remains fully committed to achieving these objectives.

In our journey toward realizing the national vision of *"A Thriving Nation, a Beautiful Life,"* it is essential that we work together to expand green initiatives, strengthen resilience against climate impacts, and further enhance international cooperation to support sustainable industries and inclusive growth.

Accordingly, I extend my sincere appreciation to the staff of the Ministry of Environment, its affiliated institutions, and all stakeholders for their steadfast dedication and invaluable contribution towards building a greener and more sustainable Sri Lanka.

Anton Jayakodi (MP)

Deputy Minister of Environment

Message from the Secretary to the Ministry of Environment

It is with great honour and pleasure that I issue this message as the Secretary to the Ministry of Environment, accompanying the Progress Report 2025 and Action Plan 2026 of the Ministry of Environment. This Report presents a comprehensive account of the progress achieved in the implementation of programs and projects by the Departments and Institutions functioning under the Ministry up to September 2025, with the overarching objective of conserving and protecting the environment in support of the nation's sustainable development goals. It also sets out the strategic Action Plan of the Ministry for the year 2026.



In pursuit of Sri Lanka's commitments under the Paris Agreement, and in close collaboration with other Ministries, Government agencies, and non-governmental organizations, the Ministry of Environment has identified Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation plans to strengthen the country's response to the risks and impacts of climate change. These contributions have been duly submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Ministry has already commenced the necessary actions to transform Sri Lanka into a net zero carbon by 2050, and continues to serve as the guiding institution in steering this national endeavors.

A number of key initiatives are presently being implemented with the objective of increasing the country's forest cover from 29% to 32%. Measures are also being undertaken to identify and declare integrated forest and wildlife conservation zones, establish new protected areas, and promote the conservation and restoration of ecosystems. These actions are expected to strengthen wetland conservation, enhance ecological stability, and further contribute to the development of sustainable tourism within the country.

In addition, the Ministry has successfully implemented a broad spectrum of initiatives, including biodiversity conservation programs, air resource management, solid waste management and pollution control, chemical and hazardous waste management, sustainable land use management, and environmental regulation. It is particularly noteworthy that the Ministry has secured substantial financial and technical assistance from a range of local and international institutions for the effective implementation of these initiatives an achievement of great significance in advancing the nation's environmental agenda.

Under the leadership and guidance of the Hon. Minister and Hon. Deputy Minister of Environment, the Departments and Statutory Institutions under the purview of the Ministry will continue to formulate, strengthen, and implement policies relating to environmental conservation and management, in accordance with national legislation, regulations, and international environmental conventions. These institutions will be further empowered to promote sound environmental governance and ensure the effective protection of the country's natural resources.

Looking ahead, the Ministry will continue to work collaboratively with other Ministries, Government agencies, and non-governmental organizations to advance Sri Lanka's sustainable development objectives. I take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to all officers for their continued commitment and support, and I look forward to their valuable cooperation in the successful implementation of the Action Plan 2026 of the Ministry of Environment.

Mr. K.R. Uduwawala

Secretary

Ministry of Environment

	Content	Page No
1.	Chapter 1	01
1.1	Introduction	01
1.2	Vision and Mission of the Ministry	02
1.3	Major Functions	03
1.4	Organizational Chart	04
2.	Chapter 2—Progress	06
2.1	Progress of programs implemented by each division of the Ministry	06
2.1.1	Environmental policy analysis and Action plans	06
2.1.2	Conservation of Biodiversity in Sri Lanka	06
2.1.3	Overcoming the Challenges of Climate Change	07
2.1.4	Air Resources Management	08
2.1.5	Environment Planning and Economic	08
2.1.6	Environment Pollution Control and Chemical Management	10
2.1.7	Conservation of Natural Resources	11
2.1.8	Environmental education and awareness	11
2.1.9	International Environmental Relations	13
2.1.10	Commemorations of Environment Days	14
2.1.11	Establishment matters	15
2.1.12	Human Resource Development	16
2.1.13	Internal audit	16
2.1.14	Public complaints, appeals and media reports on environmental issues	17
2.1.15	Legal Affairs	17
2.2	Progress of the projects under the Ministry of Environment	18
2.2.1	Project on “Managing Together: Integrating Community –centered Ecosystem-based Approaches in to Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors”	18
2.2.2	Strengthening National -level institution and professional capacity of country parties towards enhanced UNCCD monitoring and reporting - GEF 7 EA umbrella IV	19
2.2.3	Implementation of Montreal Protocol in Sri Lanka.	19
2.2.4	Integrated Management and Environmentally Sound Disposal of POPs Pesticides in Sri Lanka's Agriculture Sector and Mercury and Waste in the Healthcare Sector	20
2.2.5	Strengthening National Capacity for phasing Out Mercury Added Products and environmentally Sound Management of Waste consisting of, contaminated with and containing Mercury in Sri Lanka	21
2.2.6	Project on Development of Enhanced Transparency Framework for Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use Sectors	21
2.2.7	Development and Submission of Sri Lanka's First and Second Biennial Transparency Reports and National Communications to the UNFCCC	22

	Page No
2.2.8 Regional Project on Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka and India to the increased impacts of Climate Change	22
2.2.9 Project on “Partnerships and Innovative Financing to Mainstream Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Management in the Wet Climatic Zone of Sri Lanka”	22
2.3 Progress of the Institutions under the Ministry of Environment	24
2.3.1 Central Environment Authority	24
2.3.2 Geological Survey And Mines Bureau	26
2.3.3 GSMB Technical Services (Pvt.) Ltd.	29
2.3.4 Sri Lanka Climate Fund (Pvt) Ltd	31
2.3.5 Department of Coastal Conservation and Coastal Resources Management	33
2.3.6 Marine Environment Protection Authority	34
2.3.7 Department of National Botanic Gardens	36
2.3.8 Water Resources Board	38
2.3.9 Wildlife and forest conservation division	40
2.3.10 Department of Wildlife Conservation	49
2.3.11 Department of Forest Conservation	53
2.3.12 Department of National Zoological Gardens	55
2.3.13 State Timber Corporation	58
2.3.14 Financial Progress	60
3 Chapter 3	62
Action Plan 2026	63

Chapter 01

1. 1 Introduction

The Ministry of Environment was established through Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2412/08, issued on 25.11.2024 by His Excellency the President. Subsequently, all institutions related to environmental affairs were brought under its purview. The Ministry has been entrusted with key responsibilities, including the conservation of forests, wildlife, and wetlands; promoting public awareness of sustainable environmental development; protecting wetlands and mangroves; enhancing forest density and expanding forest coverage; preventing environmental pollution; and leveraging modern management practices and technology to develop and enforce environmental policies and legislation. These efforts aim to implement strategies and execute activities aligned with sustainable development, minimizing environmental changes and carbon emissions. Currently, the Ministry is led by Dr. Dammika Patabendi, the Minister of Environment, and Mr. Anton Jayakody, the Deputy Minister.

The Ministry of Environment plays a pivotal role in shaping policies related to environmental management in alignment with government laws, ordinances, and national policies to foster a "Sustainable Environment." It also oversees the implementation of projects under the national budget, public investments, and national development programs.

The Ministry of Environment, and its affiliated institutions, is implementing the institutional, legal, and technical frameworks of the national system under the guidance and leadership of the Hon. Minister to the ministry of Environment. These initiatives aim to realize a sustainable biosphere for the future generations of Sri Lanka by promoting the sustainable utilization of natural resources in a manner that balances socio-economic development with environmental conservation. The Ministry is further committed to adopting participatory approaches in sustainable management, minimizing the adverse impacts of climate change, and fostering a healthy society and environment through the enhancement of knowledge, skills, attitudes, and mindsets.



To achieve these objectives, the Ministry of Environment, in partnership with key organizations such as the Department of Coastal Conservation and Coastal Resources Management, Department of Forest Conservation, Department of Wildlife Conservation, Department of National Zoological Gardens, Department of National Botanic Gardens, Central Environmental Authority, Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, Marine Environment Protection Authority, State Timber Corporation, Water Resources Board, GSMB Technical Services (Private) Limited, and Sri Lanka Climate Fund (Private) Limited, is dedicated to strengthening the institutional, legal, and technical frameworks across the state apparatus. This collaborative effort aims to sustainably and economically enhance the standard of living while minimizing environmental impacts resulting from the nation’s accelerated economic growth and evolving lifestyles.

This report outlines the achievements in development and conservation initiatives undertaken in 2025 by all departments and projects of the Ministry of Environment and affiliated institutions within its expanded purview. Additionally, it presents the action plan for 2026, highlighting the Ministry's commitment to fostering sustainable progress in harmony with environmental stewardship.

1.2 1.2 Vision, Mission



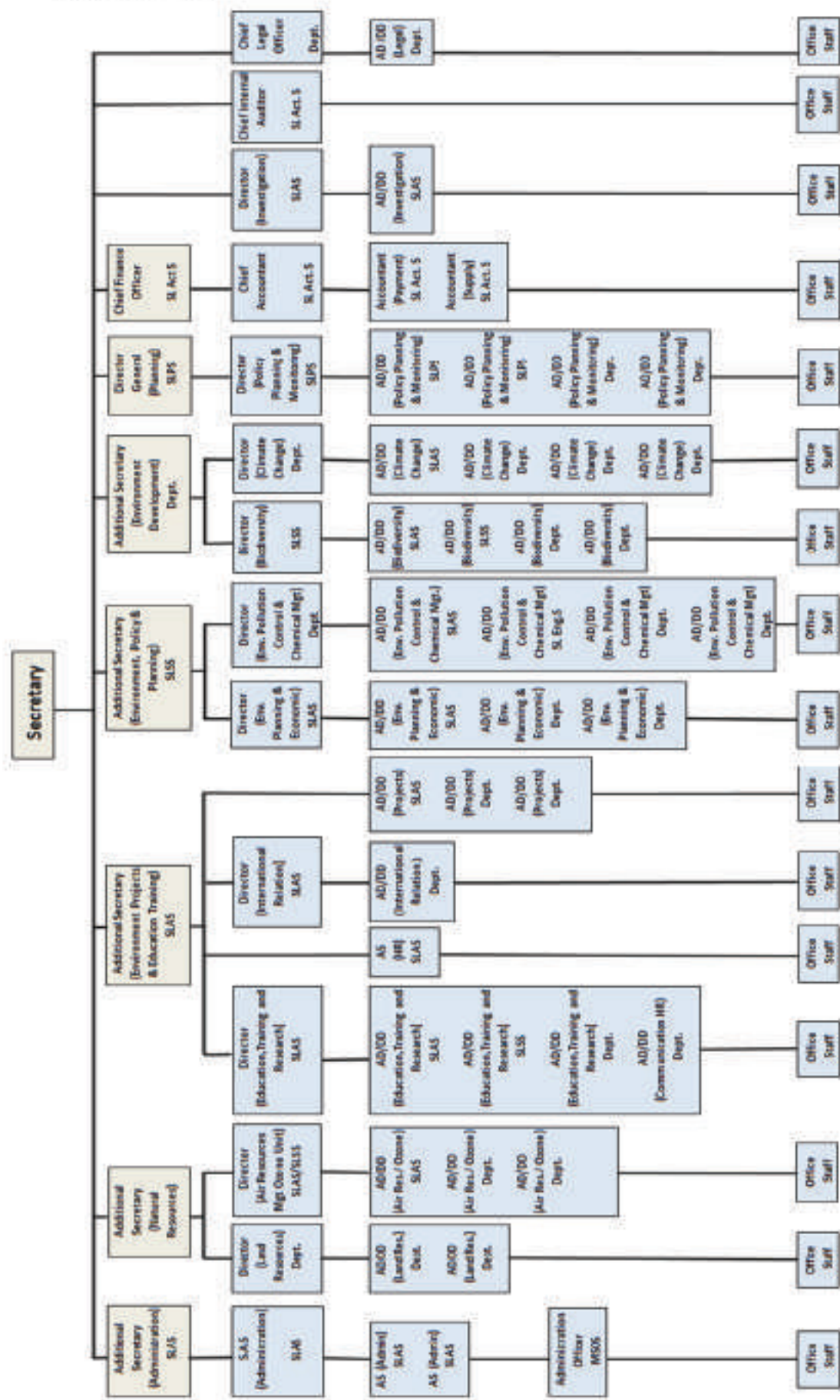
Mission

Implementing National Initiatives on Environmental Management, Wildlife Conservation, In Situ Forest Conservation, Ex-Situ Conservation of Flora and Fauna, Coastal Conservation and Management, Marine Environmental Pollution Control, Land Resource Management, Groundwater Resource Management, Promoting a Sustainable Timber Industry, Contributing to the Achievement of Carbon Neutrality, While Providing Leadership for the Conservation and Sustainable use of Natural Resources in Alignment with International Commitments on Climate Change and Environmental Conservation.

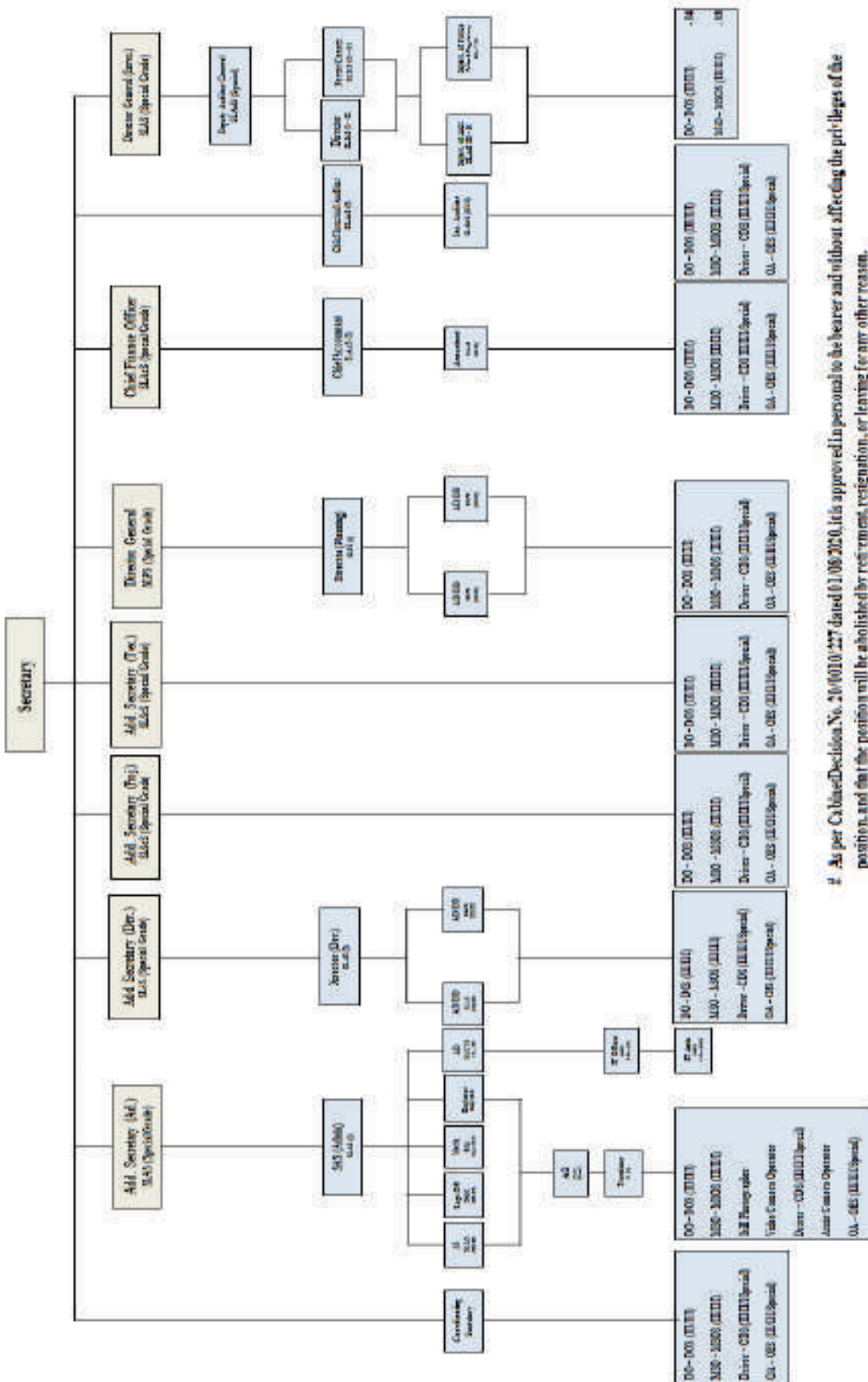
1.3 Major Functions of the Ministry of Environment:

- Notifying relevant stakeholders regarding the development of policies and plans for environmental conservation and management, and ensuring their effective implementation.
- Sustainably managing and making wise use of natural resources (including biodiversity, water, air, soil, and minerals, etc) while striving to achieve Sri Lanka's development goals, by minimizing the impacts of climate change and environmental pollution.
- Develop policies and legislation, and implement strategies to address environmental changes while promoting sustainable development and transitioning towards a low-carbon economy.
- Raising public awareness at the national level regarding the significance of sustainable environmental concepts and other key environmental processes.
- Undertaking research on the environmental impacts of policy implementation, analyzing the findings, and disseminating the information to relevant sectors, including the general public.
- To foster an environment conducive to the engagement of governmental and non-governmental sectors, as well as the public, by utilizing modern management methods and technologies for effective environmental management, with a focus on the protection and conservation of wetlands, mangrove ecosystems, forests, wildlife, and vegetation.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive, integrated system in collaboration with rural communities to protect villages and settlements, minimize damage to homes, property, and crops caused by wild animals, and prevent wild elephant-human conflicts.
- Developing monitoring methodologies for the environment and natural resources sector and implementing effective strategies for environmental management based on the insights gathered through monitoring activities.
- Ensuring the fulfillment of Sri Lanka's international obligations under the multilateral environmental conventions signed by Sri Lanka with a focus on benefiting present and future generations, and taking proactive measures to enhance international relations.

1.4 Organizational Chart – Ministry of Environment
Environment



Wildlife and Forest Resources



As per Cabot Decision No. 20-0010-227 dated 01/09/2020, it is approved in personal to the bearer and without affecting the privileges of the position, and that the position will be abolished by retirement, resignation, or leaving for any other reason.

02 Chapter – Progress

2.1 Progress of Programs Implemented by Each Division of the Ministry of Environment

2.1.1 Environmental Policy Analysis and Action Plans

Green Public Procurement Programme

The Ministry of Environment, in collaboration with key stakeholders including the Ministry of Finance and the National Procurement Commission, has developed the National Policy on Green Public Procurement. Awareness programs are being conducted for government officials to prepare them for the implementation of green public procurement.

Prioritization of goods and service categories has been carried out to implement the initial phase of green procurement, and based on these priorities, it is planned to prepare green procurement guidelines in 2026.

Implementation of the National Framework on Eco-Labeling

The National Framework for Eco-Labeling in Sri Lanka has been developed by the Ministry of Environment with key stakeholders, including the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB) and the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI). General criteria for the framework have been drafted, and plans are underway to adopt these criteria and develop product-specific standards. In parallel, programs to raise awareness among stakeholders in both the public and private sectors are expected to be implemented.

Preparation of an Action Plan on Sustainable Nitrogen Management

With the support of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Sri Lanka has taken steps to prepare a draft of a National Nitrogen Management Plan for Nitrogen Management. This plan was designed in accordance with the decisions of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and national environmental policies. In preparing this plan, the support of stakeholders such as the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Industry, and the Ministry of Power and Energy was obtained.

Development of Climate Prosperity Plan (CPP)

The Climate Prosperity Plan (CPP) is CVF-V20's flagship initiative designed to support climate-vulnerable nations transform climate risks into bankable opportunities. In 2022, Sri Lanka developed its CPP as an integrated agenda for economic transformation and submitted it as the country's official Long-Term Strategy under the UNFCCC.



This year, Sri Lanka has initiated an update of its CPP to ensure it reflects current realities, integrates stakeholder perspectives, and incorporates the latest scientific research.

2.1.2 Conservation of Biodiversity in Sri Lanka

Twenty-five (25) National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs) were prepared in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Based on these, the Ministry is updating the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP).

The Ratnapura Museum Palaeobiodiversity Park, Kitulgala Belilena, and Bundala Pathirajawela were developed as palaeo-tourism destinations in collaboration with key government institutions and UNDP. An awareness workshop for officials and tour guides was held in Ratnapura. An awareness workshop for government officials and tour guides was conducted in Ratnapura with the objective of promoting tourism and increasing the number of visitors to these destinations.

A workshop on strengthening the National Policy on Access to Biological Material and Fair and Equitable Benefit Sharing was held on 31 July 2025 in Gannoruwa. A technical working group was appointed to address legal aspects of policy implementation.

2.1.3 Overcoming the Challenges of Climate Change

In 2025, the Climate Change Secretariat prepared and submitted Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0) to the UNFCCC. It was prepared for 16 sectors including greenhouse gas mitigation sectors such as transport, industry, energy, waste management, agriculture, and forestry and also for adaptation sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, livestock, water, biodiversity, coastal and marine, health, urban planning and human settlements, tourism and recreation and include the loss and damage sector as cross cutting sector.

Furthermore, in this year, the National Adaptation Plan for 13 sectors was updated to be implemented from 2025–2030 to minimize climate vulnerabilities. In addition, 9 Provincial Adaptation Plans were prepared for each province, identifying specific climate issues and required actions, to enhance the resilience of vulnerable communities at the provincial level.

The project for the development of an enhanced transparency framework for agriculture, forestry, and other land use sectors is being implemented by the Ministry of Environment with financial support from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization under a Global Environment Facility grant. Under this initiative, an Enhanced Transparency Framework data system has been developed to obtain the data and information required for reporting progress on Nationally Determined Contributions related to agriculture, forestry, and other land use sectors, greenhouse gas inventories, and progress on greenhouse gas mitigation measures and climate change adaptation measures.

The Climate Change Secretariat of the Ministry of Environment, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Centre, conducted a three-day Project Proposal Development Workshop at the Waters Edge Hotel, Battaramulla. The primary objective of this workshop was to enhance the participants' knowledge and skills in developing project proposals aimed at securing climate finance for national initia-

tives. As an outcome, four concept papers were formulated covering the sectors of agriculture, forestry, transport, and waste management.

Furthermore, the second session of the aforementioned workshop on concept paper development was held at the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM), Borella, on 30 June and 1 July 2025. This session was organized with the objective of further strengthening the technical capacity of the Project Proposal Development Working Group (PPD-WG) in Sri Lanka.

The Youth Climate Negotiations Training

The training aimed to empower youth with knowledge, skills, and confidence to participate actively in international climate processes, marking a significant step in developing future climate leaders for Sri Lanka. The Youth Climate Negotiations. Sri Lanka to build their capacity to engage effectively in UNFCCC climate negotiations. Organized by the Ministry of Environment's Climate Change Secretariat, UNICEF, and the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub.

GCF Second NDA Readiness Project

The proposal for the second readiness project was submitted Green Climate Fund (GCF) by Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Global Water Partnership (GWP). Accreditation Help Desk and Project development working Group were established. Climate Smart Green Growth Strategy and Investment Plan developed and three concept notes were developed under this project.

Green Climate Fund Related Activities

Mr. Anurag Mishra, Sub-Regional Lead, East and South Asia of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), concluded his official mission to Sri Lanka (16–18 July 2025) with a courtesy call to the Secretary of the Ministry of Environment. During this meeting, which was also attended by senior officials from the Ministry, he shared the objectives and outcomes of his visit and reaffirmed the GCF's continued support to Sri Lanka's climate action agenda.

No Objection letter was issued for GCF concept note Climate Resilience Fisheries in Sri Lanka.

2.1.4 Air Resource Management

Capacity Development for Air Quality Management

Under the French technical assistance project, a capacity development program was implemented to enhance evidence-based strategies and policy improvements for air quality management in the Colombo urban area.

By the end of September 2025, a high-precision multi-pollutant monitoring instrument was installed near Colombo Fort, operated by the Central Environmental Authority (CEA). Additionally, advanced air pollution calibration systems and modern low-cost micro-sensor systems were provided to the National Building Research Organization (NBRO) and CEA to expand the air quality monitoring network across Sri Lanka.

These systems enable measurement of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, NO_x, SO_x, CO, and ozone levels. It was confirmed that in some urban areas, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations exceeded standard limits on certain days.

Field Study Program on Air Pollution Control for Small and Medium-Scale Industrial Operators

On 30 September 2025, a one-day field study tour was held at the Thulhiriya Export Processing Zone (MAS Fabric Park), attended by approximately 50 participants from Kurunegala and Kegalle districts, including officers from CEA and Provincial Environmental Authorities. Best industrial practices and air pollution control methods were demonstrated.

Marking the 2025 World Ozone Day theme “40 Years of the Vienna Convention: From Science to Global Action,” the celebration was held on 16 September 2025 at the Ministry of Environment, chaired by Dr. Dammika Patabendi, Hon. Minister of Environment, and attended by other distinguished invitees. During the event, the draft national safety standards for the safe handling of flammable and toxic refrigerants and equipment containing them were officially launched and submitted to the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) for approval.

In collaboration with the National Ozone Unit and the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC), learner guides and trainer guides were also officially launched to facilitate trainees in obtaining NVQ Levels 1–3 qualifications in the fields of Automobile Heating, Venti-

lation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technician, Reefer Container Technician, and Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Serviceman.

To commemorate World Ozone Day in the national level, T-shirts, reusable carry bags, and pens with messages promoting ozone layer protection were produced and distributed to raise public awareness.

2.1.5 Environment Planning and Economics

Eco Products & Green Jobs Promotion Programme

Under this programme, a series of awareness programs are being conducted at Divisional Secretariat levels to engage micro, small, and medium-scale industrialists and entrepreneurs. process. These programs guide participants to Minimize environmental damages during production processes, Improve resource and energy efficiency, Enhance the green profile of industries by demonstrating the negative consequences of rapid consumption of natural resources.



Program held at the Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat, Ratnapura District

Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation and Sustenance of Ecosystem Services in Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs)

Under this program, a capacity-building residential workshop for divisional administrative officers was conducted with the support of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA). The workshop also included a field study tour to 30 environmentally sensitive areas identified within the Western Province. Meetings on ESA Database and Website Development were conducted with Wayamba University, Natural Resources Management Division, and relevant stakeholders to develop and update an ESA database and

server facilities. Nationwide ESA mapping outside the Protected Area Network is ongoing, supported by a database and website as decision-making tools. To date, 139 ESAs have been identified through scientific analysis of range-restricted fauna. Assessments of flora are ongoing, with virtual stakeholder consultations conducted. The National Guidelines for ESA implementation in Sri Lanka have been drafted, incorporating stakeholder consultations to ensure practicality and inclusiveness.



Capacity Building Residential Workshop for divisional Administrative Officers

Implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

To achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) with emission reduction targets have been submitted. Market mechanisms under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement are being introduced to achieve these targets.

Climate Finance Awareness Session
Organized by the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Environment, and Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), this session aimed to enhance knowledge on sustainable finance and carbon markets. Over 50 officials participated, including Ministry Secretaries, Directors, and senior officials from relevant institutions



Awareness Sessions on Climate Finance Tools, Including Carbon Trading

National Green Reporting System (NGRS)

Promoting sustainable practices in production and service sectors has become a national necessity in Sri Lanka. To support this, the Ministry established the National Green Reporting System (NGRS) in 2012.

- Updating the second version of Green Reporting guidelines to align with ESG reporting, supported by the UNIDO-EU Accelerating Industries' Climate Response Sri Lanka (AICRSL) project.
- Validation and approval of revised guidelines by the NGRS Steering Committee.
- Initiation of development for evaluation criteria and mechanisms to assure sustainability reporting.
- Registration of new entrepreneurs, manufacturers, and service providers.
- Preparation of an online E-version of NGRS for publication



Validation Workshop on the Revised National Green Reporting Guideline

Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Programme

Sri Lanka, as a member of the United Nations, follows frameworks such as the UN 10-Year Framework of Programmes (10 YFP) and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

- The National Policy on Sustainable Consumption and Production (adopted in 2019) aims to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation.
- Awareness program at the Ministry Auditorium on 03.09.2025 to promote a new institutional culture towards sustainable consumption and production.
- Installation of three plastic bottle collection containers on ministry premises.

- Distribution of fruit plants and introduction of Eco Bricks to recycle non-reusable polythene, in collaboration with private sector and NGOs

2.1.6 Environment Pollution and Chemical Management

Meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC 5.2) for the Development of an International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution, including the Marine Environment, was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 5-14 August 2025 and a delegation including the Honorable Minister and the Secretary of Ministry of Environment participated in that, representing Sri Lanka, where it was requested that global cooperation should be improved regarding the following matters.

- Strengthening science-policy interface
- Support public awareness campaigns
- Facilitate technology exchange programs and policy development

Overcoming the global crisis of plastic pollution requires a comprehensive approach to the entire life cycle of plastics and the provision of active mechanisms for its implementation, especially for developing countries. It was also stated that Sri Lanka is ready to work with all partners to create a global agreement that is inclusive and responsive, meeting the needs of the most vulnerable. Furthermore, at the session of the Environment Ministers of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, the Government of Japan expressed its willingness to provide assistance for conducting a study on mercury management and mercury flows in Sri Lanka. This project was planned to be implemented in 2026.

At the request of the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, and Local Government issued a circular pertaining to solid waste management. The Public Administration Circular No. 09/2025, titled "Regularization of Solid Waste Management Activities in Government Institutions," was issued on 2 April 2025.

the 3R concept in government institutions, waste collection and disposal and awareness of the process as well as capacity development of

officials. Similarly, instructions have been

given on the follow-up after implementation in government institutions.

The National Steering Committee on Plastics and Plastic Waste Management was established and its first meeting convened for policy and decision-making both nationally and internationally.

Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm, Minamata National Coordinating Committee held three sessions on 2025.03.05, 2025.04.09 and 2025.07.31. There, it was decided to implement cabinet decision of the Cabinet Memorandum No. ENV/ADM/02/02/05/CM/2025-01 and dated 09.01.2025 submitted under the heading "Control/Prohibition of Import of Used Cloths" and Cabinet decision No. APA/25/0070/826/001 received on 04.02.2025. According to those decisions, an annual quota system was introduced and it was also decided to phase out the import of used clothes by the end of 2027.

Under this program, an awareness workshop was held for 50 plastic recycling entrepreneurs registered under the Western Provincial Waste Management Authority covering Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara districts.

Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm, Minamata National Coordinating Committee held three sessions on 2025.03.05, 2025.04.09 and 2025.07.31. There, it was decided to implement cabinet decision of the Cabinet Memorandum No. ENV/ADM/02/02/05/CM/2025-01 and dated 09.01.2025 submitted under the heading "Control/Prohibition of Import of Used Cloths" and Cabinet decision No. APA/25/0070/826/001 received on 04.02.2025. According to those decisions, an annual quota system was introduced and it was also decided to phase out the import of used clothes by the end of 2027.

Under this program, an awareness workshop was held for 50 plastic recycling entrepreneurs registered under the Western Provincial Waste Management Authority covering Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara districts.

2.1.7 Conservation of Natural Resources

Drought Preparedness Programs

The Ministry of Environment serves as the National Focal Point for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). At the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the global community introduced strategic objectives for drought mitigation and the Ministry of Environment took the necessary steps to implement these strategic plans in a manner appropriate to the country.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Environment, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, prepared the necessary plans to develop a drought preparedness mechanism. All stakeholders provided support to achieve the target and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations provided the necessary financial and technical assistance through the regional project of “GEF -7 Enabling Activities for Implementing UNCCD COP Drought Decisions”. Under this project, necessary steps have been taken to establish a technical committee to implement a drought preparedness mechanism with the participation of stakeholders.

2.1.8 Environmental Education and Awareness

Publication and Distribution of the “Soba” Environmental Magazine

The Ministry annually publishes the “Soba” Environmental Magazine. The first issue for 2025, themed “Beat Plastic Pollution,” was released to coincide with World Environment Day on June 5, 2025.

The magazine is distributed to school libraries, public libraries, government institutions, and local authorities.



“Soba Chalana Sithuwam” Short Film and “Soba Seya” Environmental Photography Competitions

The Soba Seya Environmental Photography Competition is organized under the theme “Let’s see nature artistically”.

A short film production training workshop for the registered contestants was held successfully on August 11, 2025, at the Ministry Auditorium, with the participation of around 200 applicants. Winners of these competitions will be selected and awarded at the end of the year.

Pollinator Conservation

A workshop on pollinator conservation in coconut lands was held on 26 May 2025 at the Ministry to enhance awareness among planters and stakeholders. The objective of this initiative is to identify gaps in pollinator conservation and to enhance awareness of their vital role in improving coconut productivity.

Blue Carbon Ecosystems Conservation

A training and field study on mangrove and salt marsh conservation were conducted on 20–21 June 2025 in Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi Districts.

National Red List Awareness

With the objective of promoting the conservation of threatened plant species, an awareness program for government officials on the updated National Red Data List was conducted at the Henarathgoda Botanical Gardens, Gampaha, on 18 June 2025. The program also included a practical session providing participants with a hands-on introduction to the identification of threatened plant species.

Furthermore, a three-day residential workshop was conducted from 8 to 10 September 2025, supported by experts, to update the conservation status of various fauna species.

Wetland Conservation

An awareness session for schoolchildren and teachers on wetland ecosystems was held on 27 August 2025 in Gampaha.

Control of Invasive Alien Species

From February to September 2025, a series of awareness programs on the control and management of the giant mimosa, a plant widespread in the wet zone, were conducted for government officials in the Colombo, Kalutara, Kegalle, Gampaha, and Ratnapura districts.

Stakeholder Consultative and Progress Review Meetings

Consultative Meetings and Progress Review with Stakeholders. The Air Resources Management Center conducted consultative meetings with stakeholders and organized a progress review meeting on the National Environmental Action Plan (2022–2030). A joint progress review program on the Vehicle Emission Testing Fund with CEA and NBRO.

Awareness and Training Programs on Indoor Air Quality Management

Based on the Indoor Air Quality Management Guidelines published by the Ministry of Environment in 2022, awareness and training programs were conducted in Kalutara, Colombo, Kilinochchi and Ampara districts from May to August 2025.



Awareness program for public health inspectors

Development officers, public health inspectors, officials from the Urban Development Authority and the Central Environmental Authority participated. The programs raised awareness about air pollution, health impacts, air quality management, and indoor air quality.

District-Level Air Quality Management Projects

A Ministry committee selected suitable project concept notes for each district. Seven projects were funded and implemented in 2025. For example, the Central Environmental Authority, in collaboration with the Jaffna District Secretariat, conducted awareness programs for government teachers, officers, and industrialists on 15, 23, and 29 July 2025 to educate participants on air pollution and its related health issues. The programs were successfully completed, and the final report was submitted.

Eco Products & Green Jobs Promotion Programme

Under this programme, a series of awareness

programs are being conducted at Divisional Secretariat levels to engage micro, small, and medium-scale industrialists and entrepreneurs. These programs guide participants to Minimize environmental damages during production processes. Improve resource and energy efficiency. Enhance the green profile of industries by demonstrating the negative consequences of rapid consumption of natural resources. Specific awareness programs for coconut-based industries and green entrepreneurs were conducted at the Embilipitiya and Beliatta Divisional Secretariats. Activities included: Obtaining standard certifications for coconut kernel, coconut shell pieces, coir dust, coconut fiber ornaments, decorative designs, desiccated coconut, and coconut oil production. Guidance on business registration and marketing value-added products. Clarification of environmental protection license procedures and pollution prevention measures, supported by the Central Environmental Authority.

Awareness about low-interest/concessionary loan schemes (E-FRIEND) provided by the Ministry of Industries and Entrepreneurship Development to enhance the green profile of industries. Additionally, promotion of eco-friendly alternatives to plastic and polythene products, and behavioral and attitudinal awareness programs on sustainable living for rural communities were conducted.

In conjunction with World Environment Day, environmental project proposals were called from Divisional Secretariats covering the entire island. Allocation values were given for 320 selected environmental projects and the implementation of those projects was carried out under the leadership of the relevant Divisional Secretaries during the Environment Week.

- Under the Clean Sri Lanka program, the Ministry of Defense conducted a cybersecurity audit and awareness program on government institutions at the Ministry Auditorium.
- A training workshop for media coordinating officers of the Ministry and its affiliated institutions was held to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of media communication, facilitated by experts in the media field.
- The Ministry of Environment conducted an awareness program for teacher trainees at Pulathisipura College of Education, focusing on enhancing their understanding of environmentally sensitive subjects.

- The Ministry organized a series of lectures at the Ministry Auditorium on current environmental policies, urban sustainability and associated economic considerations, and urban ecosystem management for the students and faculty of the Faculty of Urban and Aquatic Bioresources, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
- Under the theme "Let's end pollution caused by the use of plastic and polythene", awareness programs were conducted throughout the island with the participation of environmental officers at the Divisional Secretariats. Under this, approximately 30,700 students were educated through 307 programs.



Conduct awareness programs

2.1.9 International Environmental Relation

The following projects have been approved for funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

- Sustainable Regenerative and resilient rice-based Food Systems to Strengthen Community and Ecosystem Health in Three river basins of Sri Lanka.
- Climate Smart Sustainable cities
- Promoting sustainable economic benefits through the conservation of critical biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Eastern Coastal Region of Sri Lanka
- GEF Small Grant Programme
- Addressing marine hypoxia in the Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem by reducing land-based agricultural pollution in the north-west of Sri Lanka
- Development of the first Biennial Transparency Report, the Second Biennial Transparency Report and Fourth National Communication of Sri Lanka to UNFCCC

Diplomatic Meetings

Meeting between Hon. Minister of Environment and the British High Commissioner held on 03 January 2025.

Meeting between the Secretary to the Ministry of Environment and Mr. Kamoshida Naoaki, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, held on 05 May 2025.

Meeting between Hon. Minister of Environment and H.E. the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Sri Lanka held on 18 August 2025.



Diplomatic meeting between the British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka

Sixth Asia Pacific Forum UNEP



The Hon. Minister of Environment, Dr. Damika Patabendi participated in the Sixth Asia-Pacific Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities in Nadi, Fiji, from 26–29 August 2025. At the Forum, Sri Lanka handed over the Chairmanship of the Fifth Forum. The Minister also held key bilateral meetings, emphasizing the need for international collaboration to support Sri Lanka's environmental goals as a climate-vulnerable island nation.

At the 6th Asia-Pacific Forum, Sri Lanka delegation met UNEP Deputy Executive Director Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, strengthening UNEP support to Sri Lanka and Mongolia's Minister Batbaatar Bat to discuss cooperation on sustainable cities, nitrogen management,

NDC updates, and land degradation. They sought and explored joint UNCCD efforts for stronger regional action.

The Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka submitted the resolution titled “Enhancing the Meaningful Participation of Children and Youth in Environmental and Climate Change Action.” It aims to promote intergenerational equity in environmental governance by formalizing youth participation in national and international decision-making. The resolution also focuses on integrating environmental and climate topics into education, emphasizing practical and community-based learning. Additionally, it proposes expanding access to resources and technical support for youth-led initiatives, ensuring young people are empowered and actively involved in shaping climate and environmental policies and actions at all levels.

Hon. Dr. Dammika Patabendi, the Minister of Environment, and Mr. Rohitha Uduwawala, the Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, along with a delegation of two representatives from the Central Environmental Authority participated for the second part of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5.2) to develop a legally binding international instrument on plastic pollution is being held in Geneva, Switzerland, from August 5 to 14, 2025.

2.1.10 Commemoration of Environment days

World Seagrass Day

(1 March 2025)

Celebrated under the theme “Grooming Youth – Blooming Seagrass” at Port City, Colombo. More than 300 government, private, educational and youth community representatives participated in this event, which was held under the patronage of the Honorable Minister of Environment.

7th Global Recycling Day

(18 March 2025)

Under this program, an awareness workshop was held for 50 plastic recycling entrepreneurs registered under the Western Provincial Waste Management Authority covering Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara districts.

Earth Day

(22 April 2025)

The theme for 2025 was “Our Power – Our Planet.” Marking the 55th anniversary of Earth Day, a live scholarly panel discussion was held at the Ministry Auditorium with a panel of four experts. The session was broadcast live through social media platforms.



World Earth Day Celebration Program

International Day for Biological Diversity

(22 May 2025)

Held at Popam Arboretum, Dambulla, under the theme “Sustainable Development with Nature.” Activities included eco-friendly exhibitions, bee colony distribution, and fruit sapling donations.

Water and Water Resources Conservation Day

(3 June 2025)

A program was held to commemorate Water and Water Resources Conservation Day on June 3rd under the 2025 National Environment Week. Under the patronage of the Hon. Minister of Environment and the Hon. Deputy Minister of Environment, an expert discussion on the conservation of water sources was held and an awareness program was conducted for about 200 officials and university students.

World Environment Day Celebration

(05 June 2025)

In the year 2025, the World Environment Day celebration was held at the Kegalle Nidahas Mawatha premises under the patronage of His Excellency the President under the theme “Let’s End Plastic Pollution. In conjunction with the National Environment Day celebration, the week from May 30 to June 05 was declared as “National Environment Week” and all government institutions were made aware of the activities to be carried out for.

environmental conservation during that week.. These activities were implemented island-wide. Plastic Waste Management Day, Air Pollution and Mitigation Day, Environmental Cleanliness Awareness Day, Biodiversity Conservation Day, Water and Water Resources Conservation Day, Coastal Zone Clean-Up Day, Tree Planting and World Environment Day Celebration. During the 2025 Environment Day celebrations, under the initiative to promote the Green Schools Concept, selected primary schools were awarded. In addition, awards and certificates were presented to the 10 Best Green Railway Stations, ceremonially handed over by His Excellency the President



Awarding Zero carbon certificate

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

(17 June 2025)

Every year, June, 17 is designated as the "World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought". And, this year's theme was "Restore the Land. Unlock the Opportunities". This meant improving the opportunities available for land restoration.

A special program was organized by the Natural Resources Management Division of the Ministry of Environment and the Sri Lanka Air Force Agro Unit at the Ministry of Environment premises on 17.06.2025.

At the event, a lecture on land restoration was delivered by the Conservator General of Forests of the Department of Forest Conservation. Under the Air Kapruka programme implemented by the Sri Lanka Air Force Agro Unit, an awareness programme was conducted to educate the ministry officials on the planting, maintenance and distribute coconut trees in this day. 250 heads of institutions under the Ministry of Environment and ministry officials participated in this program.

International Mangrove Ecosystem Conservation Day

(26 July 2025)

Commemorated at Anawilundawa Ramsar Wetland, featuring a 3.2 ha mangrove restoration initiative supported by the private sector, based on national restoration guidelines.. School and university students, government officials, the private sector, NGOs and community representatives participated.

Commemoration of the Sixth International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

(24 September 2025)

The sixth International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies was observed at Gurukula Vidyalaya, Kelaniya under the theme: "Racing for Clean Air – The need to accelerate solutions to safeguard the right to clean air for all." School and university students, government officials, the private sector, NGOs and community representatives participated.

The program focused on raising awareness among students regarding air pollution and its significant impacts on health, the economy, and climate.

2.1.11 Establishment matters

Confirmation of service

Development officer's service	93
-------------------------------	----

Promotions

All Island service	02
--------------------	----

Department	02
------------	----

Development officer's service	04
-------------------------------	----

Retirements

All Island service	01
--------------------	----

Department	01
------------	----

Resignations

Development Officers	04
----------------------	----

Vacated of Post

Development Officers	03
----------------------	----

Loans Granted

Distress loan	106
---------------	-----

Local Leave based on Pub Ad (14/2022)	01
Foreign Leaves based on Pub Ad Circular (14/2022)	05
Official identity cards prepared	328
Answers submitted to the Parliament Question	07
Annual reports & Action Plan submitted to the Parliament	08
concessionary vehicle Permits issued	21
Cabinet Papers submitted	25

2.1.12 Human Resource Development

Training Programs

Lecture program on motivation, positive thinking, and ethics for officials of the Ministry of Environment

Training Program on New Procurement Guidelines - 2024

Training Workshop on Government Vehicle Maintenance

Workshop on the Role of the Leave Officer

Training Workshop on the Procurement Process

Training Workshop on Institutions Code and Financial Regulations

Workshop on Salient Features of the 2024 Procurement Forum and Manual

One-day Training Workshop for Office Assistants for a Quality Work Environment

Workshop on the Role of the Leave Officer

Capacity Training Program for Development Officers Serving in the District Secretariat and Divisional Secretariats under the Ministry of Environment

Training Program on Project Management

Career Guidance Workshop for Board Members of Institutions Affiliated to the Ministry of Environment

Programme on On-the-Job Training in the Office Support Service

Training program on maintaining a personal file effectively

Participation of one officer in the 4th International Exploration Workshop of the National Library and Documentation Services Board

Training program on archiving

Training program held in conjunction with the Clean Sri Lanka National Program to mark the Seiri Week

An official participates in the 15th International Conference of the Association of University Librarians of Sri Lanka

Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Training Course

Training program on government procurement process

2.1.13 Internal audit

The Internal Audit Division has been established to formally strengthen the internal control of the Ministry and its affiliated institutions.

Internal Audit Division of the Ministry has planned to release 32 audit reports including audit and management committee meeting reports under the audit plan prepared for the year 2025.

Accordingly, 02 Audit Management Committee meetings have been held up to 30.09.2025 and the relevant committee reports have been issued. 23 audit have been completed and audit reports were issued.

The third quarter audit management committee meeting is scheduled to be held on 09.10.2025. Two completed audit reports are to be issued.

Three special investigation have been carried out beyond the audit plan.

2.1.14 Public complaints, appeals and media reports on environmental issues

During the reporting period, 75 complaints were received for investigation by various departments of the Ministry of Environment, institutions under the Ministry, and other minis-

tries and institutions. Reports have been called for 23 investigations, 01 response has been received, 11 investigations have been completed, and 57 investigations are ongoing.

2.1.15 Legal Affairs

Activity	Progress
Appeal hearing under National Environment Act	14 Decision Given Appeals
Appeal hearing under Mines & Minerals act	04 Decision Given Appeals
Appeal hearing under Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management Act	41 Decision Given Appeals
Preparing Agreement related to the Ministry and Line Agencies	11 Agreements
Attending Public Complaints	01 case
Conducting Workshops for Police officers on Environmental Laws	02 Workshops

2.2 Progress of projects implemented under the Ministry of Environment

2.2.1 Project on “Managing Together: Integrating Community –centered Ecosystem-based Approaches into Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors”

The Managing Together Project aims to establish a holistic landscape approach to incorporating biodiversity conservation into planning and implementation in agriculture, tourism and forestry in the Malwathu Oya Basin in Anuradhapura, Mannar, Puttalam and Vavunia selected trial landscape in Sri Lanka.

Main activities carried out by the project

Ecological Restoration of Cascade Tanks (14) through Invasive Plant Removal, Re-planting and Soil Conservation within Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division (DSD)

The Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS), under the guidance of the Ministry of Environment and in collaboration with the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat and Agrarian Services Center, implemented the Ecological Cascade Tank restoration initiative from June to September 2025. The project focused on removing invasive alien plant species, replanting native plants, and adopting soil conservation measures across 14 selected tanks in Medawachchiya DSD. Farmers' Associations submitted completion reports through the Divisional Secretariat to SLRCS. Additionally, four awareness programmes were conducted for farmer groups, covering ecological restoration, impacts of invasive species, removal techniques, soil conservation, and the role of farmer organizations in sustaining restored ecosystems.

Training on Social media use for tourism and environmental sustainability to youth groups in Trial Landscape 2 (Tanthrimale), Anuradhapura and Trial Landscape 3 (Nanaddan and Musali), Mannar

The Sri Lanka Red Cross Society under the guidance of the Biodiversity Division of the Ministry of Environment and in collaboration with the Mahawilachchiya Divisional Secretariat, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and the Mannar District Secretariat,

organized training programmes on the use of social media for tourism promotion and environmental sustainability. The sessions were held in Tanthrimale and Gambirigaswewa, Anuradhapura and Mannar. The programme aimed to equip young people with the knowledge and skills to effectively utilize social media platforms to promote sustainable tourism practices, raise awareness on environmental conservation, and enhance their capacity to engage in environmentally responsible economic opportunities linked to tourism.

Promoting Tourism through Plastic and Pollution Free Green Beaches in Mannar

Beach cleaning campaign was held at Keeri Beach, Mannar Island, organized by the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS) Mannar Branch in collaboration with the Mannar Urban Council, Keeri Coastal CBO, and supported by the Sri Lanka Navy. The event aimed to promote eco-friendly tourism by maintaining a plastic- and pollution-free coastline, encouraging community responsibility for coastal conservation, and fostering collaboration among stakeholders.

Sri Lanka Red Cross Society volunteers, Navy officers, Municipal Council representatives, community and more than 70 people, including the Civil Defence Force, engaged in clean-up activities, waste disposal, and awareness programs.



Beach cleaning Program

Training programmes on Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) (Theory and Practices), Social and Environment Safeguards, and Biodiversity Conservation for government officers

The training program on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was held at the Ritigala Information and Research Centre, Anuradhapura. This training was conducted with the aim of capacity building to enhance the participants' knowledge of Environmental

Impact Assessment (theory and practice), practical understanding covering social and environmental safeguards and biodiversity conservation.



Conducting training programs for officers

2.2.2 Strengthening National -Level Institution and Professional Capacity of country parties towards enhanced UNCCD monitoring and reporting - GEF 7 EA umbrella IV

Under the “Strengthening National-Level Institutions and Professional Capacity of Country Parties towards Enhanced UNCCD Monitoring and Reporting – GEF 7 EA Umbrella IV,” training programs were conducted to support government institutions in developing the technical capacity needed to update the national land-based data system.

Two QGIS training workshops were success-

fully conducted at the Sri Lanka Forestry Institute, Sadatenna, Nuwara Eliya, for 100 officers from the Department of Forest Conservation and the Ministry of Environment, with a view to developing the capacity of officers of the institutions that generate data and information for the national reporting function of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Reporting Project.

2.2.3 Project on implementation of the Montreal Protocol Obligations in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka is expected to completely phase out the consumption of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), which are ozone-depleting substances, by the year 2030. A management plan for the reduction of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) for the period 2024–2029 has been prepared and approved at the 96th Meeting of the Executive Committee (96th MOP EX-COM). Through this plan, it is intended to reduce the total consumption of HFCs by 80% by the year 2045.

The phase-out management plan for HCFCs is currently in its second phase. Institutional strengthening component for controlling and regulating the consumption of ODS and Non-Ozone Depleting Chemical Substances is being implemented under phase XIV for the 2023–2025 period and phase XV for the 2025–2027 period.

Under the HCFC import control mechanism for quota distribution in 2025, quotas were

issued to 64 enterprises qualified to import HCFCs and HFCs under this control mechanism. When importing under this quota, imports were carried out with an import control license issued by the Department of Import and Export Controls based on the recommendation of the National Ozone Unit, and access was provided to Sri Lanka Customs' ASYCUDA system for monitoring the arrival of HFC consignment. In addition, the necessary steps were taken further to streamline these quota imports by linking with the START LINK system introduced by the Department of Import and Export Controls.

For the period 2020–2025, the National Ozone Unit is funded to offer a National Vocational Training Certificate (NVQ) through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) after standardizing the services of technicians who do not have a recognized certificate and formal training in the field of Refrigeration and

Air Conditioning (RAC). These tasks have been successfully carried out in 2025 by the National Ozone Unit with the National Apprenticeship and Technical Training Authority (NAITA) and Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) providing financial and technical support for 29 technicians.

In addition, the National Ozone Unit, in collaboration with the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL), has now completed the initial steps required to become a Licensed Technician for technicians who have obtained a certification through the Prior Learning (RPL) system. 182 RAC technicians have obtained NVQ Level 3. To facilitate this initiative, a newspaper advertisement was published inviting RAC and Mobile Air Conditioning (MAC) technicians to participate in the free nationwide RPL assessment programme aimed at promoting licensing certification. Furthermore, two certificate awarding ceremonies were conducted to encourage RPL applicants.

- Three workshops on the control mechanisms of ozone-depleting and non-ozone-depleting chemicals were conducted for Customs officers at the Cargo Clearing Points of Sri Lanka Customs.
- Four workshops were conducted for the trainers and assessors to enhance their knowledge and skills on the latest developments in RAC equipment and to promote GSP in the RAC sector.

- Three workshops on safe handling of flammable refrigerants and GSP in the RAC sector were conducted for technicians.
- Four workshops were conducted for the technical officers working in commercial and industrial refrigeration and central air-conditioning (chillers) systems on handling of flammable refrigerants and GSP in the RAC sector.
- Three monitoring and evaluation programs were conducted to ensure safe handling of flammable refrigerants and adherence to GSP in RAC and MAC sector service workshops. And six workshops were held to raise awareness among central air conditioner design consultants, relevant associations, and end users on phasing out or reducing the use of ODS and HFCs, and to promote the adoption of non-ozone-depleting and low global warming-potential substances.
- RAC training equipment and tools valued at Rs. 22.5 million were distributed among nine TVET institutes in Sri Lanka to upgrade training facilities for students in the RAC sector.
- An ozone-friendly workshop was jointly organized by the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association and the National Ozone Unit. A meeting was held with relevant stakeholders to coordinate activities in relation to data reporting and the control mechanism of Methyl Bromide imports and usage.

2.2.4 Integrated Management and Environmentally Sound Disposal of POPs Pesticides in Sri Lanka's Agriculture Sector and Mercury and Waste in the Healthcare Sector

Updating the National Implementation Plan on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is a key activity of this project. Procurement activities necessary for selecting a consultant firm for this purpose are currently underway.

Development of a Centralized Digital Data Management System regarding the importation of chemical substances, with the collaboration of the Central Environmental Authority, the Department of Import and Export Control, Sri

Lanka Customs, and the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka. The initial workshop for this was held with the participation of relevant stakeholders. System analysis work is currently in progress.

An assessment of the use of mercury and mercury-containing equipment in the health sector is being carried out. Preliminary work is underway to environmentally sound dispose of the mercury contained in CFL bulbs currently stored at Asia Recycling through this project.

2.2.5 Strengthening National Capacity for phasing Out Mercury Added Products and environmentally Sound Management of Waste consisting of, contaminated with and containing Mercury in Sri Lanka

The project is funded by the Specific International Program of the Minamata Convention and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The objective of the project is to support to implement the Minamata Convention in Sri Lanka, through developing national capacity to dispose waste containing, consisting and contaminated with mercury in an environmentally friendly manner.

A series of surveys carried out on mercury containing products and processes available in the market under the Industry, Health and Education sectors.

At present, a total of 1,893.1 kg of discarded CFL/fluorescent bulbs from major hospitals in Sri Lanka have been recycled. Preparatory activities are currently underway to facilitate the recycling of CFL bulbs in two more hospitals.

The National Technical Guideline for Mercury Waste Management has been developed

through a series of workshops including validation workshop and wider stakeholder consultation. This guideline adopts a life cycle approach, beginning with the procurement phase and progressing through handling, interim storage, waste separation, and storage, culminating in packaging and labelling for safe transportation of mercury-related materials.

A series of training programs including three Training of Trainers (TOT) programs and 17 sector training programs were conducted. All the training programs were conducted based on the training curriculum on Mercury Waste Management prepared under the project. Apart from the training programs, 25 awareness programs were conducted for raising the awareness on safe handling of mercury containing equipment and products.

2.2.6 Project on Development of Enhanced Transparency Framework for Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use Sectors

The project for the development of an enhanced transparency framework for agriculture, forestry, and other land use sectors is being implemented by the Ministry of Environment with financial support from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization under a Global Environment Facility grant. Under this initiative, an Enhanced Transparency Framework data system has been developed to obtain the data and information required for reporting progress on Nationally Determined Contributions related to agriculture, forestry, and other land use sectors, greenhouse gas inventories, and progress on greenhouse gas mitigation measures and climate change adaptation measures.

An Awareness program for institutional heads was conducted on August 20, 2025, to inform them that memorandums of understanding are scheduled to be signed with stakeholder institutions that provide data to the AFOLU MRV system.

During this awareness program, the attention of institutional heads was drawn to what data is expected to be obtained for the data system and the draft memorandum of understanding prepared in relation to it. Suggestions and opinions of relevant institutional heads were obtained regarding the proposed data that was presented. After that, the presentation of this MOU to the Cabinet will proceed.

2.2.7 Development and Submission of Sri Lanka's First and Second Biennial Transparency Reports and National Communications to the UNFCCC

As a Party to both the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, Sri Lanka is required to submit a Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) every two years from 2024 onwards. Accordingly, Sri Lanka submitted its First BTR on 31 December 2024, while the Second BTR is due by the end of December 2026.

For this purpose, in July 2025 (21–24), the Climate Change Secretariat conducted a four-

day workshop at the Postgraduate Institute of Management, Borella, under the CBIT-GSP program with support from the UN Global Environment Facility. The aim was to enhance the knowledge and skills of relevant government stakeholders in preparing the Second BTR and National Communication Report. In addition, the TOR have been prepared & sent to the consultants relevant to the BTR2 and 4th National Communication.

2.2.8 Regional Project on Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka and India to the increased impacts of Climate Change

Implementation of the regional project “ADAPT4R” has commenced. Using a regional collaborative approach, the project aims to strengthen resilience to climate change impacts and improve food security in vulnerable communities of Sri Lanka's dry zone. The project is being implemented in Monaragala, Trincomalee, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya, and Kurunegala districts.



Conduct awareness programs

2.2.9 Project on “Partnerships and Innovative Financing to Mainstream Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Management in the Wet Climatic Zone of Sri Lanka”

This five-year project is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through UNDP and is implemented by the Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure. The project is executed by several partners Land Use and Policy Planning Department (preparing maps for the estates in 11 districts where perineal crops are planted in large scale), Department of National Botanical Gardens (pilot testing in situ - ex situ approaches for conserving critical biodiversity in the Plantation Landscape), Janathakshan GTE Ltd (providing technical support to mainstream biodiversity conservation, sustainable land

management, increasing productivity, diversifying the income streams of the producers through approaches such as agroforestry, eco-tourism value chain enhancements, improving energy efficiency, inclusion of gender and environmental aspects into the sector) Biodiversity Sri Lanka (developing innovative financing methods to generate benefits from biodiversity conservation such as biopoints, payment for ecosystems services, obtaining a higher price for the produce through global and national certification, encouraging sustainable practices through sustainable award scheme and knowledge management) National Institute of Plantation Management (Providing

the identified training needs to enhance capacity of RPCs and small and medium holders to engage in sustainable production) in coordination with Regional Plantation Companies and Small and Medium holders.

This initiative specifically targets tea and rubber production areas in the Wet Climatic Zone, creating unique opportunities for the plantation sector to enhance their operations while contributing to global conservation efforts. It aims to integrate biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management into plantation operations, while also creating new financing and market opportunities for estates.



Biodiversity Survey

Rapid Biodiversity Survey

Visual encounter surveys were completed in 31 estates in Kegalle and Kalutara district

4 Restoration Sites, 2 Connectivity corridors, 2 Riparian corridors, 2 Ecotourism initiatives, 4 Nurseries and 4 Value chains have been identified of potential sites for implementation under this project

Preliminary assessment and value chain assessment were done in Loolkandura Estates as the third pilot site

Gender Mainstreaming and Monitoring and Evaluation workshops were conducted.

Land Use Policy Planning Department was conducted Rapid Assessment and mapping of the remaining forests (and other natural ecosystems) within the plantations in the Wet and Intermediate Zones. They have trained their regional officers regarding the requirements of the project and how to complete it in 11 districts within the plantations belongs to the Regional Plantation Companies.

2.3 Progress of the Institutions under the Ministry of Environment

2.3.1 Central Environment Authority

Implementation of GovPay

On 26th September 2025, the CEA officially launched the GovPay Government Digital Payment System, enabling all service payments including fees for licenses, inspections, permits, and waste management to be made digitally via 14 banks and 6 FinTech applications.

Environmental Pollution Control

The process of issuing Environmental Protection Licenses (EPLs) for industries classified under "A", "B" and "C" categories is implemented by the Provincial and District offices of the CEA. As of 30th September 2025, 29,980 industries have valid EPLs across the country, of which 9,976 were issued during the reporting period, and 7,477 industries are currently in the process of obtaining their EPL. Additionally, the CEA has issued 862 Environmental Recommendations (ERs) for new industries.

Environmental Compliance and Monitoring in Industries

Compliance monitoring of industries is continuously conducted in accordance with the annual compliance monitoring plans prepared for the district level. Accordingly, 308 "A" category industries, 1,559 "B" category industries and 1,126 "C" category industries were monitored under the compliance monitoring plans implemented by the CEA.

Public Complaint Handling

In order to enhance the efficiency of solving environmental complaints, the CEA is maintaining an online complaint database and 24-hour complaint Hotline "1981" and a web-based platform (in all three languages) to lodge public complaints on environmental matters across the country. During the reporting period, the CEA received 2,709 public complaints and out of which, 1,992 complaints have been solved (74%).

Air Quality Monitoring

The National Website for Air Quality Monitoring was launched inline with the celebration of the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies. The platform, accessible at www.aq.cea.lk

under the name National Air Quality Network.

Water Quality Monitoring

This initiative aims to assess and ensure the well-being of these crucial aquatic ecosystems. Currently, the CEA is actively monitoring twenty-three prominent surface water bodies by regularly analyzing a wide range of physical, chemical, and biological parameters.

Details on Monitored surface water bodies

Province	Monitored surface water bodies
Western	Kelani River, Diyawanna Oya, Maha Oya, Bolgoda lake, Attanagalu Oya and Bentota River and Kalu Ganga (Lower part)
Saba-ragamuwa	Kalu Ganga (Upper part)
Southern	Nilwala Ganga
North-Western	Daduru-Oya, Kala-Oya, Meeya-Oya, Vennuruwewa and Kurunagala Tank
Central	Kandy Lake, Mahaweli River (Upper part) and Gregory Lake
Uva	Manik Ganga and Badulu Oya
North Central	Nuwara Wewa, Malwathu Oya and Tissa Wewa
Eastern	Kanthale Tank and Mahaweli River (Eastern part)

Environmental Impact Assessment

- Upto September 30th, 2025, 188 IEE and 01 EIA approvals were given for new projects and 04 EIA approval extensions were given for already approved projects which are yet to be completed.
- Nineteen projects were monitored to ensure compliance with the EIA/IEE conditions.

Natural Resource Management

Successfully organized and completed 25 District-level Wetland Day programs in alignment with the National Wetland Program.

- Management plans were prepared for the Warnagalawatta Environmental Protection Area (EPA) and the Ethaleykulam Tank EPA.
- The final scientific study report on the Hanthana Environmental Protection Area (HEPA) was forwarded for review by the internal committee. A meeting was conducted to obtain comments on the proposed revision of the Hanthana Gazette.
- To ensure sustainable EPA management, 11 committee meetings and 16 monitoring inspections were conducted. In addition, nine complaints related to natural resources, wetlands, and EPAs were effectively addressed.
- The Haliela Water Source Reservations project is implementing under the Clean Sri Lanka National Programme, aims to conserve 362 water source lots in Badulla through boundary demarcation, catchment improvement, tree planting, invasive species removal, and community awareness programs.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- Currently, the CEA is engaged with the following Strategic Environmental Assessments.
 - I. Initiated activities relevant to the Preparation of a National Environmental Sensitivity Index Map.
 - II. CEA in collaboration with the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), successfully conducted a three-day
 - III. workshop on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) from 11th to 13th August 2025.
 - IV. A meeting on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for Renewable Energy Development in the Northern, Northwestern, and Northeastern Regions was held on 23rd July 2025 with the participation of relevant stakeholder agencies.
 - V. The environmental guidelines for siting industries within the port-related industrial development zone of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Master Plan area in Trincomalee were finalized.

Enforcement of Polythene and Plastic Regulations

- Under the enforcement of the Polythene and Plastic Regulations, the Central Environmental Authority is conducting raids of banned

plastic items targeting manufacturers, sellers, exhibitors and commercial users across the island. During the reporting period, 5,189 raids were conducted, and 512 violations were detected. A total of 4,043 kg (4.03 tons) of polythene food wrappers were seized during the reporting period.

Hazardous Waste Management

- The CEA has issued Scheduled Waste Management License (SWML) aiming to regulate scheduled waste (hazardous waste). Upto September 30th, 2025, 486 SWML were issued for industries/institutions.
- Drop-off events for E-waste management were conducted in seven districts across three provinces: Kegalle, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Kilinochchi, Jaffna, Vavuniya, and Mullaitivu.

Solid Waste Management

- Collectors of non-hazardous recyclable waste were registered under the CEA, and the updated database was published on the CEA website.
- 34 Environmental Recommendations were issued to collectors of Non-hazardous/ Non-contaminated recyclable waste from ships.
- An E-Tuk for recyclable waste collection was launched in collaboration with Coca-Cola and Eco Spindles to mark World Recycling Day.
- 05 approvals were issued for disposal of Custom rejected items and 126 approvals were issued for Custom released permitted items/Products (Laminating purposes and others)
- The Green Park Integrated Waste Management Center systematically managed 4,169 tons of non-recyclable waste, ensuring proper handling while minimizing environmental pollution. In addition, 568 tons of biodegradable waste were processed into compost fertilizer, which was sold for use in agricultural activities.

International Conventions

- With the consent of Basel Technical Expert Committee and the National Coordinating Committee, 517 import approvals, 99 export approvals and 21 transit consents & 29 transshipment consents in related to hazardous waste of Sri Lanka have been issued.

- The CEA is the designated regulatory body for the management of industrial chemicals of the Rotterdam Convention and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting for Industrial Chemicals (TACMIC) is held for the management of chemicals. During the reporting period, three TACMIC meetings were held, which granted a total of 313 chemical import consents, 1454 import consents through ASYCUDA, and 172 asbestos fiber import consents.

Public Awareness and Education

- Under the Clean Sri Lanka Program, the CEA conducted a series of awareness programs for police officers across all 25 districts. The programs focused on the enforcement of environmental laws, regulation of polythene/plastic, management of public complaints related to environmental issues, and strengthening police support for environmental protection.
- The island wide Schools Art Competition, organized in collaboration with Nestlé Lanka Pvt. Ltd. and with the support of the Ministry of Education, was held on 25th June at Kotte President's College. The program was conducted for the third time in a row to raise awareness among school communities on waste management and to promote the communication of environmental messages through creative art.
- The Environment Pioneer President's Medal Awarding Ceremony was successfully held on 21st August 2025 at the Lotus Hall, BMICH, under the patronage of His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka. A total of 192 Environment Pioneers received the President's Medal.
- Aiming to enhance the environmental literacy of teacher students at National Colleges of Education (NCoE) and to develop them as environmentally responsible leaders who actively implement the Environmental Pioneer Program in schools, the Central Environmental Authority, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the National Institute of Education, implemented the "Green Leader" program at NCoE.



Environment pioneer president's medal awarding ceremony

District and Provincial Environmental Pioneer Camps provided Gold Medalists with opportunities to engage in group activities and develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. Under this programme 362 pioneers and 62 teachers have participated.

Best Green Railway Station' Selection Program

- The selection of the Best Green Railway Stations 2025 was introduced to promote environmentally friendly practices within Sri Lanka's railway stations and it was conducted under the auspices of the Clean Sri Lanka National Program and in observance of World Environment Day 2025.

2.3.2 Geological Survey and Mines Bureau

Progress as at 30/09/2025

Analytical Laboratory

Major Area	Description	Progress
Client Responsive Projects	Chemical testing of 326 no. of mineral samples, Quartz, Ilmenite, Apatite, etc.	136 Test Reports issued Income: Rs.5,258,500.00
Special Projects: Detailed geochemical survey of Avissawella Area	Testing of #188 soil and water samples in the industrial zone	Testing Completed and statistical analysis completed

Major Area	Description	Progress
Client Responsive Projects	Chemical testing of 326 no. of mineral samples, Quartz, Ilmenite, Apatite, etc.	136 Test Reports issued Income: Rs.5,258,500.00
Special Projects: Detailed geochemical survey of Avissawella Area	Testing of #188 soil and water samples in the industrial zone	Testing Completed and statistical analysis completed
1:100,000 Soil Geochemical Mapping: Sheet No. 9	Completed the chemical analysis in 641 geochemical mapping samples -: Kathiraveli- Kalkuda	Statistical analysis of data is in progress
1:100,000 Soil Geochemical Mapping; Sheet No. 15 :	Initial sample preparation at Yakkala Store laboratory area, (Padiyathalawa- Timpaddi)	In progress
	Sample digestion of Sheet No. 56 : Padiyathalawa completed	Testing of Mercury in Padiyathalawa In progress
Special Projects: Analysis of Geochemical and mineralogical properties in Paddy field soils.	Testing of in 32 Paddy field samples completed	Report preparation In progress
Marketing ISO - Accreditation for laboratories	Held the ISO 17025 Surveillance programme	Surveillance completed

Mines Division

Work/ Project	Approved Capital Fund (Rs.Mn)	Progress up to 2025.06.30		Expected progress on 2025.09.30		Progress up to 2025.09.30	
		Financial (Rs.Mn)	Physical (%)	Financial (Rs.Mn)	Physical (%)	Financial (Rs.Mn)	Physical (%)
Issuing Exploration licenses	70	0	0	60	85.7	0	0
Issuing AL/A licenses	4.93	1.95	40.5	4.32	87.6	3.98	83
Issuing AL/B licenses	3.24	1.26	39.7	2.4	74.1	2.00	63.3
Issuing IML/ A Licenses	9	6.87	56.7	7.29	80	18.83	75
Issuing IML/B Licenses	2.93	1.84	58.5	2.3	78.5	4.74	116.9
Issuing IML C Licenses	16.8	7.43	43	12.78	76.1	11.50	65.4
Issuing IML D Licenses	4.75	1.6	32.8	3.7	77.8	2.68	54.8
Issuing SPI	-	-	46.1	-	85.3	-	73.6
Issuing TDL A Licenses	0.45	0.27	56.7	0.36	80	0.38	80
Issuing TDL B Licenses	33.6	15.96	48.7	24.6	73.2	26.23	80

Work/ Project	Approved Capital Fund (Rs.Mn)	Progress up to 2025.06.30		Expected progress on 2025.09.30		Progress up to 2025.09.30	
		Financial (Rs.Mn)	Physical (%)	Financial (Rs.Mn)	Physical (%)	Financial (Rs.Mn)	Physical (%)
Issuing Ex- port licenses	4.5	2.37	52.7	3.44	76.5	3.51	77.8
Issuing Transport Licenses	225.01	125.29	55.9	168.22	74.8	208.72	93
Conducting Test blasts	11.07	5.95	85.6	8.68	80	5.95	46.7
Rehabilita- tion of mine sites	-	-	68.3		70	-	84.6
Complain inspection	-	-	43.2		75.8	-	56
Royalty	2850.6	1102.94	-	1942.89	-	2,055.20	-
Inspection	301	122.19	36.3	224.23	78.6	195.14	53.4

Financial Performance

Description	Target Income of the Year 2025(Rs.Mn)	Progress as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.Mn)	Annual Progress%
Royalty Income	2,851	2,021	71
Licence Income	375	299	80
Inspection Income	300	197	66
Projects and Laboratory Services	71	17	24
Other	842	504	60
Total	4,439	3,038	68

Revenue Analysis

Target Income of the Year 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Progress as at 30.09.2025(Rs.Mn)	Annual Progress%	Contribution to the Treasury (Rs.Mn)
4,439	3,038	68	600

2.3.3 GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd.

Progress of GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd. from 2025.01.01 to 2025.08.31

Component	Annual Target of 2025 Rs.Mn	Target up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	Progress up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	%
Sand Mining Projects	1,131.74	754.50	662.08	88%
Sand Stock Yards	11.89	7.93	11.96	151%
Mining Division	83.16	55.44	34.59	62%
Geology Division	49.23	32.82	2.04	6%
Special Project Division	272.16	117.62	0.00	0%
Fixed Deposits Interest Income	43.10	28.73	27.73	97%
Other Interest Income and Other Income	0.68	0.45	0.99	220%
Total	1,591.96	997.49	739.39	74%

Progress of the Sand Projects

Component	Main Activities	Annual Target of 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Target up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	Progress up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	%
Sand Mining Projects	Manampitiya	1,131.74	754.50	662.08	88%
Sand Stock Yard	New Town	11.89	7.93	11.96	151%
Total		1,143.64	762.42	674.04	88%

Progress of the Mining Division

Component	Main Activities	Annual Target of 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Target up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	Progress up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	%
Monitoring Blasts	Monitoring Blasts	29.02	19.35	13.44	69%
Environmental Impact Assessment and Monitoring Officer Services	Dust monitoring	30.16	20.11	9.04	45%

Component	Main Activities	Annual Target of 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Target up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	Progress up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	%
Environmental Impact Assessment and Monitoring Officer Services	Sound tests				
	Vibration monitoring				
	Economic Feasibility Reports				
	Crack Surveys				
	GPS Reports				
	Technical Officer Consultations	21.90	14.60	8.61	59%
Other	Other Mining Projects	-	-	2.63	-
	Other Income	2.08	1.39	0.86	62%
Total		83.16	55.44	34.59	62%

Progress of the Geology Division

Component	Main Activities	Annual Target of 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Target up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	Progress up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	%
Geological Projects	Reserve Estimates	3.00	2.00	0.43	14%
	Environmental Studies (EIA/IEE)	12.00	8.00	-	0%
	Exploration of Minerals	12.00	8.00	1.56	13%
	Geotechnical Investigations	15.00	10.00	-	0%
	Geophysical Studies	1.00	0.67	-	0%
	Other Geological Projects	5.00	3.33	-	0%
	Other Income	1.23	0.82	0.05	6%
Total		49.23	32.82	2.04	6%

Progress of the Special Projects

Component	Main Activities	Annual Target of 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Target- up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	Progress up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	%
Special Projects	Kanthale	114.18	38.06	-	0%
	Kegalle (Ma Oya)	3.40	2.16	-	0%
	Kotikambokka	152.54	76.27	-	0%
	Yakkala	2.03	1.13	-	0%
Total		272.16	117.62	-	0%

Progress in Fixed Deposits Interest Income and Other Income

Component	Main Activities	Annual Target of 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Target-up to 2025.08.31 (Rs.Mn)	Progress 2025.08.31 (Rs. Mn)	%
Other Income	Fixed Deposits Interest Income	43.10	28.73	27.73	97%
	Other Interest and Other Income	0.68	0.45	0.99	220%
Total		43.77	29.18	28.72	98%

2.3.4 Sri Lanka Climate Fund (Pvt) Ltd**SLCF Products & Services**

Greenhouse Gas Verification (ISO 14064-1, ISO 14067) and Water Footprint Verification (ISO 14046)

Sri Lanka Climate Fund awards ISO 14064-1:2018, ISO 14067:2018 and ISO 14046 certificates of compliance locally as well as internationally to government and private sector organizations. The certificates are awarded after verifying the greenhouse gas emissions calculated by those institutions. Sri Lanka Accreditation Board has authorized the company for the aforementioned verification process.

Water Footprint Verification

Sri Lanka Climate Fund (SLCF) understands the importance of water management and is actively engaged in assessing and addressing the Organization's Water Footprint, taking into account the overall impact of human activities on water resources.

Event Carbon Footprint Verification

The SLCF GHG Verification initiative involves assessing and verifying the Carbon Footprint generated during events, functions, and special occasions. By quantifying these emissions, SLCF aims to implement effective measures to minimize environmental impact and contribute to a more sustainable future.

2.Sri Lanka Carbon Crediting Scheme (SLCCS)

Sri Lanka Carbon Credit Scheme is the National Greenhouse Gas Project Validation and Verification Program administered by the Sri Lanka Climate Fund under the direct supervi-

sion of the Ministry of Environment's Climate Change Division. The scheme registers eligible carbon management projects operating in Sri Lanka and issues quality-verified Sri Lankan Certified Emission Reductions (SCER) to interested parties.

3.Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

Sri Lanka Climate Fund encourages and facilitates investors to use the Clean Development Mechanism to reduce Sri Lanka's greenhouse gas emissions through the use of renewable energy.

Provides Facilities for the Validation and Verification process for project registration and issuance of Certified Emission Reductions (CER) under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

4.Net Zero Energy Certification

The Net Zero Energy concept is energy use where energy conservation efficiency and 100% on-site renewable generation are achieved through the use of energy. The Energy Assurance System is a concept developed by the Sri Lanka Climate Fund with the aim of reducing carbon emissions, encouraging and promoting energy efficiency technology at the corporate level.

5.Climate Positive Certification

By certifying the annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions of products, services and organizations, it has been possible to offset their greenhouse gas emissions.

Furthermore, in order to obtain Climate Positive Certification, the company has provided an opportunity to verify their annual greenhouse gas emissions by focusing annually on the emissions of their operational activities and to sell the excess amount.

6.Consultancy Services

Sri Lanka Climate Fund provides guidance and leadership to clients to make decisions to build a low carbon economy. It also provides consultancy services to register for the National Green

Reporting System etc.

7.Science Based Targets Initiative

Sri Lanka Climate fund is providing consultancy for setting SBTi for organizations. SBT Initiatives provide a methodical and science-driven approach for companies to set emission reduction targets aligned with the latest climate science. These targets are designed to be in harmony with the global effort to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, as outlined in the Paris Agreement.



Greenhouse Gas Verification – Certificate Awarding Ceremony

Summary of Completed Projects by Activity (01 Jan 2025 – 30 Sep 2025)

Activity	Completed Number of projects
Carbon Footprint	82
Consultancy Services	2
Other Services (Product CFP, CNC, CPC, NEC, Workshop, etc.)	26
Project & Fund Mgt	1
SLCCS - Validation	1
SLCCS - Verification	7
Water Footprint	5

Activities planned for the year 2026 as follows

Activity	Per Project Income (LKR)	Number of Projects	Total Income (LKR)
GHG Statement Verification	357,500.00	110	39,325,000.00
Additional Revenue from GHG Verification			5,898,750.00
Water Footprint Verification	200,000.00	6	1,200,000.00
Science Base Target Initiative Consultancy	300,000.00	2	600,000.00
Sri Lanaka Carbon Crediting Scheme -Verification	375,000.00	11	4,125,000.00
Sri Lanaka Carbon Crediting Scheme -Validation	375,000.00	11	4,125,000.00
Consultancy Income		6	1,562,500.00
Project & Fund Management		5	4,500,000.00
Other Services (Green Reporting, Project Design Document preparation, etc.)		-	1,000,000.00
Revenue (LKR)			62,336,250.00

2.3.5 Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management

The Annual Plan for 2025 of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department allocates financial resources across several components and activities aimed at achieving the Department's objectives. By the end of September, notable progress has been observed in priority activities such as coastal protection works, coastal resource management initiatives and infrastructure development. Several components have utilized a significant portion of their allocated funds and are progressing on schedule, while others have recorded slower advancement due to procurement delays, administrative bottlenecks, or seasonal constraints.

It is scheduled to implement 17 coastal protection projects, including the new constructions and the rehabilitation of existing structures, for the year 2025 and all the projects have been committed by now. Among them 02 projects were already completed, 01 has achieved 75% progress and the rest have been achieved around 50% progress. They will cover an effective protected length of approximately 2590m. Furthermore, emergency coastal erosion measures have been taken for mitigating the damages due to the impact of monsoon weather and other emergency weather conditions at the areas as Karukapone, VeerNagar, Boossa, Iranawila, Kudawa, Point Pedro, Waskaduwa, Ambakandawila, Kinniya, Kilinochchi and Arachchikattuwa. Furthermore, there are three (03) special projects are being implemented by this department under the funds allocated through the external institutions. They are as follows:

1. Rehabilitation of 220m long fisheries Anchorage breakwater at Thaldiyawatta – with Fisheries Dept. Allocation (Rs. Mn.44.94)
2. Construction of 50m Geobag Groyne structure at Whisky point, Pottuvil : Ampara District – with SLTDA Allocation (Rs. Mn.19.02)
3. Construction of Groyne field of 11 Groynes at Kalmunai : Ampara District – with Presidential Secretariat Allocation (Rs. Mn.46.99)

These projects have been achieved the progress of 75%, 100% and 70% respectively by the end of September.

Research and Design Division is responsible on carrying out Coastal Engineering Designs,

Coastal Research & Studies, conducting Coastal water quality testing programme and participating in the discussions on Forecasting sea level rise and preparing vulnerability maps based on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Under these activities 26 Designs were completed and 03 studies were carried out (Dickowita beach area survey - 100% completed / Lunawa lagoon survey - 50% completed / Kappalady Lagoon Survey is 50% completed). Water quality sampling at 5 bathing sites at Preethipura, Morawala, Eththukala, Thaldiyawatta and Mount Laviniya are completed and Sea outfall water sampling in Colombo & Kaluthara districts is on going. Also, Technical report writing of NDC 1.0 is in progress while the initial work on NDC 2.0 and NDC 3.0 have been commenced.

As coastal zone management activities, 60 beach cleaning programs, 09 mangrove/coastal tree planting programs and 10 awareness programs were scheduled to be carried out in the year 2025. Accordingly, there are 129 beach cleaning programs, 04 mangrove/coastal tree planting programs and 18 awareness programs were conducted by 30.09.2025. CC&CRMD has introduced an e – permit system for issuing the development permits to streamline the permit process carried out by the department, prevent delays in issuing permits under the manual method, and prevent bribery and corruption in this process. There are 1133 no. of e – permits have been issued during last 9 months.

Hiriketiya coastal stretch has been chosen as a Special Management Area based on its importance in the coastal biodiversity, potential in tourism industry and necessity of controlling the degrading the coastal environment due to human activities. Initial field survey was conducted in the area to understand key coastal environmental issues and District Survey Office was requested to undertake a survey around the waterbody and a proposal was approved to undertake a water Quality Report in the water body by NARA .

Under the **Clean Sri Lanka Programme** this department is implementing the project on Developing Coastal Leisure Parks around the Island. There are 87 sites were identified initially for improving as the coastal Leisure Parks and 47 sites will be completed within this year. Initial site clearing was done for 15 sites. Two sites at Wellamadama and Kudawella are com-

pleted and declared open on 27.09.2025. Phase 1 (Cleaning work) were completed and Phase 2 & 3 (Beautification work) are in progress of Mahamodara and Koggala sites. Another 29 sites are under the construction stage and 14 sites are under procurement stage. Rs. 2.17 mil. has been expended. Progress of this project as at 30.09.2025.

2.3.6 Marine Environment Protection Authority

Improved Control Mechanism to Abate Ship-based Marine Pollution

Sri Lanka, being a signatory to MARPOL 73/78, continues to strengthen regulatory and operational mechanisms to prevent ship-based marine pollution. During 2025, a total of 1,011 Waste Reception Service (WRS) permits and 16 Bunkering Licenses were issued. Regular monitoring and inspections were conducted to ensure compliance with MEPA directives.

The Marine Environment Protection (Waste Reception Facilities) Order of 2016 and the Bunkering (Marine Environment Protection) Order No. 02 of 2011 are currently being amended to align with international conventions.

Implemented Efficient and Effective National Oil and Chemical Spill Contingency Plan

Implementation of the National Oil and Hazardous Noxious Substances Spill Contingency Plan advanced through a series of awareness, training, and enforcement initiatives.

Eleven capacity-building programmes were conducted, including five awareness programmes in Colombo and Hambantota, four workshops in Matara and Ampara, and two meetings in Trincomalee and MEPA Head Office. An Incident Command System (ICS) workshop and Incident Management Team (IMT) meeting were also organized to enhance stakeholder coordination.

MEPA successfully managed three emergency oil and chemical spill incidents: MV SM Kaveri Cashew Oil Spill (December 2024), Leylon Star Bunker Oil Transfer Spill (May 2025), and MV Yuan Shun 89 Oil Spill at CICT (May 2025). Each incident was effectively contained, and fines of Rs. 15 million were imposed per case, reinforcing accountability and deterrence mechanisms.

Improved Control Mechanism to Abate Land-based Marine Pollution

Establishment of Internationally Recognized Blue Flag Beaches

Several activities were carried out to ensure that Mirissa Beach remains a safe, sustainable, and internationally recognized Blue Flag Beach.

Three field visits, one inspection, two Beach Management Committee meetings, and one awareness programme were held. The launching ceremony of the Thalalla Blue Flag Beach Programme, initiated under the Clean Sri Lanka National Programme, was successfully conducted.

Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) at Bathing Sites

To safeguard marine and coastal waters from pollution, monthly water quality monitoring was conducted at 19 sea bathing locations, covering Kalutara, Colombo, Gampaha, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Hambantota, Matara, and Galle districts.

Water Quality Monitoring Around Long Sea Outfalls

Three water quality monitoring programmes were carried out around the Wellawatta Long Sea Outfall to ensure marine water safety and pollution prevention.

Minimizing Pollution from Fishery Harbours

To reduce waste and pollution from fishery harbours, MEPA conducted inspections at multiple sites: two each in Kalutara, Gampaha, and Matara; four in Ampara; one in Trincomalee; five in Hambantota; and four in Galle.

Surveys and Data Collection

Evidence-based policy development was supported through an OSPAR debris survey in Batticaloa, Gampaha, Puttalam, Hambantota, Matara, and Galle. Additional surveys included an aquaculture survey in Kilinochchi and a brand audit survey in Mannar.

• Dumping Permit and Hotel Inspections

To regulate wastewater discharge into the sea, 228 dumping permits were issued for treated effluents. There were 56 Inspections conducted across districts.

• Clean Sri Lanka Programme

An island-wide beach cleanup programme engaged 35,260 volunteers across 463 coastal sites. Under the Coastal Area Sustainable Management Programme, 39 beach attendants cleaned approximately 25.2 km of coastline daily in Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara, Jaffna, and Galle.



Beach cleaning programs

Waste Prevention via Mobile App Programme

To collect and update district-wise data, 13 monitoring programmes were conducted.

Enforcement Unit Programme

To improve compliance and coordination among responsible agencies, MEPA conducted five district-level meetings, seven inspections, and one awareness programme for school students in Colombo.

Restored and Conserved Coastal and Marine Ecosystems

To restore and conserve marine ecosystems, MEPA carried out mangrove restoration in Kalutara by planting 150 mangroves and re-

moving invasive weeds near the Kalutara Bridge. Additionally, 100 mangrove seedlings were planted, and sprouts were collected.

A significant achievement was the coral reef restoration at Unawatuna, where over 10 coral structures were placed across 1,000 square feet, focusing on Acropora coral species.

Implementation of Regulations, International Conventions, and Amendments to the Act

A concept paper, cabinet paper, and list of international conventions for inclusion in the amended Marine Pollution Prevention Act No. 35 of 2008 were submitted to the Ministry of Environment.

Established Environment-Sensitized Community Through Public Awareness

Public awareness activities were carried out to promote environmentally responsible behavior and community engagement in marine conservation. These included media campaigns, school awareness programmes, a quiz competition in Batticaloa, and a short film competition for World Oceans Day.

National Environment Week

Under National Environment Week (May–June 2025), poster and sand art competitions, awareness walks, and mangrove planting programmes were organized across Batticaloa, Kilinochchi, Kalutara, Ampara, and Mannar.

World Oceans Day Program

World Oceans Day 2025 was celebrated at Port City, Colombo, with over 2,000 participants. The event included exhibitions, awareness sessions, school competitions, and the launch of the State of Marine Environment Report. District-level activities across Ampara, Batticaloa, Gampaha, and Mannar promoted public involvement in coastal conservation.



School art competitions

The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) and Marine Resources Conservation Week were

The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) and Marine Resources Conservation Week were held on 20 September 2025 at Panadura Beach Park with the participation of more than 700 people.

Be the Focal Point for Blue Economy and Marine Resource Management

To enhance MEPA's role in blue economy development and marine resource management, laboratory equipment calibration and procurement were completed. Staff were trained on the

5S concept and ISO Quality Management System implementation to align operations with international standards.

Developed Capacity of Marine Environment Protection Authority

Steps were taken to strengthen institutional and operational capacity. Approval was received for the recruitment of 34 new staff positions. Ten technical workshops and one online workshop were conducted to improve staff knowledge and skills. Maintenance of vehicles and procurement of IT and laboratory equipment were also completed to ensure smooth operational efficiency.

2.3.7. Department of National Botanic Garden

The Department of National Botanic Gardens plays a vital role in the conservation of plant diversity in Sri Lanka and implements a range of research and technical programs aimed at promoting horticulture and floriculture in the country. It also serves as a key source of botanical and environmental knowledge, facilitating educational and awareness activities for diverse audiences, including professionals, enthusiasts, and school students.

The total number of visitations to the gardens was over 1.5 million (1,713,243). The number of foreign visitors to botanic gardens as at end of September, 2025 (281,156) shows an 8% increase when compared to the same period of the last year (261,170).

Income

The total revenue earned from admission fees, plant sales, and rents etc. as at end of September was Rs. 1,308.9 Million. It shows a 21% increase when compared to the same period of time of the last year (Rs. 1,081.24 million).

Openings 2025

1. A new branch of Bank of Ceylon has been officially opened near the main entrance of the Royal Botanic Gardens Peradeniya on 28th September 2025. This new facility will provide enhanced convenience for visitors, staff, and the surrounding community by offering easy access to modern banking services within close proximity to the Garden premises.



Opening of Moon Memorial Museum at Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya under the patronage of the Hon. Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Dr. Harini Amarasuriya.

2. A new branch of Bank of Ceylon has been officially opened near the main entrance of the Royal Botanic Gardens Peradeniya on 28th September 2025



Opening of a new branch of Bank of Ceylon near the main entrance of the Royal Botanic

This new facility will provide enhanced convenience for visitors, staff, and the surrounding community by offering easy access to modern banking services within close proximity to the Garden premises.

Cafeteria building which provides a place for visitors to rest, refresh and recharge at Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya is being renovated and modified by Building Department.



Renovation of Cafeteria building at Royal botanic Gardens, Peradeniya

The suspension bridge at Royal Botanic Gardens is being renovated by the Factory Department. It will add adventure, excitement and explorations to enhance the visitor experience and to overall landscape value of the premises.

E-ticketing system with web site is being upgraded with the help of Ministry of Digitization at Royal Botanic Gardens for transaction security.

Renovation of toilets at Hakgala Botanic Gardens is being carried out by the Nuwara - eliya District Secretariat as upgrading public facilities for visitors at gardens.

A new ticket counter and security hut is being established at the new entrance from Gampaha - Ja-ela road at Gampaha Botanic Gardens to enhance visitor convenience and improve accessibility by Gampaha District Secretariat.

A solar electricity system is being established at the Miiijawila Dry Zone Botanic Gardens for its research centre, office and charging battery cars to supply clean and renewable energy for garden operations including lighting and visitor facilities. The main entrance, ticket counters, gate and boundary fence were also painted to enhance the aesthetic appearance.

1966m of UV coated polythene and 390m of insect resistant nets were distributed among 47 registered floriculture entrepreneurs in Badulla

and Nuwara Eliya districts under the National Floriculture Development Programme (Suwasas Mal) of the Department of National Botanic Gardens with the objective of developing infrastructure facilities in their cultivation areas, enhance flower cultivation and production, reduce importation of cut flowers and strengthening the national floriculture industry.

In addition, under the "Suwasas Mal" National Floriculture Development Programme, 18 large district-level exhibitions and 198 small exhibitions for the sale of plants were organized and held in selected districts to further increase the income of growers affiliated with grower organizations.

Floristic and floriculture research activities will continue in 2025 and 54 research programmes are being conducted focusing plant conservation, plant systematics, Micro-propagation, pest and disease management, post-harvest handling and value addition, agronomy.

11 battery operated cars are being purchased to improve visitor mobility, comfort and accessibility within the garden premises and will facilitate guided tours, transportation of elderly or differently abled visitors and enhance the overall visitor experience.

The total number of visitations and total revenue to the gardens will be increased in 2026 10% when compared to the last year(2025).

500,000 plants will be produced in all the gardens for conservation, education research and public display while using in the gardens and sale purposes.

Development activities of Akmeemana Mangrove Botanic Gardens will be continued in 2026. A new Botanic gardens in Vavuniya district will be initiated during next year for expanding the botanic gardens network island wide matching climate zones.

Water supply system is upgraded at Ganewatta Medicinal Plant Gardens for continuous supply of water to the garden even in draught seasons which was a long felt need by obtaining water from Daduru Oya water reservoir.

04 paddle boats are being purchased for using on botanic gardens main lakes to provide visitors with a serene experience amidst lush greenery.

Brief description of the activities and targets planned for the year 2026

- A botanical survey activities will continue 2026 for exploration and collection of plant species, mainly of threatened plants in Knuckles conservation area and Selected Forest Reserves at Kurunegala and other forests as the main plant exploration programme of the department. This leads to implement biodiversity conservation measures and ex-situ conservation practices and to identify potential economically sustainable species in different industries.
- BG- BASE international Data base activation will be carried out for the year 2026. BG-BASE is an international plant records management system used by botanic gardens to store and organize information about living collections, herbarium collections, taxonomy and nomenclature, conservation and exchange data and mapping and labeling.
- Floristic and floriculture research activities will continue in 2026 and 50 research programmes will be conducted focusing plant conservation, plant systematics, Micro-propagation, pest and disease management, post-harvest handling and value addition, agronomy.
- 25,000 individuals will be trained and made aware on floriculture and plant related fields as well as 60 individuals will be trained under the NVQ level courses on landscape gardening and floriculture.
- Lower and middle level growers who are already involved in the floriculture sector will be empowered by providing assistance in form of materials, equipment and infrastructure development for better performing

in the sector as well as providing marketing assistance through flower exhibitions.

- Capacity building of staff will be carried out through both local and foreign staff training programmes.



Distribution of materials for floriculture growers



A Flower exhibition stall

Financial Progress 2025

Source	Allocation (Rs Mn)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn)	%
Total Capital	278.00	44.50	16
Recurrent	834.00	561.83	67
Total	1112.00	606.33	55

2.3.8 Water Resources Board

The main responsibility assigned to the Water Resources Board is the management, regulation, and conservation of groundwater. Accordingly, the Water Resources Board is presently carrying out various research studies, surveys, and regulatory activities to ensure the sustainable existence of groundwater in Sri Lanka.

During the year 2025, the Water Resources

Board has been implementing the following studies and activities for the protection of the country's water resources.

In order to direct groundwater resources towards sustainable use through proper management, various activities have been implemented during this year to regulate groundwater resources.

However, since the provisions of the Water Resources Board Act and the amended Water Resources Board Act of 1999 are insufficient, draft documents have already been prepared in 2025, in line with the instructions received, to amend the existing Water Resources Board Act by incorporating the necessary regulatory procedures and rules to overcome difficulties encountered in carrying out these regulatory functions.

Regarding the tasks of regulating water resources and sources, as well as studies on the quality of water sources and groundwater development projects

Based on the prioritization of water springs in the central highlands which serve as the main recharge areas for all river basins, 62 water samples have already been subjected to laboratory analysis to examine water quality. In addition, recommendations and planning methodologies for the conservation of recharge areas have been prepared for 02 recharge subcatchment upto now.

By assessing the chemical condition of surface water sources such as rivers, streams, canals, and tanks across the country, and by maintaining that information in a central database as well as mapping them periodically, the chemical variations in water are determined. Accordingly, appropriate water management practices and plans required for the protection of these water sources are being developed. Under this initiative, chemical analysis of 256 water sources in the Wayamba Province has already been completed.

Planned Activities for the Year 2026

Natural Spring Studies and Conservation Programs

Adequate studies on natural water springs, which play a vital role in meeting the environmental and social water needs of the country, have not yet been carried out, nor have they been systematically mapped. Therefore, under this program as Phase-II, the existing information on natural springs in Sri Lanka will be identified, and preliminary studies will be conducted in selected districts of the North Central and Central Provinces. Field surveys will be used to identify natural springs, and recommendations and planning methodologies for the conservation of sensitive zones and recharge areas will be prepared. Measures will also be taken to implement these mechanisms through stakehold

er institutions and local communities. (Phase

II: Central and North Central Provinces; estimated cost – Rs. 1.00 Mn).

Groundwater resource mapping and regulatory methodology development

For sustainable use and mapping of groundwater, it is very important to have adequate data on existing groundwater resources. Under this initiative, all groundwater sources used for commercial purposes and drinking water supply will be identified, data will be collected, and mapping will be carried out at the DSD level. This will help to establish a regulatory mechanism for proper management of groundwater resources. Through this, it is expected to determine the safe yield of groundwater sources, provide necessary guidelines while ensuring sustainable groundwater use and environmental balance, and enable short-term and long-term plans for water resource management. (Estimated cost – Rs. 7.50 Mn).

Water quality studies and data management

In several phases, under the program to study all water sources in Sri Lanka, the quality of surface water sources such as rivers, canals, streams, and tanks as well as other water resources will be studied. By maintaining this information in a central database and through periodic mapping, chemical variations in water will be identified, enabling the preparation of necessary water management strategies and long-term plans for the protection of water sources. Furthermore, by identifying sensitive water sources, conservation can be ensured through appropriate management plans for local communities and development activities, while also enabling solutions and mechanisms to address problems affecting water sources during emergencies. (Phase II: Central and North Central Provinces; estimated cost – Rs. 6.00 Mn).

Recommendations will be provided to minimize impacts, in collaboration with the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, the Central Environmental Authority, and other relevant institutions. The Board will also intervene in resolving issues arising from the use of groundwater by providing appropriate technical recommendations to ensure equitable water rights and safety. Accordingly, 300 field investigations are planned to be implemented in 2026, with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.00 Mn.

The summary of all project studies

	Sub Projects/ Sub Activities	TEC (Rs. Mn)	Allocation for 2025 (Rs. Mn)	3 rd Quarter			
				Financial (Rs Mn.)		Physical (%)	
				Target	Progress as at 30.09.2025	Target	Progress as at 30.09.2025
1	Longterm Groundwater Monitoring Project (LTGM): Colombo-Negombo, Ampara, Mannar, Vavuniya, Kilinochchi, Jaffna, A'pura, Polonnaruwa, Matale, Puttalam, Monaragala, Kelani River Basin	5.00	5.00	3.65	2.58	75%	57%
2	Study on Direct and Indirect Impact of Climate Changes on Groundwater Resources (SICC)	1.00	1.00	0.65	0.26	70%	47%
3	Combine Inspections on GW Relating Environmental Issues (INSP)	1.00	1.00	0.58	0.71	36%	74%
4	Human Resources & Institutional Development (HRID)	4.50	4.50	3.27	1.95	71%	66%
5	Emergency Use for Disaster Events Related to Water Sector (Drought, Flood events, Contamination on GWR (E-USE))	1.50	1.50	0.10	0.10	75%	52%
6	Assessment of Natural & Hot Water Springs in Sri Lanka (ANSP)	1.50	1.50	1.10	0.25	78%	48%
7	Water Quality Assessment of surface water resources within the country: Phase -1 (SWQA)	4.00	4.00	4.00	2.40	78%	65%
8	Post DFAT Activities of Australia Awards Fellowship Program (DFAT)	2.50	2.50	1.80	0.79	56%	83%
Total		20.69	20.69	15.15	9.06		

2.3.9 Wildlife and Forest Conservation Division

By the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2403/53 dated 27.09.2024, the Departments of Wildlife Conservation, Forest Conservation and National Zoological Gardens as well as the State Timber Corporation which were then under the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation, were Included under the Ministry of Environment, Wildlife, Forest Resources, Water Supply, Plantation and Community Infrastructure.

Thereafter, by the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2412/08 dated 25.11.2024, the Department of Wildlife Conservation, the Forest Department, the National Zoological Gardens Department, and the State Timber Corporation were brought under the Ministry of Environment, and the functions of these departments and institutions were incorporated under the Division of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation.

Role and Progress of the Divisions

Administration Branch-. Progress as on 30.09.2025

No	Subject	Progress
01	Personal Files	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment of salary increments to 45 officers. Necessary actions taken to promote 07 officers. Retirement of 03 executive officers. Documents sent for confirmation of 14 Development Officers.
02	Leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave records updated. Leave reports of 08 transferred officers attached to personal files.
03	Railway Season Tickets and Leave Travel Warrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued 62 leave travel warrants.
04	Transport Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtained insurance coverage for 16 vehicles for the coming year. Conducted 10 periodic services for 07 vehicles and 09 repairs for 09 vehicles.
05	No-Pay Leave (Local/ Foreign)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved local leave for 01 officer. Approved foreign leave for 03 officers.
06	Parliamentary Questions and Cabinet Memoranda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forwarded 11 Cabinet papers to the Cabinet Office. Provided answers for 07 Parliamentary questions. Provided answers for 02 questions under Standing Order 27(2).
07	Audit Queries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided answers to 08 audit queries.
08	Right to Information Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided answers for 23 information requests.
09	Staff Information and Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated staff information.
10	Local and Foreign Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided foreign training for 09 officers. Referred all staff members to 08 local training programs. Referred primary-level officers to 03 training programs.
11	Public Complaints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public complaints received from the Presidential Secretariat and the Prime Minister's Office were promptly referred to the relevant affiliated departments. Complaints received through the Minister's Office, the Public Service Commission, the Human Rights Commission, and the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption were also referred to the relevant departments.
12	Performance Reports of Departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2024 Performance Reports of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, the Forest Department, and the National Zoological Gardens Department, as well as the 2023 Annual Report of the State Timber Corporation, were submitted to Parliament.

No	Subject	Progress
13	Maintenance Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carried out 15 maintenance activities of the Ministry promptly.
14	Institutional Activities of Departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duties related to the institutional activities of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Forest Department, National Zoological Gardens Department, and the State Timber Corporation were carried out promptly.

Details of the Ministry's Local Training Programs as at 30.09.2025

No.	Name of Training Program	Amount Spent (Rs.)	Date	No. of Officers
01	Government Salary System Training	18,000.00	06.05.2025 and 07.05.2025	01
02	Attitude Development Training Program	52,500.00	03.06.2025	09
03	Stress Management Training Program	25,600.00	30.06.2025	All Ministry Officers
04	Preparation of Human Resource Development Management Plan	12,500.00	03.07.2025	All Ministry Officers
05	Discipline Required for Public Service (Institutional Collection II) - 01	13,200.00	04.07.2025	All Ministry Officers
06	How to Contribute to Environmental Protection	13,690.00	22.07.2025	All Ministry Officers
07	Discipline Required for Public Service (Institutional Collection II) - 02	15,000.00	25.07.2025	All Ministry Officers
08	Road Rules Training Program for Drivers	7,800.00	20.08.2025	All Ministry Officers
09	Awareness Program on Non-Communicable Diseases	25,000.00	26.08.2025	All Ministry Officers
10	Discipline Required for Public Service (Institutional Collection II) - 03	14,000.00	29.08.2025	All Ministry Officers
11	Attitude Development Training Program II	60,000.00	02.09.2025	08
12	Discipline Required for Public Service (Institutional Collection II) - 04	12,000.00	04.09.2025	All Ministry Officers

* An advance payment of Rs. 30,000.00 has been obtained for the practical workshop on landscape garden-

Development Division

This Division is responsible for supervising and facilitating the proper and effective implementation of development activities carried out by the Department of Wildlife Conservation, the Forest Department, the Department of National Zoological Gardens, and the State Timber Corporation.

Progress upto 30.09.2025

- Under the program titled “Resolving Land Issues through Sustainable Forest Management”, a joint Cabinet Memorandum was submitted by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation and the Minister of Environment on 24.08.2025, bearing reference No. 25/1560/826/020, seeking the appointment of a committee to review identified lands in the districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya, Ampara, Trincomalee, and Batticaloa. Cabinet approval for this was granted on 25.08.2025, and actions are being taken accordingly.
- A Cabinet Memorandum has also been submitted (prepared by the Department of Wildlife Conservation and forwarded through the Ministry) proposing to revoke Gazette No. 2383/05 dated 06.05.2024, which declared the removal of a portion of the Vedithalativu Nature Reserve. Actions are being taken in line with the Cabinet decision received on this matter.
- A committee has been appointed to prevent train–elephant collisions, and that committee is taking appropriate measures to address the issue.
- Steps are being taken to appoint a committee comprising suitable officers to resolve wildlife feeding and land issues within the Kahalla-Pallekele Sanctuary, and that committee is engaged in discussions and field inspections to provide necessary recommendations.
- A discussion was held at the Department of Wildlife Conservation on 28.07.2025 under the chairmanship of the Hon. Deputy Minister of Environment and with the participation of the Secretary. Based on that discussion, a special program is being prepared to manage human–elephant conflict in the districts of Puttalam, Anuradhapura, and Kurunegala.
- Due to the large number of local and foreign tourists visiting national parks such as

Yala, Minneriya, Kaudulla, Udawalawe, Wilpattu, and Hurulu recently, there has been significant congestion. Therefore, a committee has been appointed to minimize congestion and to promptly address issues prevailing in the national parks. Necessary actions are being taken according to the recommendations of that committee.

- Necessary measures have been taken to appoint a committee to make decisions regarding the export of aquatic plants listed in the National Red Data List and plants produced through tissue culture.
- Plans are underway, under the leadership of the Ministry of Environment, to establish an integrated operations room within the Department of Wildlife and Forest Conservation to prevent forest-related crimes.

Under the “Vanaspathi” program, a committee has been appointed to re-examine the boundaries of gazetted forests, and to verify whether private or grant lands are included within those gazetted forests, and to determine whether government lands overlap

Planning Division

This Division is responsible for planning and monitoring activities related to wildlife protection and forest conservation.

1.2.3.1 Progress as at 30.09.2025

- The Annual Action Plan for 2025 has been prepared.
- One quarterly progress review meeting was held with the departments and institutions under the Division.
- The progress of development projects has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance.
- The Performance Report for 2024 related to the Wildlife and Forest Conservation sectors has been prepared and submitted to the Environment Division.
- Necessary activities are being carried out to develop a digital data dashboard containing data related to the Ministry and its subordinate departments and institutions.
- Coordination activities are being carried out to implement the “Nature-Based Tourism Destination Development Project”, implemented jointly with the Ministry of Tourism through World Bank financial assistance.

- Post-evaluation activities are being conducted for the programs approved by the National Evaluation Operations Committee, namely “Habitat Enrichment in Wildlife Protected Areas” under the Department of Wildlife Conservation and “Community Participation to Increase Forest Cover” under the Department of Forest Conservation.
- The progress of activities related to the Wildlife and Forest Conservation sectors in connection with the government’s policy statement “Prosperous Country – Beautiful Life” has been submitted to the Presidential Secretariat.
- The progress of the Program for Resolving Land Issues through Sustainable Forest Management is being monitored.
- Required information has been provided to the Presidential Secretariat, Ministry of Finance, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, other relevant line ministries and the Parliamentary Advisory Committee.
- Field inspections have been conducted for the monitoring of development projects.
- Monthly and quarterly progress reports related to capital projects have been prepared.
- The progress towards achieving the Ministry’s Sustainable Development Goals has been submitted to the Sustainable Development Council.

1.2.4 Accounts Division

The main function and responsibility of this division is to provide direct support for the financial management duties of the Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Division, as well as the institutions under it, to be carried out by the Secretary of the Ministry in their capacity as the Chief Accounting Officer, in line with the Ministry’s accountability to Parliamentary financial control.

Financial Progress as at 30.09.2025

Expenditure Item	Allocation for 2025 (Rs.)	Financial Progress (Rs.) (As of 30.09.2025)	Expenditure %
160-01-06-2001	25,000,000.00	3,547,296.26	14
160-01-06-2002	500,000.00	120,142.00	24
160-01-06-2102	3,500,000.00	100,140.00	3
160-01-06-2003	5,000,000.00	4,428,259.02	88
160-01-06-2401	1,000,000.00	313,547.15	31
Grand Total	35,000,000.00	8,536,384.43	24

Revenue Generation Progress—2025

Institution	Annual Revenue Target 2025 (Rs. Mn)	Revenue as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. Mn)	Progress %
Department of Wildlife Conservation	*7616.96	7,990.36	105.00
Department of Forest Conservation	1121.5	940.45	83.86
Department of National Zoological Gardens	1482.59	1230.29	82.98
State Timber Corporation	6642.8	3059.52	46.06

*Subject to revision.

Internal Audit Division

The Internal Audit Division conducts ongoing audit inspections and special audits of departments and institutions to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control mechanisms governing the financial and operational activities of the Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Division of the Ministry of Environment.

Progress as of 30.09.2025

Audits were carried out in accordance with the Internal Audit Plan – 2025, based on the Risk Register for the year 2025:

1. Audit of personal file maintenance – Regional level – 2025
2. Audit of personal file maintenance – Other staff – 2025
3. Vehicle maintenance audit – 2025
4. Vehicle repair audit – 2025
5. Allocation of vehicles for official duties – 2025
6. Vehicle accident-related activities – 2025
7. Vehicle theft-related activities – 2025
8. Inspection of running record books – 2025
9. Activities concerning government officers' advances – 2024/2025
10. Cash collection and banking audit – 2024/2025
11. Cashbook control audit – 2025
12. Cheque control audit – 2024/2025
13. Imprest Operations Audit – 2025
14. Interim advance operations audit – 2024/2025

15. Bank sittings and cheque-related activities audit – 2024/2025
16. Petty cash operations audit – 2025
17. Petty cash audit – 2025
18. Payment voucher management audit – 2024
19. Government officers' advance "B" account operations – 2024/2025
20. Convening of audit and management committee meetings

- Audit and management committee meetings were held for the first, second, and third quarters of 2025.
- In accordance with Section 38(1)(a) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and the Management Audit Circular No. DMA/01/2025 of the Management Audit Department, a review of the efficiency and effectiveness of internal control mechanisms in the Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Division of the Ministry of Environment was conducted.

Planned Activities for 2026

- Conduct audits in accordance with the Internal Audit Plan.
- Convene audit and management committee meetings and prepare reports.
- Conduct special audits.
- Carry out field inspections and report findings.
- Train officers of the Internal Audit Division and assign them to training programs

Investigation Division

No.	Investigations Conducted	Report Submitted to Secretary	Secretary's Approval for Report	Forwarded for Implementation of Recommendations	Progress of Recommendation Implementation (As of 10.09.2025)
01	Death of thousands of animals at Dehiwala Zoo	02.09.2024	Received	Forwarded to Director General of Zoological Department	Not reported

No.	Investigations Conducted	Report Submitted to Secretary	Secretary's Approval for Report	Forwarded for Implementation of Recommendations	Progress of Recommendation Implementation (As of 10.09.2025)
02	Inspection of Pinnawala Zoo	30.10.2024	Received	Forwarded to Director General of Zoological Department	Not reported
03	Cutting of trees on government land owned by the Cashew Corporation in Silawathura and Kondachchi areas within the Wilpattu Sanctuary. At Silawathura, about 300 acres of trees were cleared from approximately 6300 acres belonging to the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation. Trees were bulldozed and some cashew seedlings, Cucumber, Water Melon, and Corn Plants as well as small cashew seedlings of about 1½ feet in height, were planted.	23.12.2024	Received	Forwarded to Secretary, Ministry of Plantation and Infrastructure Facilities	Forwarded by Ministry of Plantation and Infrastructure Facilities to Chairman, Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation
04	Resolution of official residence issues of the National Zoological Department and reassessment in accordance with departmental requirements	30.12.2024	Received	Forwarded to Director General of Zoological Department on 11.02.2025 for implementation of recommenda-	Not reported
05	Displacement of purchased fence voltage alarm with siren and flash light during the construction of electric fences under the ESCAM project	28.03.2025	Received	Forwarded to Director General of Wildlife Department on 11.04.2025 for implementation of recommenda-	Not reported

No.	Investigations Conducted	Report Submitted to Secretary	Secretary's Approval for Report	Forwarded for Implementation of Recommendations	Progress of Recommendation Implementation (As of 30.09.2025)
06	Streamlining internal transport operations at Ridiyagama Safari Park	16.05.2025	Received	Forwarded to Director General of Zoological Department on 17.07.2025 for implementation of recommendations	Not reported
07	Fraudulent activities related to Ridiyagama Safari Park	07.07.2025	Received	Forwarded to Director General of Zoological Department on 18.07.2025 to obtain report on recommendations	Not reported
08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting investigations into an undisciplined officer at Department of National Zoological Gardens • passes related to a disciplinary officer at Dehiwala National Zoological Department. (for special operations with animals) • Leasing of Subha Sadaka Restaurant; Procurement of uniforms and shoes without specifications via tender. • Direct intervention in providing official residences and promotions • Management of Gonapola and Kahapola farms • Death of young orangutan in the water tank, death of elephant at Pinawala, and case at Wagolla Zoo. 	17.07.2025	Received	Forwarded to Director General of Zoological Department on 29.07.2025.	Not reported
09	The temporary electric fence equipment stored insecurely in Ritigala Wildlife Office was stolen.	30.09.2025	Received	Forwarded to Director General of Wildlife Conservation Department	Not reported

No.	Investigations Conducted	Report Submitted to Secretary	Secretary's Approval for Report	Forwarded for Implementation of Recommendations	Progress of Recommendation Implementation
10	Corruption irregularities in the Geo Informatics & Forest Inventory Division of the Department of Forest Conservation, and sale of 10 GPS devices to external parties	19.09.2025	Received	Forwarded to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption; also forwarded to the Coordination Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and the Director General of Forest Conservation Department	Not reported
11	<p>Irregularities at the State Timber Corporation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring an officer without fulfilling the qualifications for the post of Deputy General Manager (Human Resources & Administration) • the General Manager using institutional resources to publish an English book on timber • collecting information, using photocopy machines and stationery for the book. • previously, a Sinhala book on timber was published using institutional funds. • selling the Sinhala book to the public. • failure to provide medical insurance benefits to employees due to fraudulent tendering and outsourcing of insurance coverage to another insurance agency. 	26.08.2025	Submitted for approval for implementation of recommendations		

2.3.10 Department of Wildlife Conservation

Conservation of Sri Lanka's indigenous flora and fauna communities is a national priority. Accordingly, the Wildlife Conservation Department has been entrusted with the leading role of long-term protection and conservation of wildlife resources within the border including the maritime belt of Sri Lanka. For that, under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance, the Department of Wildlife Conserva-

tion has been assigned the legal responsibility to establish and manage a network of wildlife protected areas in Sri Lanka, and the total area of the protected areas (marine and land protected) thus established is about 12500 square km. So far 109 wildlife reserves have been declared in Sri Lanka as 39 National Reserves, 69 Sanctuaries and 01 Elephant Management Reserve.

Financial Progress Summary as on 31.12.2024

Summary of overall Financial progress

Source of Funding	Allocated Provisions (Rs.Mn)	Actual Expenditure (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (%)
Consolidated Fund	5730.00	3205.449	55.94
Wildlife Conservation Fund	3736.056	2505.441	67.06
Total	9466.056	5710.89	60.33

Consolidated Fund (Capital and Recurring Expenditure)

Expenditure Category	2025 Estimated Amount (Rs. Mn)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (%)
Capital Expenditure	406.00	120.639	29.71
Recurrent Expenditure	5324.00	3084.81	57.94
Total	5730.00	3205.449	55.94

Wildlife Conservation Fund (Capital and Recurring Expenditure)

Expenditure Category	2025 Estimated Amount (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (%)
Capital Expenditure	1194.706	472.781	39.57
Recurrent Expenditure	2541.35	2032.66	79.98
Total	3736.056	2505.441	67.06

Financial and physical progress of other capital programs

S/ No .	Expenditure Head	Project	Allocated Amount (Rs. Mn)	Funds disbursed (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress %	Physical Progress %
1	2001	Buildings and structures	10.00	1.72	17.24	45
2	2002	Maintenance of machinery and equipment	4.00	-	0.00	20
3	2003	Vehicle maintenance and purchases	25.00	9.95	39.78	50
4	2102	Purchase of office equipment	2.00	-	0.00	15
5	2103	Purchase of machinery and equipment	2.00	-	0.00	15
6	2105	Land and land improvement	5.00	0.13	2.67	50
7	2401	Capacity development	9.00	6.84	75.98	70
8	2506	Maintenance and improvement of the road network in national parks	9.00	0.91	10.07	40
Total			66.00	19.55		

Physical and financial progress of major development programs

S/ No .	Expenditure Head	Major development programs	Allocated Amount (Rs. Mn)	Financial progress (Rs. Mn)	Financial progress %	Physical progress %
1	8-2105	Erection of electric fence and maintenance	200.00	76.651	38.32%	50.00
2	9-2506	Habitat enrichment	100.00	24.442	33.00%	55.00
3	10-2506	Road maintenance in national parks	40.00	0.00	0%	10.00
Grand Total			340.00	101.093	29.73	50

Progress on the recurrent expenditure of the Wildlife Conservation Fund

Head	Description	Estimate (Rs. Mn)	Funds disbursed	Financial progress %
3000	Elephant catches, elephant chase away and rescue of endangered elephants	16.00	7.03	43.93
3001	Removal/burial of dead wild elephants and disposal of other dead animals	8.50	3.81	44.80
3002	Food for animals	165.00	134.09	81.26

Head	Description	Estimate (Rs. Mn)	Funds disbursed	Financial progress %
3003	Operating materials and devices (medical supplies)	40.00	20.72	51.80
3004	Hospital and medical fees of officers	0.50	0.05	10.00
3005	Compensation for deaths and bodily harm of officers	2.00	0.46	23
3006	Lawyer's fees	0.50	1.01	100
3007	Service charges	750.00	894.17	100
3008	Minor maintenance of machinery, electrical equipment, and buildings	12.00	7.45	62.08
3009	Maintenance of electric fence	65.00	33.53	51.58
3010	Vehicle repairs and minor maintenance	150.00	64.13	42.75
3011	Cleaning of cloths in bungalows	2.80	1.92	68.57
3012	Miscellaneous expenses	100.00	93.93	93.93
3013	Electricity, water and telephone	40.00	17.95	44.87
3014	Gun license fees	0.30	0.0004	0.13
3015	Radio messages	8.00	4.44	55.50
3016	Compensation for damage caused to the people by animals	150.00	51.61	34.40
3017	Convention conferences and subscription fee	10.00	3.64	36.40
3018	Education and extension activities related to wildlife conservation	8.00	9.46	100
3019	Service agreements	25.00	2.65	10.60
3020	Allowance for volunteer guides	90.00	72.20	80.22
3021	Bonuses (from court fines)	20.00	24.09	100
3022	Incentives	110.00	88.39	80.35
3023	Maintenance worker meal allowances	75.00	36.67	48.89
3024	Local travel expenses	90.00	52.68	58.53
3025	Foreign travel expenses	15.00	2.98	19.86
3026	Stationery and office expenses	10.00	4.57	45.70
3027	Fuel	150.00	87.06	58.04
3028	Purchase of elephant crackers and rubber bullets	365.75	291.61	79.72
3029	Minor purchases for parks and tourist homes	15.00	6.82	45.46
3030	Uniforms and accessories	45.00	12.03	26.73
3031	Audit fees	2.00	1.34	67.00
	Total	2,541.35	2032.65	79.99

* The estimated amount is subject to revision in the future.

Financial and Physical Progress of the Wildlife Conservation Fund's capital

Expenditure Head	Major development programs	Allocated Amount (Rs. Mn)	Financial progress (Rs. Mn)	Financial progress %	Physical progress %
3500	Maintenance of machinery, electrical equipment and building	50.00	25.98	52	50
3501-1	Improving facilities in national parks for tourists	170.00	84.27	50	60
3501-2	Purchase of necessary items for tourist bungalows	38.00	9.78	26	40
3501-3	Improving wildlife protection and health facilities	190.71	195.71	103	70
3502	Purchase of boats and firearms	42.00	3.60	9	30
3503	Maintenance of equipment	90.00	-	0	60
3504	Improvement of the facilities at the head office	10.00	2.96	30	50
3505	Implementation of outreach programs	9.00	2.95	33	35
3506	Marine life conservation	70.00	0.74	1	25
3507-1	Habitat enrichment	100.00	20.20	20	50
3507-2	Notice boards and boundary markings in national parks	10.00	0.93	9	25
3508-1	Erection of electric fence	200.00	33.41	17	40
3508-2	Construction of guard posts for electric fences	100.00	16.17	16	45
3509	Purchase of office equipment	65.00	50.32	77	35
3510	Purchase of maintenance equipment	5.00	2.19	44	40
3511	Purchase of computer software and hardware	15.00	-	0	15
3512	Local training	30.00	23.57	79	75
	Grand Total	1,194.706	472.78	39.57	

*The estimated amount is subject to revision in the future.

Physical Progress**Habitat Enrichment**

Under this, necessary steps have been taken to remove undergrowth on both sides of the roads of 400 hectares. Grassland management activities of 75 hectares have been completed. Relevant work has been started for the construction of Itthekanda Tank and Welimadawatte Tank in Udawalawa National Park. Construction of 02 tube wells at the Horowpathana Elephant Conservation Center has been completed. Fire belt management activities have also been carried

out in the Victoria Randenigala Rantambe Sanctuary.

Improving the road network in national parks

Under this, the Yala National Park, Wilpattu National Park, Kumana National Park, Udawalawa National Park, Minneriya National Park, Wasgamuwa National Park, Kaudulla National Park, Lunugamvehera National Park road system will be repaired.

Marine life conservation activities

Activities such as implementing the mangrove plant species restoration project in the Anawilundawa Sanctuary, implementing coral restoration programs to protect coral ecosystems (Pigeon Island National Park, Kayankarni Sanctuary, Welisara Marine Sanctuary), and conducting public participation programs to stabilize coastal habitats under the Clean Sri Lanka program have been carried out.

Renovation of tourist bungalows

Under this, steps have been taken to provide the necessary equipment and materials for tourist bungalows, as well as to carry out repairs to tourist bungalows and maintenance of solar systems.

Erection of Electric Fence

The electric fence, which is being erected as a solution to the human-elephant conflict and to protect the lives and property of the people, has

been constructed for a distance of 138.6 km in 2025.

Accordingly, electric fences have been erected covering the areas of Havenpitiya, Samanala Dam, Nawaneliya, Budhankotte, Iginimitiya, Ranorawa, Kivulakade, Wannamkulam, Christuwakkulam, Sinnasitti-Anawilundakulama, Balaya Wewa 2 Kanuwa, Arunagama-Dangolla, Oyamaduwa-Ettikulam, Samanala Dam-Rajawaka Mulgama, etc.

Construction of guard posts

19 new electric fence guard posts have been set-up and renovated to protect the electric fence. Guard posts have been setup in Kumarathenna, Maradankalle, Galmulla, Alawakumbura, Kapela, Modarapelassa-Andagalawatta, Kan-chikudichchiaru, Rupassala, Kahatagasyaya, Lathugala, Modarapelassa, Andagalawatta, and Popepitiya.

2.3.11 Department of Forest Conservation

The primary responsibility of the Department of Forest Conservation is the conservation and development of Sri Lanka's forest resources to ensure the prosperity of the nation.

Financial Progress summary (Consolidated Fund- as at 30.09.2025)

Description	Allocation - 2025 (Rs. Mn)	Expenses as of 30.09.2025 (Rs. Mn)	Finance percentage (%)
Capital Expenditure	1280.00	465.38	36.36
Recurrent expenditure	2500.00	1668.04	66.72
Total	3780.00	2133.42	56.44

Financial and Physical Progress (Consolidate Fund- as at 30.09.2025)

Projects / Programme	Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress as at 2025.09.30		Physical Progress as at 2025.09.30	
		Financial target up to reporting date (Rs. Mn)	Financial Performance up to reporting date (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target %	Physical Performance
1.Expanding forest cover	1000.00	614.93	355.14	68.33	59
1.1 Establishing commercial forestry	398.702	151.99	123.80	57	55

Projects / Programme	Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress as at 2025.09.30		Physical Progress as at 2025.09.30	
		Financial target up to reporting date (Rs. Mn)	Financial Performance up to reporting date (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target date %	Physical Performance date %
1.2 Forest surveying, declaration and demarcation	200.00	178.38	48.01	46	39
1.3 Restoring degraded forests	194.30	115.69	77.30	64	53
1.4 Forestry extension and awareness	80.00	51.99	24.89	70	59
1.5 Implementing eco - tourism activities	109.00	103.05	71.60	100	99
1.6 Updating, preparing and coordinating forest management plans	18.00	13.83	9.55	73	49
2 Forest protection activities	50.00	45.37	25.86	98.5	64
2.1 Forest Fire Control	20.00	19.87	10.39	97	57
2.2 Forest protection	30.00	25.50	15.47	100	71
3. Forestry research / Research & Development	8.00	6.56	1.45	57	27
4. Forestry Education and Training	10.00	5.04	2.27	37	44
5. Physical asset management	212.00	132.40	80.65	56.67	69.67
5.1 Maintenance of Building & Structures Maintenance	106.03	52	26.39	60	73
5.2 Office and electronic equipment maintenance	2.00	1.40	0.75	70	55
5.3 Vehicle Maintenance	40.00	27.00	19.63	70	65
5.4 Furniture & Office Equipment	10.00	7.00	6.99	70	70
5.5 Obtaining office and electronic equipment	50.00	45.00	26.89	70	75
5.6 Software Development	3.70	0.00	0.00	0	80
Total	1280.00	804.32	465.38	72	58

Development Projects

Conducting awareness and training programs for field officers, surveying forest boundaries using GPS, preparing maps and erecting boundary posts



Under the Clean Sri Lanka program, the cleaning of about 40 hectares of mangrove areas



Production of saplings for restoration of forests and planting at religious sites by the Biodiversity and Water Resources Conservation Division



Maintenance of nurseries for forest plantations



2.3.12 Department of National Zoological Gardens

The governance and management of the Department of National Zoological Gardens, is established and structured upon the National Zoological Gardens act no 41 of 1982.

At present the Department consists of four ex-situ conservation operational units namely: Dehiwala Zoo, Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Pin-

nawala Zoo and Ridiyagama Safari Park. In addition to these, the Gonapola Farm, Kahapola Farm, and Diyagama Farm are in operation, primarily producing animal feed. Also, the Department Head office is in operation at the Dehiwala Zoological Garden premises. All these operational units together strive towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Department.

Financial Progress Summary of the Department of National Zoological Gardens

Summary of appropriations and expenditure information as at 30.09.2025

Consolidated Fund

Expenditure category	Estimate - 2025 (Rs.mn.)	Expenditure up to 30.09.2025 (Rs.mn.)	Financial progress %
Capital expenditure	167.00	68.44	41
Recurrent expenditure	741.00	576.98	78
Total	908.00	645.42	71

Summary of appropriations and expenditure information as at 30.09.2025**(Zoo Development and Welfare Fund)**

Expenditure category	Estimate - 2025 (Rs.mn.)	Expenditure up to 30.09.2025 (Rs.mn.)	Financial progress %
Capital expenditure	876.18	228.54	26
Recurrent expenditure	1,444.50	842.20	58
Total	2,320.68	1,070.74	46

Financial and physical progress of major development programs**Summary of financial and physical progress of the development programs of the Consolidate Fund as at 30.09.2025**

No	Program	Provisions	Financial Progress		Physical progress
		(Rs.mn.)	(Rs.mn.)	%	%
1	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Capital Assets	18.00	11.48	64	54
2	Acquisition of Capital Assets	6.00	3.29	55	58
3	Capacity Building	2.00	0.58	29	30
4	Development of Dehiwala Zoological Gardens (1)	53.00	21.67	41	46
5	Development of Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage (2)	40.00	13.83	35	39
6	Development of Pinnawala Zoo (3)	17.00	12.85	76	100
7	Development of Safari Park at Hambantota (4)	30.00	4.74	16	54
8	Implementation of "Open Cage" Concept at the Dehiwala Zoo	1.00	0.00	-	50
Total		167.00	68.44	41	54

Summary of financial and physical progress of the development programs of the Zoo Development and Welfare Fund as at 30.09.2025

Se. No.	Program	Provisions	Financial Progress		Physical progress
		(Rs.mn.)	(Rs.mn.)	%	%
1	Development of Dehiwala Zoological Garden	234.00	61.47	26	32
2	Development of Safari Park at Hambantota	321.07	73.11	23	31

Se. No.	Program	Provisions	Financial Progress		Physical progress
		(Rs.mn.)	(Rs.mn.)	%	%
3	Development of Pinnawala Zoo	75.20	25.27	34	39
4	Development of Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	188.50	60.68	32	39
5	Purchasing and Maintenance of Plant Machinery Equipment	38.70	6.54	17	14
6	Purchasing and Maintenance of Medical Equipment	10.71	0.08	1	10
7	Purchasing of Animals	3.00	-	-	-
8	Expenses Related to Animal Acquisition	5.00	1.39	28	35
Total		876.18	228.54	26	25

Physical progress of the department's sub-institutions and their major development programs
Below are some photographs of the major development works carried out in the year 2025.

Development of the Dehiwala Zoo



Kahapola Farm



Monkey Island



Renovation elephant sheds



Office Building- Ground floor



Animal hospital

Development of the Pinnawala Zoo



Enclosure for small cat family's



Improvement of Boundary Chain link



Razor wire fence – stg. II



Lion Den No.03



Gate and fence in Leopard

Development of Hambanthota Safari Park

Visitor arrivals and revenue information of the National Zoological Parks Department as of 30.09.2025

Institution/ National Park	Visitor arrivals			Revenue (Rs. million)				
	Local	For- eign	Total	Local	For- eign	Onlin e tick- et in- come	Other	Total
Dehiwala Zoo	775,465	9,163	784,628	177.07	36.09	0.27	25.15	238.59
Pinnawala Ele- phant Orphan- age	375,077	144,096	519,173	81.63	622.08	12.52	39.27	755.50
Pinnawala Zoo	248,136	25,037	273,173	54.00	37.83	0.0008	11.60	103.44
Ridiyagama Safari Park	194,313	4,637	198,950	86.66	21.06	-	25.04	132.76
Total	1,592,991	182,933	1,775,924	399.37	717.05	12.79	101.07	1,230.29

2.3.13 State Timber Cooperation

State Timber Corporation is a government owned enterprise. It was established under the Government Industrial Corporation Act No. 49 of 1957 by Gazette No. 14796 dated 04.04.1968 and as an institution with more than 55 years of experience and experience,

the State Timber Corporation is a supplier of high-quality furniture and has become the choice of hotels, government institutions, and leading private sector buyers including architects.

Sales Progress (Up to 30.09.2025)

Item	Target (Rs.)	Achievement (Rs.)	Progress %
Logs	3,041,631,391	2,709,114,123	89%
Sawn timber	297,389,126	244,959,650	82%
Transmission poles	36,435,000	63,701,094	175%
Sleepers	448,831,003	294,052,055	66%
Fire wood	51,502,231	55,233,016	107%
Fence post	6,274,320	10,098,663	161%
Round poles	4,192,925	11,471,494	274%

Item	Target (Rs.)	Achievement (Rs.)	Progress %
Elephant poles	3,570,000	103,142,874	2889%
Furniture	496,147,783	150,870,022	30%
Overall	4,386,121,829	3,666,200,430	84%

As of August 2025, the overall progress achieved is 79%.

Production progress (Up to 30.09.2025)

Item	Target	Achievement	Progress
Logs (m3)	91,0241	87,555	96%
Sawn timber (m3)	3,021	1,752	58%
Transmission poles (nos.)	1,080	1,403	130%
Sleepers (nos.)	20,770	14,580	70%
Fire wood (m3)	30,989	39,008	126%
Fence post (nos.)	21,479	23,545	110%
Round poles (nos.)	15,179	38,767	255%
Elephant poles (nos.)	225	1,154	513%
Furniture (rs.)	318	111	35%

Brief description of the activities planned for the year 2026

- Expect 6500mn sales for 2026
- Capital Expenditure about 1200mn (New Construction and fixed assets purchase)
- Enhance customer loyalty
- Maintain operational efficiency of the process utilizing system and technology while addressing sustainability.
- Maintain and improve employee efficiency, satisfaction and workforce stability.

2.3.14 Financial Progress- Ministry of Environment

	Description	2025 Revised Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Progress as at 2025.09.30		
			Expendiure (Rs. Mn)	Bills in Hand	Financial %
Implementation of Annual Programmes of the Ministry					
1	Annaual Programmes of the Ministry (Divisions)	40.00	17.60	0.00	44%
2	Environment Conservation Program	34.00	0.60	1.15	5%
3	Environmental Promotion and Awareness Program (Environmental Promotion, Awareness and Green Awards) - Central Environmental Authority)	80.00	28.61	7.24	45%
	Sub Total	154.00	46.81	8.39	36%
Foreign funded projects implemented under the Ministry					
1	Strengthening National -Level Institution and Professional Capacity of country parties towards enhanced UNCCD monitoring and reporting - GEF 7 EA umbrella IV	4.00	1.12	-	28%
2	Project on implementation of the Montreal Protocol Obligations in Sri Lanka.	50.00	28.36	0.90	59%
3	Project on “Managing Together: Integrating Community –centered Ecosystem-based Approaches into Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors”	60.00	15.37	-	26%
4	Project on Development of Enhanced Transparency Framework for Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use Sectors	100.00	37.43	-	37%
5	Strengthening National Capacity for phasing Out Mercury Added Products and environmentally Sound Management of Waste consisting of, contaminated with and containing Mercury in Sri Lanka	10.00	0.26	-	3%
6	Regional Project on Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka and India to the increased impacts of Climate Change	100.00	0.00	-	0%
7	Integrated Management and Environmentally Sound Disposal of POPs Pesticides in Sri Lanka's Agriculture Sector and Mercury and Waste in the Healthcare Sector	57.00	1.19	-	2%
8	Project on “Partnerships and Innovative Financing to Mainstream Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Management in the Wet Climatic Zone of Sri Lanka”	60.00	23.65	-	39%
9	Development and Submission of Sri Lanka’s First and Second Biennial Transparency Reports and National Communications to the UNFCCC	34.50	8.90	-	26%
	Sub Total	475.50	116.27	0.90	25%

Local Funded Projects Implemented Under the Ministry - Central Environmental Authority					
1	Completion of the first floor of the Central Provincial Building	20.00	-	-	0%
2	National Strategic Environmental Assessment	10.00	-	-	0%
	Sub Total	30.00	-	-	-
Direct Funding Projects (Money allocated for tax payments)					
10	USAID Climate Adaptation Project	24.00	-	-	0%
11	Ocean Plastic Reduction Activity (USAID)	30.00	-	-	0%
12	EU Green Policy Dialogue Facility	6.00	-	-	0%
13	Strengthening Capacity to Implement Rotterdam Convention and Industrial Chemicals Management in Sri Lanka	10.50	-	-	0%
14	Promoting a Circular Economy in the Food Sector	6.00	-	-	0%
15	Fostering Sustainable Economic Recovery through Improved Biodiversity and Sustainable Waste Management	6.00	-	-	0%
	Sub Total	82.50	-	-	0%
	Projects Total	588.00	116.27	0.90	25%
	Total	742.00	163.08	9.29	23%
Other institutions under the Ministry (Consolidated Fund)					
1	Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management	382.00	72.11	0.02	19%
2	Marine Environment Protection Authority	70.00	31.78	3.19	50%
3	Department of National Botanic Gardens	278.00	44.50	-	16%
4	Water Resources Board	21.00	9.06	4.40	64%
5	Department of Wildlife Conservation	406.00	120.64	-	30%
6	Department of Forest Conservation	1,280.00	465.38	-	36%
7	Department of Zoological Gardens	167.00	68.44	-	41%
8	Central Environmental Authority	75.00	9.40	18.80	38%
	Sub Total	2,679.00	821.31	26.41	32%
	Grand Total	3,421.00	984.40	35.70	30%
Income Generation Progress-2025					
	Description	Annual Target (Rs Mn.)	Progress as at 2025.09.30		
			Incomr (Rs Mn.)	Annual%	Investment (Rs Mn.)
Institutions under the purview of Ministry of Environment					
1	Department of Forest Conservation	1,121.50	940.45	84%	-
2	Department of Wildlife Conservation	7,616.96	7,990.36	105%	-
3	Department of Zoological Gardens	1,482.59	1,230.29	83%	-
4	Department of National Botanic Gardens	1,250.00	1,308.89	105%	-
5	Marine Environment Protection Authority	127.22	79.72	63%	-
6	Central Environmental Authority	687.37	608.88	12%	-
7	Geological Survey and Mines Bureau	4,439.00	3038.00	68%	-
8	GSMB TS Pvt Ltd	1,201.33	864.73	72%	-
9	Sri Lanka Climate Fund	51.61	36.92	72%	-
10	State Timber Cooperation	6,642.80	3,059.52	46%	-
					-
	Total	24,620.38	19157.76	78%	-

Chapter 3

Action Plan 2026

Action Plan 2026			Rs. (000)
Ministry of Environment			951,710
Implementation of the Ministry's annual programs - Environment Division			48,190
118	Air Resource Management & National Ozone Unit	Effectuate a sound institutional framework for integrated AQM, while fostering advocacy, governance and stakeholder participation.(NEAP 1)	3,150
		Manage air pollution from stationary sources (NEAP 3)	
		Manage indoor air pollution issues (NEAP 4)	
		Enhance global participation and collaboration for furthering AQM (NEAP 10)	
	Biodiversity Division	Species & Ecosystem Conservation	5,000
		Mainstreaming Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services into National Development	
		Commemoration of International Days related to Biodiversity	
	Climate Change Secretariat	Climate Change Policy, Regulation & Planning	6,000
		Mainstreaming Climate Change into provincial development planning	
		Capacity Building & Awareness on Climate Change	
		Carbon Neutrality by 2050	
		Committees on Climate Change	
		UNFCCC Activities	
		Climate Finance Activities	
118	Environment Planning & Economics Division	Green Public procurement programme	2,240
		Eco-Labeling Program	
		National policy on Sustainable Consumption and Production for Sri Lanka	
		Green Products and Green Jobs Promotion Programme	
		Green Accounting programme	
		Implementation of National watershed Management policy	
		National Programme on Environmental Sensitive Areas (ESAs) Management	
		National Green Reporting System	
		Establishment of Joint Crediting Mechanism in Sri Lanka	
		Function as a Designated National Authority for Article 6.4 (DNA 6.4)	
		Other Technical Assistance - GGGI Carbon Transaction Facility Readiness proposal	
		- EU Green Recovery Facility progress Reporting	

118	Environment Pollution Control and Chemical Management Division	National Coordinating Committee on Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm, & Minamata	800
		Holistic waste management and Greening the industries related activities	
		Meetings/WS on EPC&CM Printing and publishing books/materials	
	Natural Resources Mangement Division	Carryout Field investigations on Land related matters	600
		Commemoration of International Days related to the Environment (World Day to Combat Desertification -17th of June/World soil Day – 05th Of December)	
		Updating Sri Lanka's Drought Management Plan (GEF -7 Regional Project)	
		Meetings on Sustainable Land Management with relavent institutions & Conducting Meetings & Committee reports	
	Environment Education Training promotion and Special project	Implementing awareness programs	27,900
		Organizing a short film competition “Soba Chalana Sithuwam” and a nature photography competition “Soba Seya” in line with Environment Day.	
		Organizing the “Soba Paniwida” competition for environmental conservation	
		Publication of “Soba” Environmental Magazine	
		Commemoration of Major Environment Events	
		Implementing programs to raise awareness on environmental topics and promote environmental conservation	
		Library Development	
		Create a National Environmental Action Center together with youth,environmental organizations and activists	
		Establish youth environmental committees at local government level. Conducting awareness programs in 25 districts	
	Legal Division	Organizing workshops to taise the awareness among Police Officers on Environmental Law of Sri Lanka	1,100
	Policy Planning and Monitoring Division	Preparing the 2025 Performance Report and Accounts	1,400
		2025 Progress Report and 2026 Action Plan	

Central Environmental Authority			388,000
110	Environmental Promotion Program	Preparation of Educational material & Awareness programmes	40,000
	Environmental Promotion Program	World Environment Day program,	
		Presidential Environmental Awards	
		Promotional Activities using mass media & Social media	
110	Environment Education and awareness	Material Production	40,000
	Environment Education and awareness	Training and Awareness Program	
	Environment Education and awareness	Medal Examination and Awarding Ceremonies	
	Environment Education and awareness	Program Strengthen Activities	
	Environment Education and awareness	Meetings , Motivation and Empowerment Activities, Local study exposure for Presidential Medalists, National Environment Pioneer Camp, Environment Pioneer camp in district / provincial level	
		Administrative & Overhead Cost	
137	Completion of the construction works of the Central Provincial Office building	Completion of the construction works of the Central Provincial Office building	37,000
	Capital Budget	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Head Office Premises and Branch office	250,000
163	Developing laboratories to achieve ISO/IEC:17025 international laboratory accreditation	Procurement of laboratory equipment, Installation of infrastructure facility in provincial laboratory, Implementation of the quality management systems in provincial level, Procurement of Laboratory furniture and office equipment for all CEA laboratories	21,000
National Environmental Conservation Program			11,000
124	Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Division	Preparing a digital board for the ministry	6,000
	Sustainable land management	Establishing a sustainable land model site- Establishing sustainable land models in the Ihalakumbukwewa Mahage Wewa and Ranmuduwewa Grama Niladhari Divisions of the Suriya Wewa Divisional Secretariat Division	500
	Human Resources Development	Projects for Divisional Secretariat Environmental Officers	4,500

Foreign funded projects		504,520
"07	Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (GOSL UNDP)	60,000
	•Hydrochlorofluorocarbon Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP)	17,000
	1. Formulation of necessary policies, laws and regulations for the elimination of hydrochlorofluorocarbon series	
	2. Capacity building in the service sector in the refrigeration and air conditioning sector	
	3. Preparing awareness and education kits for sectoral activities	
	•Institutional Strengthening (IS) - Phase XIV	25,000
	1. Adopt/implement legislation and regulations to control and monitor the import and use of chemicals controlled by the Montreal Protocol.	
	2. Efficient and timely data collection and reporting.	
	3. Coordination with other government agencies/stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the Montreal Alliance.	
	4. Coordination with other government agencies/stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the Montreal Alliance	
	5. Raising awareness and promoting information exchange on the issues of the Montreal Alliance	
	Additional activities to maintain energy efficiency in the refrigeration service sector (HPMP)	5,000
	Develop MEPS regulations, including data collection survey design and procedures for their application and monitoring, based on best regional and international practices, Providing technical support and guidance by an international MEPS expert for drafting and finalization.	
	Training senior and junior service staff in large and medium-scale service workshops on energy saving measures for capacity development based on selection of appropriate equipment as per requirement, taking into account MEPs.	
	Craftsmen, service workshops, retailers, importers, suppliers, enforcement officers, Develop and distribute community outreach materials to promote the introduction of MEPS and labeling systems for RAC associations and other relevant organizations.	
	A public awareness program on MEPS and related energy savings for the public through various media including print and digital media.	
	Kigali Implementation Plan Development Project	11,000
	Policies, regulations and enforcement , Purchase of training equipment, Capacity development in the mobile air conditioning sector	
	Preparation of a national inventory of used/unwanted ozone-depleting chemicals	2,000
	Hiring a local consultant for TOR preparation and data collection, analysis, and basic strategy and action plan. Preparing and implementing national level studies and surveys	

144	Project on Managing together Integrating community - centered ecosystem -based approaches into forestry, agriculture and tourism sectors		40,000
	Component	Facilitating the construction of a seawall from Mannar to Wanakalai and the restoration of coastal habitats	
		Carrying out soil conservation activities to prevent soil erosion in the Upper Welioya area	
		Providing 10 shelter houses to ten beneficiaries identified under the Suhuru Model Gardening Program	
		Granting half an acre of cassava, lime and orange to twenty identified farmers to develop ecological agriculture in the identified nutrient zone	
		Improving habitat quality in forests in Anuradhapura District through IAS removal	
		Providing drip irrigation systems to identified farmers.	
		Implementation of the monitoring plan: Trial landscape to monitor progress against the RRF and ESMP, quarterly at district and national levels.	
148	Enhanced Transparency Framework for Agriculture, Forestry and other land use sectors		108,000
	Component	1.Preparation of reports on improving diversity for the agriculture, forestry and other land use sectors. Establishment of an institutional structure for coordination.	1.1 Corporate plans to coordinate the preparation of ETF reports
			1.2 AFOLU - Training Programs on the MRV System
			1.3 The necessary IT equipment and related resources to enable the establishment of an established institutional plan for the proper implementation of the ETF MRV system
			1.4 AFOLU MRV Evaluation Framework
			1.5 Preparation of a national ETF monitoring and reporting roadmap in line with the preparation of BTR and NC
			1.6 Preparing MRV protocol for ETFs
			1.7 Quality control methodology
			1.8 International Conference on the Exchange of Best Practices

		2. Strengthening the capacity to measure emissions, removals and emission-reductions in AFOLU sector activities	2.1 Updating forest cover maps and forest reference levels	
			2.2 Implementation of data supply guidelines	
			2.3 Capacity building on updating the GHG inventory and its development	
			2.4 Implementation of measurement protocol and data provision guidelines at the field level	
			2.5 Country-specific emission factors to support future BTR and NC	
			2.6 Advance the initial validation and procurement process of a more appropriate alternative method (proxy) for greenhouse gas inventory measurements	
			2.7 Pilot studies on proxy measurement and validation	
			2.8 Awareness and publicity about the AFOLU ETF system to relevant stakeholders.	
			2.9 Updating training modules/syllabi of training institutions in the agriculture and forestry sectors with calculation of greenhouse gas emissions and removals	
		3. Strengthening the capacity of the AFOLU sector to measure climate change impacts, risks and adaptation-related activities	3.1 Climate impact drivers and proxy measures related to M&R (adaptation)	
			3.2 Updating Agro-Climate Zones Developing Capacity for Nationally Determined Contribution Progress Analysis	
			3.3 Knowledge of the importance of the M&R system for the AFOLU sector and the project	
			3.4 Identify the policy need and legal framework for the sustainability of ETF in the AFOLU sector.	
			Preparation and publication of a policy brief, project completion	

		4. Other Expenses	Allowances for national consultants, local travel expenses, stationery, electricity and other utilities, communication costs, miscellaneous and unforeseen expenses, taxes and maintenance fees.	
150	Partnership and Innovative Financing to Mainstream Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Management in the Wet Climate Zone of Sri Lanka			42,000
	Component	Conserving forests with high conservation value in tea and rubber plantations		
		Establishing a public-private partnership for biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management in the plantation sector		
		Knowledge management, gender, monitoring and evaluation for biodiversity conservation		
151	Project on Development of the First and Second Biennial Transparency Reports and Fourth National Communication of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Framework Conventions on Climate Change (UNFCCC) - 1st and 2nd BTR,FNC (UNDP/GEF)			23,800
	Component	1.1 Reporting and submission to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change & Submission of reports to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, BTR report & Developing MRV systems to develop the capacity of relevant stakeholders to prepare national communication reports, Data collection, Stationery and other consumables for progress review meetings /fuel / travel expenses / Payment for feeds		
153	Regional Project on Strengthening Resilience of Vulnerable Communities in Sri Lanka and India to Increased Impacts of Climate Change (ADAPTER)			100,000
		Strengthened capacities to ensure access to last mile climate services for vulnerable communities		
		Strengthened multi-level systems and regional knowledge sharing to develop and scale out tailored last mile service		
		Strengthened community-level capacities to develop and sustain adaptation plans		
		Increased benefits to the community through diversified livelihoods and implementation of adaptation plans		
154	Integrated Management and Environmentally Sound Disposal of POPs Pesticides in the Agriculture Sector and Mercury and Waste in the Healthcare Sector in Sri Lanka			110,000
	Component	Review of basic regulations on chemicals management. Update of NIP incorporating new POP and U-POP inventories.		
		Environmentally friendly disposal of residual mercury stocks, waste generated from the replacement of mercury-containing medical devices and dental amalgams, and agrochemicals containing persistent organic pollutants		
		Introducing centralized clinical waste treatment facilities		
		Develop guidelines, standards and training programs to promote best practices in waste management and the use of BAT		

Direct Funded Projects				
161	Preliminary mangrove carbon stock			10,320
	Component	Identifying existing data gaps and working to fill those gaps to enhance mangrove blue carbon stocks.		
		Make decisions about which carbon initiatives to pursue, based on the best available data.		
		Sri Lanka has a pool of trained and capable staff to collect data and conduct future assessments, allowing for adaptive management and decision-making.		
162	A Study on faunal pioneers to restored mangroves		Establish diversity and density of pioneer fauna in mangrove restoration sites.	8,900
			Determining the relationships between animal precursors and associated vegetation and the physicochemical parameters of water and sediments	
			Capacitate mangrove and seagrass practitioners on drone- based mapping of seagrass mangrove interphase	
			Develop and online training module for drone-based mapping	
164	Commonwealth War Graves Maintenance		Maintenance of Commonwealth War Graves in Borella, Jawaththa, Kandy and Trincomalee	1,500
Action Plan for Institutions Under the Ministry				
Department	Department of Coast Conservation & Coastal Resource Management			
Component	Main Activities	Sub Activities	Physical Target	Financial Target (Rs.'000')
Coastal Development	New constructions	Construction of Groyne field (04 Groynes) at Iranawila-Ambakandawila coastal stretch and 200m revetment - Udappuwa South (Puttalam), Construction of T-Groynes at Elabadawatta, Kalutara North and 03 Groyne Structures - Kudawa, Kalpitiya,Construction of 140.0m Revetment at Sooriyama/watta, Uswetakeiyawa and100m revetment - Koralaewella (Colombo)	Completed the 04 groynes and 200m revetment, Completed the T-Groynes and 03 Groynes, Completed the 140m revetment and100m revetment	111,000
		Construction of 80 m road protection & beach access facilities using Geo bags at Medaketiya, Tangalle (Hambantota), Construction of Groyne field - Ninthavur North, (Ampara) : 08 Groynes, Construction of 150m Coast Protective Gabion/retaining wall - Point Pedro (Jaffna), Construction of 40m revetment and landscaping in front of MEPA premises, Dadella (Galle), Construction of 150m gabion wall for the conservation of the canal banks near the Sun & sea Hotel, Unawatuna (Galle), Construction of canal protection structure at Galle Marine Drive	Completed the Groyne , Completed the Groyne field , Completed the 150m Gabian wall, Completed landscaping and coast protection, Completed 150m canal bank protection, Completed canal outlet protection	110,000

	Rehabilitation of existing protection structures	Construction of T-Groynes at Karukapone, Arachchikattuwa (Puttalam), Rehabilitation of 250m revetment at Thotagamuwa (Galle), Rehabilitation of 350.0m Revetment at Madukatuwa (Puttalam), Madampe, Ambalangoda	03 groyne constructed, Completed the 250m revetment, Completed the 350m revetment, Completed the 100m revetment	73,500
	Emergency coast protection work	Emergency Coastal Protections	Completed Emergency protection	50,000
	Good purchasing contracts	Purchasing of 6,000m ² 285GSM Non-woven Geotextile	Completed the Purchasing	3,000
Research & Design		Coastal Engineering Designs, Coastal Research & Studies, Coastal water quality testing, Prepare updated vulnerability and Risk Maps for the Coastal Belt of Sri Lanka	16 Detailed Engineering Designs, 10 Detailed studies, 1. Complete Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report 2. Complete 185 sampling points, Complete Vulnerability / risk maps for 14 coastal districts	13,500
Coastal Resource Management		Reducing coastal pollution/Beach cleaning, Implementation of Permit procedure, Demolition of unauthorized structures / Controlling the illegal removal of sand, seashells, etc. and monitoring, Ecosystem restoration and monitoring - Coral replanting at Polhena, Matara / Mangrove & coastal vegetation restoration, Ecosystem restoration and monitoring - Coral replanting at Polhena, Matara / Mangrove & coastal vegetation restoration, Education / Awareness Programmes, Demarcation of permanent vegetation line in Mullaithivu district / Correction and Reestablishment of already demarcated PVL with GPS coordinates), Affected Area Management (New site - Mandathive Mangrove fields and monitoring of already declared sites), Development of beach access roads (3 Nos) identified in Beach Access Plan, Continuation of the project of development of 100 coastal picnic areas (Maintenance of already developed sites and development of new sites)	60 Nos of completed Beach cleaning programs, Completed 1200 nos. permits, Completed unauthorized demolitions, Completed coastal vegetation planting, Completed 02 Nos of SAM Sites, 10 Nos of awareness programs completed, Completed PVL demarcation in Mullaithivu district, Conserved Affected Area Management, Completed Identification, mapping of beach access, Completed 100 coastal leisure parks	89,000
Sub Total				450,000
Maintenance Work	Improvement of Assets	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Buildings (at Chilaw, Mocatuwa, & Batticaloa Area Offices and Godawaya Environmental Centre)	Completed the 05 nos. of Building Rehabilitations	14,500
		Rehabilitation & Improvement of Plant Machinery & Equipment (for the running repairs of department owned 2nos. Of 20T Excavators, 2 nos. of 30T Excavators, 1 no. of Wheel Excavator, 1 no. of Backhoe Loader, 1 no. of 1 cube Wheel Loader, 1 no. of 2 cube Tipper)	Completed the Heavy Machinery Rehabilitations	12,000
		Rehabilitation & Improvement of Vehicles (for the running repairs of department owned 33 nos. of vehicles)	Completed the Vehicles Rehabilitations	8,000
	Acquisition of Assets	Acquisition of Furniture & Office Equipment (Detail list attached as Annexure I)	Completed the purchasing of Office Equipment	10,000
		Acquisition of Plant, Machinery & Equipment (1 no. of 3 cube tippers & 1 no. of 1 cube Wheel Loader)	Completed the purchasing of machinery	53,000

	Capacity building of the staff	Training & Capacity Building (12 hr. compulsory capacity building trainings for each employee)	Completed the Training	2,500
Total				550,000
Department	Marine Environment Protection Authority			
Component	Main Activities	Sub Activities	Physical Target	Financial Target (Rs.'000')
1.Improved control mechanism to abate ship based marine pollution	Minimizing the pollution caused by ships	Implement WRS procedure, Improve WRS online system	annual service provider registration and site inspection, maintain Colombo port office, provide uniform and PPE, maintainance of online system , maintainance of sample anlatsis and office equipment system, obtain cleaning service for Colombo port office	3,000.00
		Implement Bunker regulation and related activities	Impleamt new bunkering procedures, issuing of licence, preparation of online system for bunkering , purchasing permit books and oter requirements.	2,000.00
	Introduce and establish real time pollution monitoring operation system	Establish/ improve the Operations Center, Purchasing software	maintaining software	200.00
	Implementation of legal provision in MPP act related to international MARPOL. conventions	Inspection (100%) of oil and garbage record books and pollution prevention equipment of ships visit to SL port, Inspect CLC certificate of oil tanker arrival to SL port and terminal	Amend the WRS regulations, Amend the Bunker regulations	500.00
	Adaption and Implementation of outcome Global project (GloFouling, GloLitter, RegLitter)	Adaption and Implementation of outcome Global project (GloFouling, GloLitter, RegLitter)	prepare underwater hull cleaning permit procedure, awareness workshop	500.00
	To prevent, minimize and manage marine pollution from Fisheries vessel activities	Established measures for pollution prevention from fisheries vessel	2 awareness workshop	600.00
2. Enforced oil spill contingency plan regulation and strengthened compensation mechanism	Enforced oil spill contingency plan regulation and strengthened compensation mechanism.	Conduct IMT meeting / training drill (Spillex)	2 IMT meetings, 1 awreness progress, spillex, exercise report printing	3,730.00
		Develop /purchase equipment to establish response team	Complete second phase of NOSCO digital frame work	5,000.00
		Oil spill contingency management	Emergency oil or HNS spill management	1,000.00
		Issue oil spill contingency plan approval	2 Oil handling industry inspections	100.00
3.Improved control mechanism to abate land based marine pollution	Improvement of sea bathing sites and beaches	Blue flag beaches	2 awarness programme Hirikatiya & Mirissa, Instollation mobile toilet at Matara. 4 beach mangement committee meeting for Unawatuna & Bentara, 4 dustbin sets for Unawatuna 2 DMC meeting & 2 information boards for Unawatuna & Bentara, at Galle	2,776.00
		Water quality monitoring	Water quality monitoring at 21 sites in Coloembo, Gampaha, Kalutara,Ampara, Batticaloa, Ampara, Hambantota, Matara, Galle districts	1,712.00

		Water quality monitoring around long sea outfalls	Long sea outfall water quality monitoring at Wellawatta	750.00
		Implement Integrated National coastal and marine water quality monitoring programme (Water, sediment, biota)	Site visit to install water quality monitoring device and stakeholder discussion meeting, report writing and next plan preparation	100.00
	Pollution prevention from fisheries sector	Pollution prevention from fisheries sector	29 fishery harbour inspections at Gampaha, Kalutara, Matara, Hambantota, Galle, Batticaloa and Trincomalee, 2 awareness programme at Hambantota, 1 cleanup and fishing gear disposal method model establishment at Puttalam, 12 meetings at Galle, 1 stakeholder meeting at Ampara	850.00
	Coastal and Marine debris management	Debris Surveys - Micro Plastic & Other surveys, Survey on tarball accumulation on coast-Puttalam	Survey and data collection at 13 coastal districts and highly contaminated beaches, stakeholder meetings for data analysis,	5,289.00
		Issuing dumping permits	Issuing 493 no of dumping permits, inspection and update data at 13 coastal districts	2,304.00
		Clean sea project (Clean Sri Lanka programme/ Beach caretaker programme)	Coordinating and monitoring BCC programme at Colombo, Kalutara, Galle and Batticaloa	680.00
		Prevent waste entering coast and marine environment through Mobile App	Maintenance of Mobile App software, update data, data collection and monitoring at Trincomalee, Galle, Mannar, Killinochchi, Batticaloa, and Ampara, voluntary beach cleanup monitoring at Matara, underwater cleanup & pollution source identification at Galle, identify foreign substance at Puttalam	1,129.00
		Implement Joint Enforcement Team	Establish District level enforcement units (43 meetings/60 inspections/ 14 cleanups etc)	1,710.00

4. Restored and conserved coastal & marine ecosystems	Studies on marine ecosystems and conservation	Assessment of marine ecosystems (ESI Project)	ESI survey & mapping at Ampara	700.00
	Restoration of marine ecosystems	Restoration of marine ecosystems (Coral)	Conducting coral restoration programmes in Mannar and 400m2 at Galle	300.00
		Restoration of marine ecosystems (Mangroves/ Coastal Vegetation)	Conducting mangrove restoration programmes at Kalutara, Mannar, 500 ha at Batticaloa, 0.3 acres at Hambantota	715.00
		Protected areas (PA)- Silawathura/ Kayankani	management plan meeting, awareness programme, 2 beach cleanup, underwater cleanup at Batticaloa	300.00
5. Established and strengthen legal framework to address new challenges and also to adhere international legal instruments	Implementation of regulation, international conventions and amendment of the act	Act amendment and prepare regulations	Printing and Translation of act, 3 meetings	500.00
		Take legal action against polluter/violators	Take legal action- Expenditure as per the requirement	1,500.00
6. Established environment sensitized community through public awareness	Awareness building activities	Awareness for general public	Conducting 23 awareness programmes for general public	800.00
		Social media campaign	Conduct social media campaign to enhance knowledge in marine environmental protection	800.00
		School Children Awareness Programme	Conducting 75 awareness programmes for school children	1,630.00
	Organizing & conducting national events	World Environment Day	Conducting awareness program for WED	500.00
		World Oceans Day	Conducting clean up programmes and awareness program for WOD	1,340.00
		International Coastal Cleanup Day	Conducting clean up programmes and awareness program for ICC	2,885.00

7. Be the focal point for Blue economy and marine resource management	Upgrading of laboratory facilities and provide commercial service	Upgrading of laboratory facilities to provide commercial service (Purchasing consumable items and glasswares,chemicals,Calibration of laboratory equipment and glassware,Purchasing minor equipment and accessories)	Calibration of laboratory equipment and glassware, Purchasing chemicals and apparatus	3,050.00
		Obtain ISO- QMS	ISO (PT, ILC, Application Fee and Purchasing QC samples)	300.00
	MEPA Academy	MEPA Academy-Introduce and conduct training courses	Conduct 2workshops programmes	300.00
8. Developed capacity of Marine Environment Protection Authority	Rehabilitation of capital assets	Rehabilitation of HO and District Offices (building & structure)	Southern office painting, head office store, record room and vehicle park rearrangment, upgrade mini studio	6,000.00
		Rehabilitation of plant mechninery and equipment	software management, repair equipment (IT, WQ & office)	1,000.00
		Repair vehicles	Repair vehicles	7,600.00
	Acquisition of capital assets	Purchasing of office & IT equipment	Purchasing of office furniture	17,700.00
		Purchasing of WQ equipment	Purchasing of WQ equipment	5,000.00
		purchasing of intangible assets	purchasing software for store management	1,000.00
	Human Resources Development	Provide training for the staff (Local)	Provide 13 training programmes for the staff (Local), Purchase books & magazine	2,150.00
	Total			

Department	Department of National Botanical Gardens			
Component	Main Activities	Sub Activities	Physical Target	Financial Target (Rs.'000')
Gampaha Botanic Gardens (GBG) and Ganewatta Medicinal Plant Garden(GMPG) Development Programme	Rehabilitation and improvement of Building	Painting and minor renovations of quarters and summer huts, cactus house; Renovation of education center ; Modify old ticket counter to information center at Gampaha Botanic Gardens;	Completion of activities	11,500
		Renovation/Improvement of the sales centre ; Varnishing the hand rail of the lecture hall; Painting of Herbarium, Seed room, laborers' rest room and summer huts at Ganewatta Medicinal Plant Gardens	Completion of activities	2,500
	Rehabilitation and improvement of machineries, equipment and vehicle	Repairing machines and equipment (Tractor, brush cutters, lawn mowers, blowers) at GBG.	Completion of activities	2,000
	Acquisition of Furniture and office equipment	Purchasing a water filter, workmen lockers, a Laptop computer	completion of purchasing	1,000
	Other development activities	Maintenance of Laboratories; Carry out training programs and workshops, seminars, symposiums, onsite visits ; Marketing /Sales/ Exhibitions/ Promotions (12 district level exhibitions and 100 small scale exhibitions) ; Printing publications and related activities ; Purchasing mother plants as germplasm collection (local purchasing) for FRDU- Pera; Purchasing materials for value addition and plant propagation for consumer retail; Repairing solar panel system; Purchase and distribution of materials to flower growers of "Suwasas Mel" organizations and Maintenance of Floriculture units	Completion of work	28,200
Mirijjawila Dry Zone Botanic Gardens – Hambanthota Development Programme	Rehabilitation and improvement of Building	Repair Orchid Net House at FRDU and	Completion of work	900
		Repair the front of the tissue culture laboratory.		
	Rehabilitation and improvement of machineries, equipment and vehicle	Repairing and purchasing of spare parts for machineries; Repairing trailers of the tractors (3); repair vehicles	Completion of repairs	2,400

	Acquisition of Furniture, office equipment and machineries	Purchasing chairs (50) and stools (25); Purchasing a lobby sofa for office; Purchasing a desktop computer for office;	Completion of purchasing	2,100
		Purchasing a printer;		
		Purchasing air condition machines;		
		Purchasing TV for VIP circuit bungalow;		
		Purchasing a Speaker for outdoor awareness programmes;		
		Purchasing a submersible water pump for floriculture unit		
	Land and land improvements	Interlocking roads and	completion of work	20,000
		Repairing water leakage Kohombagas Wewa		
Seethawaka Wet Zone Botanic Gardens –Avissawella Development Programme	Rehabilitation and improvement of Building	Upgrading the vehicle parking garage of quarters; Repairing Net houses; Installing 10 planting tables in Gerbera house	completion of work	600
	Rehabilitation and improvement of machineries, equipment and vehicle	Repairing machineries (purchasing required spare parts and repairing) and vehicles at SWBG	completion of repairs	2,200
	Acquisition of Furniture, office equipment and machineries	Purchasing printers File cupboards with 04 drawers (05), Steel office cupboards (05), Cafeteria tables (5), Cafeteria chairs (20) , Purchasing new machineries for lawn maintenance (bush cutters (03), Lawn mower (01), pole pruner(01), welding plant (01), Battery powered Drill (01), Blower (01) for SWBG	completion of purchasing	2,900
	Acquisition of building and structures	Constructing shed for composting in heap method and storage	completion of work	1,500
		Constructing a roofed structure by bricks to unload the media		
	Land and land improvements	Conversion of abundant tea land to an ethno botanical model; Repairing/ installation of solar powered path lights	completion of work	12,250

		Build retaining walls to control soil erosion in the Palm section; Constructing a five (05) vertical line drainage system in the Palm section to improve the drainage system; Continuation of chain link around the garden; Renovation of existing entrance road; Construction of new interlock layered path to Gerbera House; purchasing garbage bins		
Meegala "Haritha Piyasa" Training Centre Development Programme	Rehabilitation and improvement of Building	Renovation of the warehouse and employee lounge building	completion of work	500
	Acquisition of Furniture, office equipment and machineries	Purchasing lockers (02) and a lawn mower	completion of purchasing	600
	Land and land improvements	Modify the car park; Improve road culvert pipe laying; Improve roads by gravel laying	completion of work	1,100
Development of School of Floriculture and Landscaping	Rehabilitation and improvement of Building	Painting of main building	completion of work	1,500
	Acquisition of Furniture, office equipment and machineries	Purchasing and Fixing of six wall fan and exhaust fan for main auditorium; Purchasing and Fixing of table mounted microphone for board room; Purchasing of smart board, Two desktops computer, 02 computer tables, 3 wireless micro phone; Purchasing of garden maintenance equipment for training students; Purchasing of a multimedia projector	completion of purchasing	3,950
Development of Royal Botanic Gardens	Rehabilitation and improvement of Building	Renovation of the cafeteria – phase 11;	completion of work	55,190
		Renovation of ponds; Upgrading the water supply systems; Upgrading water supply by installing a plastic water tank at the Outdoor Nursery; Renovation of Toilet complex adjoin to the D.T. Ekanayaka Hall		
		Extend the toilet near Foliage Plant section with a wash room adjoining to it for kids at Education corner; Repairing of the roof net of octagon house in flower section; Repairing the main gates of quarters;		
		Repairing part of the roof of administrative building; Renovation of visitors' dining hall; Upgrading washroom and other facilities at the circuit bungalow; Reconstruction of damaged pavements in toilets, canteen, etc.; Purchasing and installation of 03 water stock tank at the Administrative building, garden premises and canteen; Painting of buildings and structure		

	Rehabilitation and improvement of machineries, equipment and vehicle	Repairing battery cars (07) and fixing rain covers; Repairing and purchasing of spare parts for machineries ; Repairing vehicles	completion of repairs	4,000
	Acquisition of Furniture, office equipment and machineries	Purchasing a Finger print/face detect Machine; Purchasing and installation of pressure pump at vehicle washing premises	completion of purchasing	6,450
		Purchasing garden equipment (chainsaw (01), blower (01), bush cutter (01), lawn mowers (01); Enhance efficiency of e-ticketing process; Installation of fire alarm system in the Museum; Small inflatable boat to clean the Lanka Pokuna		
	Acquisition of building and structures	Completing the building for office vehicle complex and office – phase III; Construction of new hut with chain link fence at the garbage management centre; Establishment of separate sewerage pit near the visitors' dining hall	completion of work	42,000
	Land and land improvements	Removal of internal road system; Laying edge stones (Kabook) to neaten plant bed edges in the Fernery; Development of waste water drainage system near the Milk Bar, Cafeteria and the Dining Hall; Establishment of gardens benches;	completion of work	13,200
		Developing a contour map by survey Dept.;		
		Establishment of a view point at river bank		
Development of Hakgala Botanic Gardens	Rehabilitation and improvement of Building	Painting and other minor renovations of buildings and other structures; Renovation of Arboretum nursery structures; Renovation of the Cactus house in Japanese Garden; Renovation of the roof of glass house; Renovation of poly tunnel, plant houses at nurseries (phase 11)	Completion of work	6,500
	Rehabilitation and improvement of machineries, equipment and vehicle	Repairing machineries, battery cars and vehicles	completion of repairs	1,100
	Acquisition of Furniture, office equipment and machineries	Purchasing a laptop computer ; Purchasing Grass cutters (03); Purchasing blower machine (01); Purchasing ladder and 5 Ton chain Block machine (01)	completion of purchasing	1,125
	Land and land improvements	Repairing granite walls in the garden; Repairing walking paths, roads; Fixing of concrete poles for demarcating the boundary	Completion of work	2,500

Development of National Herbarium	Rehabilitation and improvement of Building	Partitioning of the existing driver's room for installation of vertical gel electrophoresis equipment; Renovation of roof of the conference hall; Repairing doors and windows	Completion of work	5,800
	Rehabilitation and improvement of machineries, equipment and vehicle	Repairing photocopy machine (Colour); Repairing old herbarium and library cupboards (iron cupboards); Upgrading the present internet connection to SLT fiber connection; Repair of all ICT equipment/WIFI system, Camera, and other data capturing instruments ; Repairing vehicles	completion of repairs	3,650
	Acquisition of Furniture, office equipment and machineries	Purchasing and fixing A/C machine; Purchasing a Portable blower; Purchasing and Fixing of CCTV camera for New collection	completion of purchasing	3,300
	Other development activities	Compilation of data for publication of a Book on endemic plants; Printing of a booklet on Mangrove species; BG BASE international Data base activation for the year 2026	Completion of work	3,000
Development of Akmeemana Mangrove Botanic Gardens	Land and land improvements	Construction of boundary fence	Completion of work	2,000
Other development activities	Research and development	Research studies and publications conducted in the gardens; Botanical survey of medicinal plants in the Ganewatta Medicinal Plant Gardens; Field surveys and improvement of plant collections; Field trips related to plant conservation activities in the forests of the wet zone; Botanical surveys for plant diversity in the Pidurutalagala forest; Botanical surveys for threatened plants in the Knuckles Conservation Area and selected forest reserves in Kununegala and other forests; Conservation measures for threatened endemic species; Genetic diversity and seed germination studies on selected species of the genus <i>Diospyros</i> ; Research and implementation of field research programs on floriculture	Implementing research and development work	2,675
	Capacity building	Capacity building of Technical staff and Other capacity building programmes	Implementation of programmes	2,000

	Development of Head Office	Rehabilitation and improvement of Building	Completion of work	11,500
		Rehabilitation and improvement of machineries, equipment and vehicle	Completion of repairs	2,500
		Acquisition of Furniture, office equipment and machineries	completion of purchasing	12,400
Total				302,415
Department		Water Resources Board		
Component	Main Activities	Sub Activities	Physical Target	Financial Target (Rs.'000')
	Longterm Groundwater Monitoring Project (LTGM): Colombo-Negombo, Ampara, Mannar, Vavuniya, Kilinochchi, Jaffna Peninsula, Amuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Matale, Puttalam Region, Monaragala, Madhura Oya, Kumbukkan Oya and Mahaweli Oya River Basins	Monitoring of Groundwater level and sampling for water quality analysis, Chemical & heavy metal analysis of the monitoring sites, Data Processing, Analysis, Interpretation & final reports preparation	100%	6,500.00
	Study on Direct and Indirect Impact of Climate Changes on Groundwater Resources (SICC)	Monitoring of Groundwater level and sampling for water quality analysis, Chemical & heavy metal analysis of the monitoring sites, Data Processing, Analysis, Interpretation & final reports preparation, Construction of monitoring tube wells, Data Processing, Analysis, Interpretation & final reports preparation	100%	2,500.00
	Combine Inspections on Groundwater Relating Environmental Issues (INSP)	Meetings & combined inspections on Groundwater Resources related issues with necessary reporting on the remediation	100%	1,000.00
	Operational and Technical Maintenance on Resources utilized for research studies (TMR)	Operation & technical maintenance of Geo-scientific equipment and Laboratory Equipment, Improvement of machineries and utilized vehicles.	100%	8,000.00
	Capacity Development of the Institution (CDI)	Skill & Capacity Development Training, Operational software update & upgrade improvement for digitalization process, Improvement of physical infrastructural development	100%	2,500.00
	Emergency Use for disaster events related in water sector (drought, floods, catastrophic event of contamination on GWR) (E-USE)	Development of groundwater resources for emergency uses (Drought, floods, catastrophic event of contamination on GWR).	100%	4,000.00
	Assessment of Natural Springs & Hot Water Springs in Sri Lanka (ANSP)	Initial literature survey and Desk Study to identify the existing information on natural springs of the country, Identify the natural springs by field investigations (Includes of insitu water quality & other hydrogeological testings), Laboratory Analysis, Data compilation, Analysis and final report preparation	100%	2,000.00

Water Quality Assessment of water resources within the Country: Phase-II (SWQA)		Initial desk study (Base map preparation using topographical map & satellite images, to identify the surface water resources), Information collection & water Sampling of Surface water resources, Laboratory Analysis, Data compilation, Analysis and final report preparation	100%	6,000.00
Statistical Survey of Commercial Groundwater Sources in Sri Lanka (SSCG)		Developing of Data sheets and Leaflets, Purchasing Laptops and printers, Conducting Awareness Program, Collection of information on Commercial GW sources , Collection information sheet, Data compilation & random validation process and report preparation	100%	7,500.00
Total				40,000.00
Department		Department of Wildlife Conservation		
Component	Main Activities	Sub Activities	Physical Target	Financial Target (Rs.'000')
Consolidated Fund	Replacement and improvement of capital assets	Building maintenance		34,000.00
		Vehicle repair.		
		Machine and equipment maintenance		
	Acquisition of capital assets	Purchase of office equipment		13,000.00
		Purchase of machines and machinery		
		Marking the boundaries of protected areas		
	Other capital expenditure	Infrastructure development in protected areas		8,000.00
	Construction of electric fence	Maintenance and construction of guard posts		300,000.00
	Other capital expenditure	Habitat enrichment		80,000.00
		Improving the road system in national parks		40,000.00
Capacity development	Capacity development (research, training, awareness)		8,000.00	
Total				483,000.00

Department		Department of Forest Conservation		
Component	Main Activities	Sub Activities	Physical Target	Financial Target (Rs.'000')
Consolidated Fund	Maintenance of buildings and structures			150,000.00
	Office and electronic equipment			5,000.00
	Vehicle maintenance			45,000.00
	Furniture and office equipment			50,000.00
	Office and electronic equipment			15,000.00
	Software development			2,000.00
	Forestry Education and Training	Establishing commercial forestry		10,000.00
	Expansion of forest cover	Delineation of forest boundaries		320,000.00
		Replanting new forests to accelerate natural regeneration		188,000.00
		Awareness programs		167,990.00
		Ecotourism activities		72,000.00
		Preparation of management plans for natural forests		132,000.00
		Clearing bushes on both sides of railway tracks to protect wild elephants.		8,000.00
				12,000.00
	Forestry research	Forestry research		8,000.00
	Forest fire control			20,000.00
	Carrying out forest protection activities.	Providing fuel for forest conservation activities and night patrols.		30,000.00
	Total			1,235,000.00

Department		Department of National Zoological Gardens		
	Component	Main Activities	Sub Activities	Financial Target (Rs.'000')
Capital asset repairs and improvements				22,000.00
0-2002	Repair and improvement of machinery, plant and equipment (annually)	Repair and improvement of machinery, equipment and equipment	Repair and improvement of machinery, plant and equipment (annually)	6,000.00
0-2003	Vehicles	Vehicles	Vehicle repairs and upgrades (annually)	16,000.00
Acquisition of capital assets				13,000.00
0-2102	Acquisition of furniture and office equipment (annually)	Acquisition of furniture and office equipment (annually)	Acquisition of furniture and office equipment (annually)	6,000.00
0-2103	Acquisition of furniture and office equipment (annually)	Acquisition of machinery, plant and equipment (annually)	Acquisition of machinery, plant and equipment (annually)	7,000.00
0-2401	Human resource development			4,000.00
		Staff training	Staff Training (for Dehiwala Zoo, Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Pinnawala Zoo, Safari Park and Head Office) (Annually)	4,000.00
		Development of Dehiwala Zoo	Development of Dehiwala Zoo	95,000.00
1-2001	Development of Dehiwala Zoo	Buildings and Construction	Buildings and Construction	27,000.00
			Animal Shelter - Animal Shelter Renovation/Development (Annually)	13,000.00
			Minor repairs and other maintenance (annually)	1,000.00
			Renovation of animal enclosures Reptile park/aquarium	6,000.00
			Improving visitor and educational facilities - digital screen in the Mahudu Sinha area, improving marketing materials, sensory experience wall.	1,000.00
			Maintenance of the fish massage station and other activities.	3,000.00
			Small-scale development activities (annually)	3,000.00
1-2104		Buildings and Construction	Buildings and Construction	23,000.00
			Quarters renovation (Phase 2)	15,000.00
			Developing a reptile park	500.00
			Small-scale development activities (annually)	5,000.00
			Area No. 01 Development	2,500.00

1-2105		Land and land development	Land and land development	15,000.00
			Kahapola Farm Land Development and Labor Salary Payments (Annually)	10,000.00
			Gonapola Farm Land Development and Labor Wage Payments (Annually)	5,000.00
1-2506		Infrastructure development	Infrastructure development	30,000.00
			Internal main road repairs	30,000.00
	Development of the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	Development of the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	Development of the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	53,000.00
2-2001		Buildings and Construction (Renovations / Renovations)	Buildings and Construction (Renovations / Renovations)	15,000.00
			Renovation of the Chief Elephant Keeper's Rest Room in the New Elephant Sanctuary.	7,000.00
			Renovation of the old bank building as a visitor information center.	5,000.00
			Small-scale repairs and maintenance (annually)	3,000.00
2-2103		Acquisition of machinery, plant and equipment	Acquisition of machinery, plant and equipment (annual)	3,000.00
			Acquisition of machinery, plant and equipment (annually)	3,000.00
2-2104		Buildings and Construction	Buildings and Construction	21,000.00
			Construction of a platform for loading and unloading elephants from lorries.	3,000.00
			Construction of two water tanks to provide water to elephants suffering from joint diseases and infectious diseases.	5,000.00
			Developing an area where elephants can roam freely	10,000.00
			Small-scale development activities	3,000.00

2-2105		Land and land development	Land and land development	2,000.00
			Landscaping, land improvement and soil erosion prevention (annually)	2,000.00
2-2506		Infrastructure development	Infrastructure development	12,000.00
			Construction of a water tank at the Diyagama farm.	10,000.00
			Repairing the access road to the Narambedda Elephant Quarantine Center with gravel.	2,000.00
	Pinnawala Zoo Development	Pinnawala Zoo Development	Pinnawala Zoo Development	39,000.00
3-2001		Buildings and Construction (Renovations / Renovations)	Buildings and Construction (Renovations / Renovations)	21,000.00
			Roof repairs of offices, warehouses and service buildings, phase	10,000.00
			Phase I of painting discolored buildings including entrance halls, viewing galleries, offices and courtyards	8,000.00
			Minor repairs and other maintenance (annually)	3,000.00
3-2103		Acquisition of machinery, plant and equipment	Acquisition of machinery, plant and equipment	3,000.00
			Acquisition of machinery, plant and equipment (annually)	3,000.00
3-2104		Buildings and Construction	Buildings and Construction	15,000.00
			Developing the main entrance of the zoo as an attraction	5,000.00
			Construction of a shelter for meercats	5,000.00
			Construction of an aquarium near the deer park, phase I	5,000.00

		Hambantota Safari Park Development	Hambantota Safari Park Development	49,000.00
4-2001		Buildings and Construction (Renovations / Renovations)	Buildings and Construction (Renovations / Renovations)	15,000.00
			Renovation of the storage and feeding unit complex	15,000.00
4-2104	Hambantota Safari Park Development	Buildings and Construction	Buildings and Construction	18,000.00
			Fish massage station improvements	18,000.00
4-2105		Land and land development	Land and land development	10,000.00
			Landscaping work in the visitor service area	10,000.00
4-2506		Infrastructure development	Infrastructure development	6,000.00
			Renovation of the street lighting system	6,000.00
		Total		275,000.00