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Name of the institution : Department National Zoological Garden

Submission of observations of Hon. Minister and steps taken with regard to the reports tabled
by the committee on public Accounts in terms of Standing Order NO.119 (4)

Through the Secretary General of Parliament,
 Secretary,
 Parliament of Sri Lanka,
 Sri Jayawardanapura Kotte.

Auditor General's Reports for 2019, 2020 and 2021 and Current Performance

The current status regarding the orders given to the Department, as per the report of the above committee meeting, is given below.

	Description	Orders given by the Committee	Current status
01	The Ridiyagama Safari Park and the Pinnawala Wagolla New Zoological Garden were not incorporated into the National Zoological Gardens Act. Even though an order was given at the meeting of the Committee on Public Accounts held on 08.03.2016 to amend the National Zoological Gardens Act by incorporating the	i. To send a letter to the Legal Draftsman's Department stating that the Committee on Public Accounts has informed the Department to complete and submit the relevant amendments to the National Zoological Gardens Act within a month. ii. To submit a report on the work of amending this Act to the Committee before 05.08.2023	- The Attorney General's Department has been informed in this regard by letter No. DZG/Dev/2/4/Zoo/Act./87 Volu.II dated 27.07.2023, and - The report on the work of amending the Act was previously submitted to you through Annex 01. Action had already been taken to incorporate the Ridiyagama Safari Park and the Pinnawala Zoological Garden into the National Zoological Gardens

	Ridiyagama Safari Park and the Pinnawala Wagolla New Zoological Garden into the Act, that order has not yet been implemented. The Committee expressed its displeasure at this delay.		Act. The Cabinet Memorandum has been drafted and submitted to the Ministry. A discussion was held with the Secretary of the Ministry of Environment on 12.06.2025 and The Cabinet paper related to the amendments to the Act is scheduled to be presented.
02.	No sufficient number of research projects was conducted during the period 2009-2015.	The Chief Accounting Officer / Accounting Officer stated that i. the officers recruited to the post of Education and Research Assistant performed the tasks of preparing the necessary background for a number of research projects. ii. they have now been absorbed into the post of Development Officer and are therefore, serving in various divisions of the department.	The probability of conducting research was low due to the fact that the officers recruited for this post got transfers to other offices after getting absorbed into the post of Development Officer from the post of Development Assistant. Due to this situation, a letter has been sent to the Department of Management Services requesting the creation of a post of Research Officer as a departmental post. Furthermore, 17 research projects for the year 2023 and 09 for the year 2024 have been conducted, in collaboration with university students and voluntary organizations, until the posts

			are formally established at the division level.
03.	Lack of a specific program for the conservation of endangered animals.	i. Action should be taken for the conservation of all animal species that are identified as endangered animals. i. The Committee ordered the Chief Accounting Officer / Accounting Officer that a committee be appointed in coordination with the relevant institutions, including the Ministry of Environment and the Department of Wildlife Conservation, for the conservation of these animals and that a full report, along with an action plan, be submitted to the Committee before 05.08.2023.	Key steps and strategies are being implemented for the conservation of endangered animals listed in the Red List of Sri Lanka, and action has been taken to prepare a proposed institutional structure for the conservation of these animals. The Secretary of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation has also submitted a report containing information on the institutions that should contribute to the implementation of an inter-institutional joint program.
04.	It came to the attention of the Committee that the Sri Lankan leopard has been downgraded from the Red List classification of "Most Endangered" to "Endangered".	i. As the basis for including information at local level in the Red List is data obtained from independent researchers and other sources, the committee pointed out the importance of utilizing formal research data obtained under a national census for such classifications.	It has been stated that the Sri Lankan leopard was classified under the Vulnerable (VU) category in the Red List published in 2007, and was subsequently listed under the Endangered (EN) category in the Red List published in 2012. Accordingly, it has been stated that the Sri Lankan leopard has reached a higher threatened level, and I would like to mention that the

			IUCN is the institution primarily responsible for preparing the Red List.
05.	Pinnawala Wagolla Zoological Garden Even though this zoo was established in 2015 as a conservation center to protect endangered and endemic animal species of Sri Lanka, it currently houses only 10 animals belonging to 3 endemic species of Sri Lanka.	i. Construction of the World Animal Zone at this zoo has been halted due to insufficient funding. ii. Action is being taken to introduce exotic animals to the Native Animal Zone in the future with the aim of increasing tourist arrivals to the zoo.	The acquisition of land (78 acres) for the World Animal Zone at Pinnawala Zoo was halted in 2021 due to the prolonged protests against the land acquisition. Accordingly, steps are being taken to display a collection of native and exotic animals on the land where the zoo is currently situated. Construction work of a lion zone and design work for a reptile park to exhibit native and exotic reptile species are currently underway to be completed in 2025. Currently, 38 native and exotic animal species are exhibited at the zoo. In addition, about 35 butterfly species have been recorded in the open butterfly zone. Also, breeding Sri Lankan leopards using artificial insemination took place at the Pinnawala Zoo in 2025, and estimates have been made to create the necessary facilities for breeding the critically endangered <i>Bandula Pethiya</i>

			fish, which can only be found Small area of the Kegalle district, in the zoo.
06.	Defects are found in the CCTV camera system installed at the zoo as well as in the use of the buildings and in the wastewater management system.	The Chief Accounting Officer / Accounting Officer stated that - the CCTV camera system is operational, although only a few cameras are inactive due to the lack of necessary accessories. - the hotel built within the zoo is currently functioning after being handed over to a buyer through a tender process. - there are problems in the practical implementation of the wastewater management system.	- The cameras that were inactive were inspected by SLTS, the contracted service provider for the CCTV camera system. Following the inspection, SLTS informed in writing that since those cameras had been used beyond their lifespan, it would be more appropriate to install new cameras rather than repair them. Accordingly, the installation of new cameras in 2025 has been included in the action plan and will be completed this year. - Currently, water from elephant shed in the New Elephant Shed (NES) area is filtered through a filtration unit and released. The Central Environmental Authority (CEA) tested water samples and informed that due to the increase in BOD (Bio Chemical Oxygen Demand) value, a population needed to be inoculated into the filtration system to reduce it. The Central

			Engineering Consultancy Bureau was informed to examine this matter.
07.	The buggy carts used as a convenient way for tourists to explore the zoo are out of service.	- Seventeen buggy carts purchased in 2017 and 2018 and used at the Pinnawala and Dehiwala Zoological Gardens are in a non-functional condition due to the batteries having expired. - It will cost around Rs. 698,000/- per cart to replace the batteries.	The Hambantota Safari Park received three of the 11 buggy carts that the Wagolla Zoo possesses earlier this year. Of the remaining 8 buggy carts, 06 are in working condition, while 02 have been handed over to the contracted service provider, RTS, for repairs. Two of the three buggy carts at the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage have been given to the Dehiwala Zoo, and the remaining buggy cart is used for transportation purposes.
08.	Defects in the procurement process for purchasing exotic birds.	- Two suppliers who submitted bids were rejected due to failure to meet the stipulated tender conditions. - Therefore, the birds were purchased from the remaining supplier.	The report prepared on the purchase of birds was previously provided in Annex 04. The Director General has issued a departmental internal circular No. 03/2023 by his letter No. NZG/AD/01/Dep.Or.19 vol(1) dated 08.08.2023, including the procedures/guidelines to be followed when purchasing animals for the National Zoological Garden, i.e., including the preparation of

			accurate estimates, etc. The purchase of animals is already underway in accordance with that circular.
09	Issues regarding the Ridiyagama Safari Park	A full report on the partial completion of construction work of this Safari Park should be submitted to the committee before 05.08.2023.	A full report regarding the construction works of the Safari Park has been submitted in Annex 05.
	It was revealed at the committee meeting that the constructions completed between 2017 and 2020 at a cost of approximately Rs. 215 million have not been utilized to date.	• It is expected to open the Australian Zone, which is among those constructions, after receiving animals for that zone through animal exchange programs in the future. • More construction needs to be carried out in the Cheetah and Leopard zones. • The number of animals at the Ridiyagama Safari Park has been documented according to gender. • The star tortoises in the zoo are tortoises that have been detained under court orders. • The development work of the road system in the zoo is expected to be completed by September 2023. • Requests have been made to the Department of Agriculture to fill the shortage of veterinary staff.	i. It is currently in use. ii. Cheetah Dens - Procurement notices have been published on 13.06.2025 to select a suitable contractor under the National Competitive Bidding procedure. iii. Exotic Bird Enclosures - The physical progress of the project as at 31st of May 2025 is 55%. This project is proposed to be completed the necessary steps have been made to import net of the avary. iv. Land Cleaning, Fence Construction and Internal Gravel Road Construction in Australian Zone It is currently in use. v. Tree Huts - The Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau is preparing designs and plans

			for this. vi. Boundary Fence and Gate in Leopard Zone - After publishing newspaper advertisements to select a suitable contractor through National Competitive Bidding, the relevant bid documents have been referred to the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau for evaluation. Vii. Phase I Roads and Related Structures - They are currently open to tourists. Viii. Village Sales Center It is currently in use. ix. Cafeteria - It is currently in use. x. Hard Landscaping – Cheetah zone Work on this project has been completed. • The Vacancies in the Veterinary staff have now been completely filled.
10	Preparation of the action plan of the Department of National Zoological Gardens. Progress in preparing the action plan of the	i. To complete the Action Plan of the Department of National Zoological Gardens for the period from 2024 to 2030, which is currently being prepared, and submit it to the Committee before 31.12.2023 along with the	The Strategic Plan of the Department of National Zoological Gardens for the period from 2024 to 2030 has been prepared, for which the approval of the Secretary of the Ministry of Wildlife and

	Department of National Zoological Gardens for 05 years as per the order given at the Committee on Public Accounts held in 2016	approval of the Secretary of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation ii. To submit a report, including the process expected to be carried out within the next 06 months and the relevant timeline, to the Committee before 05.08.2023 by the committee appointed to prepare this plan	Forest Resources Conservation has been obtained, and development activities are being implemented in accordance with the plan.
11	Issues regarding waste management at the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	- Since the amount of waste was large, a private institution was assigned the task of managing the waste using a crusher through the tender procedure, but it has been informed by the said institution that they are unable to carry out the task. - It is expected to get the machine fixed by the Department of Government Factory.	This machine was sent to the Department of Government Factory for fixing, and it was stated that it was not possible to fix it. Accordingly, the parts of that machine were formally handed over to that department in accordance with F.R. 767(02).
12	Considering the progress in fulfilling the main priorities of the Department of National Zoological Gardens.	To appoint committees in an appropriate manner to promote each of the sectors listed in the Action Plan for 2024-2030 of the Department of National Zoological Gardens under the main priorities of the Department in accordance with the National Zoological Gardens Act and to take action to implement each of the objectives.	In 2023, through the Animal Exchange Program, animals were received from the Netherlands, Thailand, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic, and animals were handed over to the Netherlands and India. Also, in 2024, animals were received from France, Germany, and the Czech Republic, and animals were

			handed over to Russia. Furthermore, 17 research projects for the year 2023 and 09 for the year 2024 have been conducted. Twenty-one educational lectures and practical workshops, and a large number of special programs have also been conducted. Furthermore, <i>Matali Arana</i> , <i>Magha Arana</i> , and an <i>Arana</i> for elephants in musth are being constructed instead of animal cages.
13	Failure to submit detailed reports on income.	Action will be taken to submit a detailed report when preparing the year-end accounts for the year 2023.	From the year 2023, when preparing the year-end accounts, action has been taken to submit a report containing particulars of the manner in which the zoo receives income, including miscellaneous income.

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Report regarding the amendment of the National Zoo Act No. 41 of 1982

According to a petition bearing number 777/2010 which was examined in the Court of Appeal in the year 2010, the petitioners have requested that the Zoo Act and several other Acts should be amended. According to the orders given in the examining of the petition, the Acts related to the petition should be amended. Further, the petitioners had also submitted proposals to be presented to the Act.

A committee was appointed by the secretary of the ministry to which the department belonged at that time for the amendment of the National Zoo Act, and proposals related to the amendments presented by the committee were prepared.

Including those proposals, the amendment of the Act had been approved by the Cabinet Memorandum No. CPNO/19/1998/106/029 and dated 07.08.2019. Accordingly, the Ministry forwarded the draft to the Legal Draftsman's Department on 12.09.2019 incorporating the amendments related to the Act.

It had been asked to forward a Cabinet Memorandum with the approval of the new Cabinet by letter of Legal Draftsman's Department No. L.D.O. 54/2019 and dated 24.02.2020. Accordingly, approval for the new Cabinet Memorandum was received at the Cabinet meeting held on 19 April 2021. (CPNO 21/0614/314/006 No. and Cabinet Memorandum dated 28.04.2021)

After the approval of the new Cabinet Memorandum, the draft has again been forwarded to the Legal Draftsman's Department through the Ministry on 17.05.2021. Thereafter, it had been informed the ministry under which the National Zoo Department to send observations for that by the letter bearing No. 54/2019 dated 23.09.2022 by Legal Draftsman's Department. According to the said letter, the related observations have been sent to the ministry under which this department belongs on 22.11.2022. The Ministry will work on the relevant amendments and forward it to the Law Drafting Department on 23.01.2023.

It was necessary to extensively revise the budget prepared in the year 2019. The reasons for it were the comments and suggestions of the honorable ministers and secretaries of the ministries to which the National Zoological Department belonged from time to time. Also, since the department is dedicated to animal conservation with a wider and more complex

scope, the departmental work is more formal and proper. The form was prepared with appropriate observations to be maintained.

Furthermore, due to the fact that the National Zoological Garden Act No. 41 of 1982 had not been amended for 37 years, it was necessary to amend the provisions of the Act and prepare the necessary legislation to suit the current activities and proposed new activities of the National Zoo Department. Accordingly, the draft prepared is attached herewith as annexure No. 01A.

In the new draft of the National Zoological Garden Act, which has been forwarded to the Legal Draftsman's Department, the alternative meaning has been presented regarding the terms of Section 14 (Attachment No. 01A). Institutions belonging to the National Zoological Department at present and to be included in the future are covered by that.

As ordered by the Committee on Public Accounts of Parliament on 05.07.2023, the work of amending the Act should be completed within one month by the Legal Draftsman's Department, as per No. MSDW07/WL/117 (Volume I) and letter dated 27.07.2023 of the Secretary of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation. Meanwhile, the amended draft of the Act has been forwarded to the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resource Conservation to submit observations through letter No. L.D.O 54/2019 and the dated 26.07.2023 of Legal Draftsman's Department.

National Zoological Gardens Act (Amendment) No of 2023**Annexure 01**

Section	National Zoological Gardens Act No 41 of 1982	Suggested Amendment	After the Amendment
Long Title	An Act to provide for the administration and management of the National Zoological Gardens to provide for the establishment of the Zoo Development and Welfare Fund; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.	The long title of the National Zoological Gardens Act No. 41 of 1982, hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Charter", is hereby deleted and the following long title is substituted in its place.	"An Act concerning the preservation and safeguarding of animals, animal well-being, associated research and educational pursuits, the governance and supervision of the establishment of the National Zoo, the creation and oversight of the National Zoo Development and Welfare Fund, and the establishment of provisions for connected or ancillary matters."
1	This Act may be cited as the National Zoological Gardens Act No 41 of 1982	Designation of the amended Act to amend the National Zoological Gardens Act No. 41 of 1982.	1. This Act may be cited as National Zoological Gardens Act (Amendment) No of 2023
1.1		Insertion of sub-sections "1a, 1b and 1c" after Section 1 of the Act.	1a Any specific land area to be used for the performance of the functions specified in this Act may be declared to be a zoo either wholly or in part, by the terms published in the gazette by the Minister from a date specific in the said term. 1b In accordance with the provision stated in sub-section 1a above, the Minister maintains the authority to designate the vicinity within a defined range from the perimeter of a zoo as a buffer zone for the respective zoo

2(1)	For the purposes of administering the National Zoological Gardens there shall be appointed	By deleting the sub-section 2(1) and adding the following new sub-section.	2(1). For the functions of this Act relating to the administration and management of the affairs and functions of the National Zoo and the administration and management of the staff assigned to the work under this Act, either regularly or regularly or temporarily -
	(a). A person to be or to act as the Director of the National Zoological Gardens;	By deleting the sub-section a. and adding the following new sub-section.	a. A Director General of the National Zoo
	(b) person to be or to act as Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors of the National Zoological gardens; and	By deleting the sub-section b. and adding the following new sub-section.	b. An Additional Director General of the National Zoological Gardens, Directors, Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors as required;
	(c) such other officers and servants as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act	c. do	c. Such other officers and employees as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act shall be appointed.
	2.2 All officials and servants appointed for the purpose of this Act shall deemed to be public servants within the meaning and for the purpose of the Penal Code	2 (2). By deleting the sub-section and adding the following new sub-section.	2 (2). All officers and employees appointed for the purposes of this Act shall be deemed to be public officers within the meaning of the Penal Code and peace officers within the meaning of the Criminal Procedure Code Act No. 15 of 1979.
(2)		Adding new subsection 2 (3) after sub section 2 (2)	2. (3). The Director General is responsible for designating officers from Additional Director Generals, Directors, Deputy Directors, and Assistant Directors appointed under sub-section 2.(1) as custodians of Zoological Gardens. Additionally, specific officials shall be

			designated as deputy custodians with assigned responsibilities.
	Part I General Duties and Powers of the Director of National Zoological Gardens	Part I By deleting the words "of the Director of the National Zoological Park" and substituting the words "of the Director-General of the National Zoological Park".	Part I General Duties and Powers of the Director General of National Zoological Gardens
3.(1)	The Director of the National Zoological Gardens (hereinafter referred to as the "Director") shall be responsible for the supervision, control and administration of the affairs and business of the National Zoological Garden (hereinafter referred to as the "Zoo").	By deleting sub-section 3.(1) of the principal Act and substituting the following new sub-section.	3.(1) The Director General of the National Zoological Garden, hereafter denoted as the "Director-General," shall assume the responsibility for overseeing all matters and operations pertaining to the National Zoological Garden, hereafter referred to as the "Zoo." and this encompasses the enforcement of the Act and the associated authorities thereof.
(2)	The Director may, for the purposes of subsection (1) delegate any of his powers to a Deputy or Assistant Director or to any other officer of the Zoo	By removing subsection 3.2 and adding new subsections 3.(2), 3.(3), and 3.(4) below	3.(2). For the purpose of sub-section 3(1), the Director General may delegate any of his powers to the Additional Director General, Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director or any other officer. 3.(3). The Director General or a duly authorized officer shall develop a comprehensive management plan encompassing the administration, supervision, control, and other relevant aspects concerning zoos falling under the purview of this Act.. 3.(4). The Minister holds the authority to issue directives outlining the elements to be encompassed within a management plan

			formulated under subsection 3 (3), the prescribed process for its formulation, and the measures for ensuring compliance with the established management plan.
4	The Director may take steps within the Zoo (a) to construct enclosures, roads buildings and fences to provide water supplies and to carry out other works as he may consider necessary for the management of the zoo; (b) to ensure the safety of the animals in the zoo; (c) to regulate and control vehicular traffic; (d) to provide special areas for the parking of vehicles; (e) to ensure the safety of the visitors to the zoo; and (f) to protect any farm maintained by the Zoo and the produce thereof.	Removing Section 4 of the Principal Charter and substituting new Section 4	The Director may take steps within the Zoo a. Ensuring the well-being and safety of zoo animals; b. Ensuring the security of visitors and staff traveling to and from zoos; c. Procuring animals domestically or internationally in compliance with the Fauna and Flora Protection Act, aimed at conserving and enhancing the genetic diversity of rare and endangered animal species, and facilitating animal exchanges as part of such programs; d. Establishing breeding, confinement, and conservation centers for rare and endangered animal species as well as endemic species, and creating genetic resource extraction centers to support their conservation efforts; e. Releasing and reintroducing local surplus animals from zoos, along with animals bred for external conservation, using approved methods, subject to the permission or agreement of the relevant authority; f. Acquiring wildlife and other materials from Sri Lanka's natural environment or abroad, with the requisite permissions or consents from the relevant authorities, to establish suitable environmental conditions for zoos or to meet the animal-related needs of this Act; g. Maintaining a collection of living or non-living animal specimens for educational and

			research purposes; h. Temporarily closing entire zoos or specific sections within zoos during special occasions or events such as animal escapes, disturbances, or natural disasters, to ensure the safety of animals, visitors, staff, and property, and taking actions such as evacuation, sheltering, or reopening as necessary; i. Initiating or facilitating appropriate measures to safeguard human lives within any zoo premises; j. Rehabilitating infrastructure and furnishing necessary facilities as determined by the Director General for effective zoo management; k. Regulating and supervising vehicular traffic and parking arrangements within zoo premises; l. Overseeing the establishment, operation, administration, and management of farms intended to provide sustenance for animals housed within zoos; m. Making determinations based on veterinary recommendations regarding euthanasia for animals in exceptional circumstances; Actions can be taken by the Director General Department of National Zoological Gardens.
	Actions can be taken within the zoological Gardens premises	The Clause "actions can be taken within the Zoological Gardens premises" is removed and substituted with the following clause.	

5.(1)	Any person who- (a) enters the zoo without a valid ticket issued at the entrance of the Zoo, on payment of the appropriate fee; (b) refuse or fails to produce his ticket when requested to do so by the Director or any Deputy or any Assistant Director or any person authorized by the Director; (c) sells or transfers attempts to sell or transfer a ticket issue to him in order to enable any other person to enter the zoo; (d) engages in feeding any animal in any area within the zoo we are such feeding is prohibited by a notice (e) uses any radio or other sound equipment in any area within the zoo where the use of such equipment is prohibited by a notice (f) uses photographic equipment within the zoo without the prior approval of the director (g) leads any animal into the zoo without the prior approval of the director (h) within the Zoo carries or has in his position and his control any gun cartridge, firearm or other explosive of any description; (i) discharges or attempts to discharge any gun or uses any explosives; (j) enters any area within the Zoo into	Deleting Section 5 and insertion on new Section 5	Any person who- 5.(1).a. enters the zoo premises without a duly issued permit, obtainable at the zoo entrance upon payment of the stipulated fee; b. declines or neglects to present their permit upon request by the Director General or any duly authorized personnel designated by the Director General; c. engages in the sale, transfer, or attempt to sell or transfer their issued permit that grants them access to the zoo; d. engages in fraudulent activities involving the printing, possession, sale, or utilization of pass cards or tickets designated for activities within the zoo; e. trespasses into any area within the zoo clearly marked as restricted by official notices; f. provides food or attempt to do so, or offer any substance for the purpose of feeding animals within the zoo, unless explicit permission has been obtained to feed animals within the zoo; g. introduces any animal onto the zoo premises, visit, or house any animal within the zoo without obtaining prior
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	which entry is prohibited by a notice; (k) with the Zoo teases, annoys, disturbs, harasses or injures any animal or acts in any other manner which is in any way detrimental to the safety or health of any animal on exhibition; (l) within the Zoo obstructs, threatens or hinders any employee of the Zoo; (m) removes or damages any property belonging to the Zoo; (n) parks a vehicle outside the parking areas provided by the Director; (o) within the Zoo, distributes or exhibits any hand bill, placard, poster, notice or any such document without the prior approval of the Director; (p) drives a motor vehicle in any area within the Zoo where driving of motor vehicle is prohibited; and (q) sells or exhibits for sale any article within the zoo without prior approval of the Director,	approval from the Director General; h. engages in teasing, oppressing, disturbing, harassing, injuring, or engaging in any behavior that jeopardizes the well-being or safety of any displayed animal within the zoo; i. discharges any substance into areas where animals are housed under the provisions of this Act; j. possesses, carries, controls, or uses firearms, guns, ammunition, explosives, or poisonous substances within the boundaries of the zoo; k. utilizes sound-producing devices within the zoo premises, except in cases where explicit permission has been granted for such usage; l. removes or cause damage to any living or non-living property belonging to the zoos; m. parks a vehicle outside the designated parking areas as established by the Director General; n. operates a motor vehicle in zones within the zoo where motor vehicle operation is prohibited; o. distributes or exhibits pamphlets,
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	Every person who is found guilty of an offence under sub section (1) shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.	Removing subsection 5.2 of the Act and adding new subsections 5.(2), 5.(3), 5.(4) and 5.(5).	advertisements, posters, digital displays, or similar materials within the premises of the zoo or near its entrance, without obtaining prior consent from the Director General; p. engages in the sale or display for sale of any item within the zoo without obtaining prior approval from the Director General; q. engages in threatening, intimidating, assaulting, obstructing, or interfering in any manner with an authorized employee as defined in sections 2.(1).a, 2.(1).b, and 2.2; r. improperly disposes of waste within the zoo premises, contrary to the prescribed methods; shall be guilty of an offence under this Act 5.(2). Any individual who allows, assists, or encourages the commission of an offense as stipulated in subsection 5.1 shall be held liable for an offense. 5.(3). The occurrence of an offense under subsections 5.1 or 5.(2), or in cases where a person is engaged in designated tasks under the authorization of the Director-General or a duly authorized officer acting on behalf of the Director-General, or under the directive of such
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		an officer, shall not result in considering the individual as guilty of an offense under these sections. 5.(4). An individual found guilty of an offense under subsections 5(1) and 5(2) shall incur a penalty ranging from a minimum of five thousand rupees (Rupees 5000/-) to a maximum of five hundred thousand rupees (Rupees 500,000/-), or face imprisonment for a period between three months and five years, or both a fine and imprisonment. Furthermore, if the conviction leads to a financial loss incurred by the government, appropriate compensation proportional to the extent of that loss may be ordered. In the event that such compensation is determined, it shall be treated as a penalty. 5 (5) In situations where compensation is awarded as stipulated in the preceding subsections: a. In the event of confiscation of any property, and said property is not government-owned, it shall be returned to the convicted individual. b. If the convicted individual is currently detained, immediate release should be granted, and no subsequent actions or proceedings against the individual or
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6 (1)	The Director May, at any time compound any offence under sub section (1) of Section 5, by accepting a sum of one hundred rupees by way of composition for the offence committed, and where a prosecution has been entered against any person for any such offence, the Director may with the consent of the court before which prosecution is pending, compound such offence at any time before judgement any may withdraw such prosecution.	Removing subsection 6.1 of the Act and adding new subsections	the property shall be pursued. 6.(1). An officer duly authorized by the Director General has the prerogative to receive a monetary sum as restitution for a wrongdoing committed by an individual who is reasonably suspected of engaging in an offense under sub-sections 5.(1)j, 5.(1)l, or 5.(1)q of section 5, as well as any other offense, except for acts of aiding or abetting the commission of said offense.
(2)	The sum of money accepted by the Director under subsection (1) shall be credited to the Zoo Development and Welfare Fund established under this Act.	Substitution of "Director General" for "Director", the substitution of "Sathvadhanaya" for "Sathva Udyanaya".	6.(2). The amount received by the Director General under sub-section 6.(1) shall be credited to the Zoo Development and Welfare Fund established under this Act.
9		Insertion of sub section 6 (3) and 6 (4) after 6.2.	6.(3). For the intents outlined within this Act, a certificate bearing the signature of the Director-General, attesting to the identity or valuation of any property owned by the zoo, shall be considered as prima facie evidence in any legal or other proceedings concerning the same, unless proven otherwise. Such a certificate shall serve as demonstrable evidence of the matters therein mentioned.

7	It shall be lawful for the court before which an offender is convicted of an offence to direct in respect of any fine that may be imposed for such offence that any share not exceeding one half thereof or of so much as shall actually be recovered be awarded to the Zoo Development and Welfare Fund established under this Act.	Subsection 7 (1) before Section 7 renaming Section 7 of the Principal Act as sub-section 7. (2)., substituting the words "not exceeding one half thereof" with "not less than one -half"	7.(1). An amount not less than half of any fine imposed by the court for an offence under this Act shall be credited to the Zoo Development and Welfare Fund. 7 (2). Where an offender has been convicted of an offence before any court and by that court, any fine is imposed for that offence, the whole amount of the fine or not less than one-half of the amount of the fine or any part of the amount actually recovered shall be directed to be granted to the Zoo Development and Welfare Fund established under this Act.
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Part II – Zoo Development and Welfare Fund			
8(1)	A Fund to be called the Zoo Development and Welfare Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund") shall be established for the purpose of this Act.	do	8 (1) A Fund to be called the Zoo Development and Welfare Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund") shall be established for the purpose of this Act.
(2)	(2) There shall be paid into the Fund	do	8 (2) There shall be paid into the Fund
	(a) all such sums of money as may be received by way of donations from any source whatsoever;	Deleting the word "Director" in sub section 8 (2) b and substituting with Director General	(a) all such sums of money as may be received by way of donations from any source whatsoever;
	(b) all such sums of money as may be recovered by the Director under Section 6;	do	(b) all such sums of money as may be recovered by the Director General under Section 6;
	(c) all such sums of money as may be recovered by way of fines	Deleting the word "garden" in sub section 8.2(d) and insertion of "Zoos"	(c) all such sums of money as may be recovered by way of fines
	(d) all such sums of money as may be received by the sale of garden produces; and	do	(d) all such sums of money as may be received by the sale of zoo produces; and
	(e) all other sums of money received by the Zoo by way of any income from any source whatsoever.	do	(e) all other sums of money received by the Zoo by way of any income from any source whatsoever.

(3)	The following sums of money shall, subject to the prior approval of the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance be paid out of the Fund- (a) all such sums of money as may be necessary to provide ancillary services to the visitors of the Zoo (b) all such sums of money as may be necessary to provide welfare and incentive schemes to the employees of the Zoo; and (c) all expenditure required for the purposes of this Act unless otherwise specifically provided for .	Do Substitution of "to the visitors of the Zoo" with "for the visitors of the Zoo" in sub section 8 (3) a Substitution of "to the visitors of the Zoo" with "for the visitors of the Zoo" in sub section 8 (3) a do	(3) The following sums of money shall, subject to the prior approval of the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance be paid out of the Fund- (a) all such sums of money as may be necessary to provide ancillary services for the visitors of the Zoo (b) all such sums of money as may be necessary to provide welfare and incentive schemes to the employees of the Zoo; and (c) all expenditure required for the purposes of this Act unless otherwise specifically provided for .
(4)	The Director shall be responsible for the administration of the Fund	Substitution of the term Director General in place of "Director" in sub section 8 (4)	8.(4). The Director General shall be responsible for the administration of the Fund
(5)	The accounts of the Fund shall be audited by the Auditor General	do Insertion of following new sub section 8 (6) after 8 (5)	8.(5) The accounts of the Fund shall be audited by the Auditor General 8 (6) a. In the event that an employee, authorized under sections 2(1)a, 2(1)b, and 2.2, becomes incapacitated, disabled, or passes away while performing duties stipulated by this Act, or when it can be established that the employee was engaged in such duties, the fund shall be utilized to

			offer compensation to either the employee or their lawful heirs.
			8.(6).b. The compensation referred to under sub-section 8(6)a above shall be in addition to any compensation awarded under the Pension Minute or any other written law applicable thereto in respect of disability, incapacity or death.
			8.(6).c. The Director General is authorized to establish the monetary sum to be provided as compensation for the instances of disability, incapacity, or death as outlined in sub-section 8(6)a above, based on predetermined criteria. These criteria shall be formulated by a committee designated by the Director General.
Part III- Miscellaneous			
9(1)	The Minister may appoint an Advisory Committee which shall consist of the Director as Chairman and of eleven other persons for the purpose of advising the Director and making recommendations to the Minister on all matters and questions relating to the Zoo.	Deletion of Section 9 of the principal Act and insertion of the following new Section.	9 While executing the responsibilities of the zoo, the Minister has the authority to periodically constitute a committee composed of qualified individuals to solicit suggestions, counsel, or direction pertaining to particular, well-defined concerns. The designated chairperson of this committee is the secretary of the line ministry overseeing the National Zoological Department.
9(2)	Meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be held at least twice every year.	Deletion of Sub Section 9(2) and 9 (3)	

9(3)	The Advisory Committee shall be entitled to determine its own procedure in any matter of procedure for which no provision is prescribed.		
10 (1)	Where the Director has reasonable grounds to believe that any animal purported to the property of the Zoo, is in the custody or possession of any person, it shall be lawful for the Director or any person authorized in writing in that behalf to (a) enter and inspect any premises or vehicle in which he has reasonable grounds to believe that such animal may be found; and (b) recover possession of such animal.	Insertion of the words "a component of a living or non-living animal" after the word "animal" in sub section 10 (1) and substituting the word "Director" with "Director General"	10.(1). Where the Director General has reasonable grounds to believe that any animal, a component of a living or non living animal, purported to the property of the Zoo, is in the custody or possession of any person, it shall be lawful for the Director or any person authorized in writing in that behalf to enter and inspect any premises or vehicle in which he has reasonable grounds to believe that such animal, a component of a living or non-living animal may be found; and
10(2)	If the person, from whose possession or custody any animal was removed in terms of subsection (1), desires to regain possession of such animal, the burden of proving that such animal belongs to him, shall be on such person.	Insertion of the words "a component of a living or non-living animal" after the word "animal" in sub section 10 (1) (b) do	(b) recover possession of such animal, a component of a living or non-living animal 10 (2). If the person, from whose possession or custody any animal was removed in terms of subsection 10 (1), desires to regain possession of such animal, the burden of proving that such animal belongs to him, shall be on such person.

			Insertion of new subsection 10 (3) after sub section 10 (2)	10 (3). When any animal or animals are placed under the custody of a zoo officer, the regulations of this Act may be enforced within the designated area of temporary confinement and for the animals concerned.
11	No suit or prosecution shall lie against any public officer for any act which in good faith is done or purported to be done under this Act.	Addition of "or not done" after "purported to be done" in Section 11		11 No suit or prosecution shall lie against any public officer for any act which in good faith is done, purported to be done or not done under this Act.
12	Every person who assaults, obstructs, threatens, intimidates, abuses or insults any person exercising the powers or discharging the duties conferred on him by this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.	Deletion of Section 12 and insertion of the following section		12 Every person who assaults, obstructs, threatens, intimidates, abuses or insults any person exercising the powers or discharging the duties conferred on him by this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for not less than three (03) years and not more than seven (07) years or to a fine of not less than fifty thousand rupees (Rupees 50,000/-) and not more than One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Rupees (Rupees 150,000/-) or to such both punishments, fine and imprisonment.

13 (1)	The Minister may make regulations in respect of any matter required by this Act to be prescribed or in respect of which regulations are authorized by this Act to be made.	Deletion of Section 13 of the Act and insertion of the new section.	13.(1). The Minister holds the authority to issue directives concerning zoos, specific sections thereof, protected areas, or any other land falling under the purview of the National Zoological Department, for the purpose of addressing the following matters, or any tasks or related ancillary affairs stipulated under this Act. a. Overseeing or supervising the administration of zoos. b. Governing the activities within a buffer zone designated in accordance with this Act. c. Formulating the elements to be encompassed in the management plan, as well as specifying the procedures and methods for its development and execution. d. Crafting Management Agreements to facilitate community and non-governmental involvement in the sustainable management of zoos. e. Engaging in contracts pertaining to zoo management, revoking such agreements, imposing terms, determining charges, and devising strategies for dispute resolution. f. Establishing a framework for the equitable allocation of benefits between managing collaborators and stakeholders.
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			g. Specifying terms and charges associated with activities conducted within zoos. h. Specifying the zones allowable for scientific research within a zoo, along with the requisite stipulations governing such research. i. Periodically formulating directives to allocate and utilize supplementary donations received, apart from the Zoo Development and Welfare Fund, into a distinct account requiring written endorsement from the Treasury. These funds are intended for application according to the purposes mutually agreed upon with the beneficiary of the donation.
(2)	Every regulation made by the Minister shall be published in the Gazette and shall come into operation on the date of such publication or on such later date as may be specified in the regulation.	do	13.(2). Every regulation made by the Minister shall be published in the Gazette and shall come into operation on the date of such publication or on such later date as may be specified in the regulation.
(3)	Every regulation shall, as soon as convenient after publication in the Gazette, be brought before Parliament for approval. Any regulation which is not so approved shall be deemed to be rescinded as from the date of its disapproval but without prejudice to anything done thereunder.	Insertion of the words "without undue delay" after "as soon as convenient" in subsection 13(3) of the Act.	13.(3). Every regulation shall, as soon as convenient, without undue delay after publication in the Gazette, be brought before Parliament for approval. Any regulation which is not so approved shall be deemed to be rescinded as from the date of its disapproval but without prejudice to anything done thereunder.

(4)	Notification of the date on which any regulation made by the Minister is so deemed to be rescinded shall be published in the Gazette	do	13.(4). Notification of the date on which any regulation made by the Minister is so deemed to be rescinded shall be published in the Gazette 13.(5). The Minister is empowered to issue directives pertaining to the registration, control, organization, imposition of requirements, and associated aspects concerning both government-operated and non-governmental zoos, or locations where animals are housed, displayed, or traded, which fall beyond the scope of announcement under this Act.
14	In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires "animal" means any animal vertebrate, invertebrate and includes all categories of birds, fish or reptile and "National Zoological Gardens" includes the public aquarium, the Zoo farm at Ratmalana and the elephant orphanage at Pinnawala, Rambukkana.	Deletion of Section 14 of the Act and insertion of the following section.	"Animal" refers to any creature, regardless of whether it is vertebrate or invertebrate. "Zoos" encompasses facilities such as zoos, safari parks, elephant orphanages, animal breeding centers, animal conservation centers, genetic conservation centers, zoo educational centers, zoo museums, zoo farms, and all entities falling under the purview of the National Zoological Department. A "Zoo custodian" signifies an official designated by the Director General on a periodic basis through written communication to oversee and supervise the operations and governance of a specific zoo.

**Conservation of endangered species listed in Sri Lanka's Red List of Threatened Species
(The National REDD List of 2012)**

A comprehensive and multifaceted approach is required to conserve the endangered animals listed in Sri Lanka's Red List of Threatened Species (REDD List). As of the last update in September 2021, the specific list of some of Sri Lanka's critically endangered species on the IUCN Red List has changed, but the general principles of conservation apply. Following are some key steps and strategies that can be taken to protect these threatened species:

1. Protection and Restoration of Habitat (Restoratio):

Identifying and conserving critical habitat for these species is very important. Protected areas, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries should be established and effectively managed. Restoration of degraded habitats can also be done to expand suitable environments for endangered animals. This work is carried out by the Department of Wildlife and Forest Conservation.

2. Enforcement of Wildlife Laws:

Strict enforcement of wildlife protection laws and regulations is essential to prevent poaching, illegal trade and other human activities that threaten these animals. The laws must be sufficient to act as a deterrent to the offenders.

3. Community Participation and Education:

It is very important to involve local communities and educate them about the importance of wildlife conservation. Involving communities in conservation efforts and providing them with alternative livelihoods can reduce human-wildlife conflicts and improve cooperation for conservation initiatives.

4. Research and Monitoring:

Conducting scientific research on these endangered species helps us better understand their ecology, behavior and the threats they face. Systematic monitoring of populations can provide valuable data for conservation planning and adaptive management.

5. Cooperation and Partnerships:

Collaboration between government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), researchers and local communities is essential. Partnerships can leverage resources, expertise and knowledge to implement more effective conservation strategies.

6. Peripheral Conservation (Space Conservation) :

In some cases, captive breeding programs and the establishment of peripheral conservation facilities can act as protection against extinction. These programs can allow animals to be bred and reintroduced into the wild if natural populations decline further. The role of the National Zoological Garden Department is to implement the matters mentioned here.

7. Sustainable Tourism:

Promoting responsible and sustainable tourism practices can benefit local economies and wildlife conservation efforts. Tourism revenue can be directed back into conservation initiatives.

8. Addressing Climate Change:

Climate change poses a significant threat to many species. Action to mitigate the threat and fight climate change through adaptation strategies is critical to ensure the long-term survival of these endangered animals.

9. International Cooperation:

Some species may have migration patterns that extend beyond Sri Lanka's borders. Therefore, cooperation with neighboring countries and international organizations is essential for border conservation efforts.

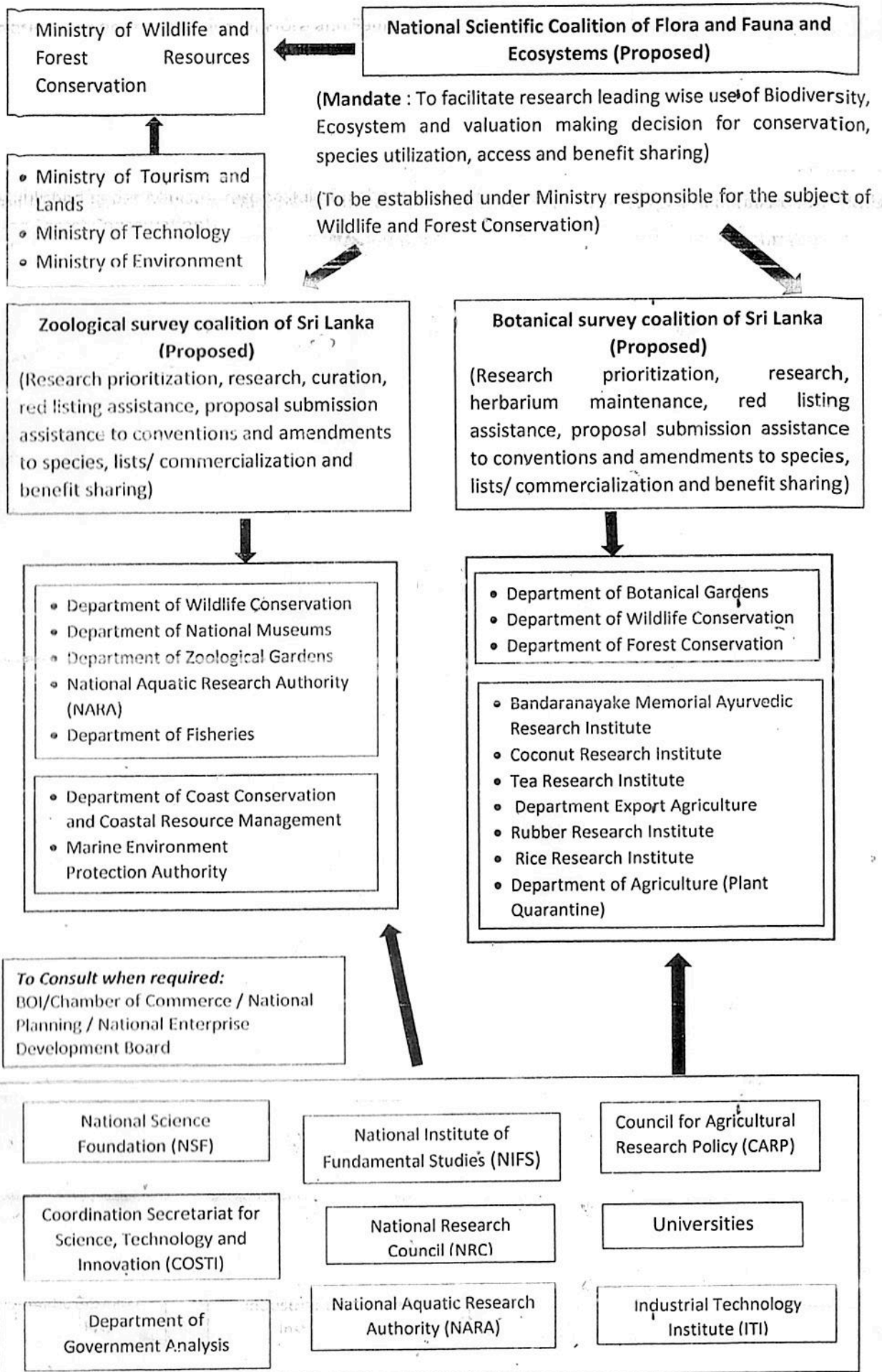
10. Continuous assessment and adaptation:

Conservation efforts must be continually evaluated based on new information and changing circumstances. Flexibility of conservation planning is key to for long-term success.

Conservation is a challenging and ongoing process that requires the commitment, resources and long-term commitment of various parties. Each species may have unique challenges and needs, requiring tailored conservation strategies. Conservationists, policy makers, researchers and the public are working together to protect these critically endangered animals and protect Sri Lanka's rich biodiversity for future generations.

Accordingly, an inter-institutional joint program should be implemented for the conservation of endangered animals and the National Zoological Garden Department also has a role to play in it. Institutions to be contributed to the implementation of an integrated program have been identified and details thereof are attached as Annexure 02A. It is proposed to appoint an inter-institutional committee with the agreement of Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation by coordination of Ministry of Environment which prepare the Red Data Book, also suggest that it is appropriate to prepare an action plan by that committee.

Proposed Apex Body



Purchase of foreign birds for the National Zoological Department.

With the construction of the Ridiagama Safari Park, procurement of foreign birds for the National Zoological Department has been started in 2018 with the aim of creating foreign bird zone and providing companions for the birds that lived alone in the Dehiwala Zoological Garden.

The exchange of wild animals required for zoological gardens through animal exchange programs is the normal process carried out by the National Zoological Department. But in this case, the department does not have enough birds to carry out the animal exchange activities and there was a need to purchase 32 species of rare birds, so in 2018, the Zoological Garden Development and Welfare Fund allocated allocations for this purpose and started this procurement.

For this purpose, a technical evaluation committee consisting of five members for preparation of price estimates and preparation of relevant bid documents had been appointed through letter dated 02.01.2018.

The technical committee members prepared the most accurate estimate and bid documents based on the information available to them at that time. Since the birds expected to be purchased here were rare animals from abroad, it was practically difficult for the technical evaluation committee to find the decision-makers to base the selling price of those animals accurately. But as a fair method for that, action had been taken by the technical evaluation committee to prepare estimates based on the prices published on the websites where foreign birds are sold. Here, for example, the technical evaluation committee has to face a problem such as the weakness in calculating the value of a Sri Lankan Mouse Deer when there is a need to purchase a Sri Lankan Mouse Deer for an American United States zoological garden.

Also, since these birds are not domesticated birds, it is not possible to expect the daily price changes to be updated through the websites that sell birds. Therefore, the most correct process that could be done at that time was to search for information from websites that sell birds abroad and prepared estimates for the birds to be purchased by the department on the basis of fair price.

According to Chapter 3 of the Procurement Guidelines, procurement entity focus on the nature of goods and services as the first consideration in choosing the right procurement method. The technical evaluation committee has proposed to call for national competitive bids, taking into consideration the fact that live animals are being purchased here. That is because taking a very high risk in an international transaction involving the purchase of live animals is disadvantageous for the government and the institution. The National Competitive Bidding procurement method has been selected by the Technical Evaluation Committee due to some reason, if the stock of birds imported through an international bidding reaches Sri Lanka due to some natural disaster or infectious disease, or if birds of a type and color not related to the department's needs are provided, there will be difficulties in dealing with an international organization to transfer those birds, difficulty establishing credibility with foreign businessmen due to distance, communication breakdowns, etc. International competitive bidding makes the process very difficult and costly as it has to be done through the embassies of different countries and due to the limited allocation for this.

Also, in accordance with section 2.6.1.(a)(ii) of the Procurement Guidelines, efforts have been made to increase competition by publishing advertisements in national newspapers to promote competitiveness.

As the bid documents and estimate prepared by the Technical Evaluation Committee have been approved by the Departmental Procurement Committee, the next step in the procurement has been taken.

Here, three bidders have submitted their bids, but two of them violated the conditions mentioned in the bid documents and submitted their prices. That information is given below.

Bird research center and resort (Pvt) Ltd

This company had been mentioned in his bid documents as "payments should be made as soon as the birds are delivered to the institution" against the condition which was presented by the department during the procurement, "payments will be made only after a quarantine period of one month after delivery of the birds"

Thus, under the condition that the institution does not express confidence in keeping the birds even for a period of one month, all the prices offered by the institution had to be rejected.

Hidellana Tea Factory

This entity had submitted bids for four items. The price of one of the items was higher than that of the tenderer (07) (Mandarin Duck) and for the other 3 items, the bid was also rejected as the number of birds offered for each item was less than the requested quantity. Here, it is impractical for the department to purchase less than the number of birds expected to be purchased simply because the bidder's price is the lowest. Hence, this bidder is also rejected as it is against the bid conditions.

Accordingly, based on the above information, the birds have been purchased from Felicity Holdings Private Company, which responded most responsive to the Department's needs.

Annexure 05

Project	Contractor's Name	Value	Expenditure incurred as at 31/07/2023	Date of commencement of work	Due Date of completion of work	Extensions of days	If the contract is suspended, the reason
Gravel Road in Elephant Zone	National Machinery Institute	70,602,875.80	33,258,155.04	2016/02/14	2017/03/16		Terminated due to poor progress. Although NEMO was notified to submit the final bills related to the amount of work done, there was no response. The final notification letter has also been issued on 24/04/2023 and since NEMO has not responded to it, the final bills are being prepared with CECB. Estimates have been prepared for the remaining works and have been included in the 2024 action plan for the execution of those works.
Service Road in Small Animal Kingdom	National Machinery Institute	24,323,915.81	5,558,729.41	2017/02/13	2018/01/11	2018/03/25	Terminated due to poor progress. Although NEMO was notified to submit the final bills related to the amount of work done, there was no response. The final notification letter has also been issued on

							24/04/2023 and since NEMO has not responded to it, the final bills are being prepared with CECB. Estimates have been prepared for the remaining works and have been included in the 2024 action plan for the execution of those works.
African Elephant Enclosure	National Machinery Institute	12,614,878.30	1,599,166.96	2017/11/24	2018/03/24		Terminated due to poor progress. Although NEMO was notified to submit the final bills related to the amount of work done, there was no response. The final notification letter has also been issued on 24/04/2023 and since NEMO has not responded to it, the final bills are being prepared with CECB. Estimates have been prepared for the remaining works and have been included in the 2024 action plan for the execution of those works.
Lion Den No-III	National Machinery Institute	10,706,866.87	3,559,730.25	2017/03/01	2017/07/29		Terminated due to poor progress. Although NEMO was notified to submit the final bills related to the amount of work done, there was no response. The final notification letter has also been issued on

								24/04/2023 and since NEMO has not responded to it, the final bills are being prepared with CECB. Contracts have been awarded for the remaining work through calling limited competitive bidding.
								Terminated due to poor progress. Although NEMO was notified to submit the final bills related to the amount of work done, there was no response. The final notification letter has also been issued on 24/04/2023 and since NEMO has not responded to it, the final bills are being prepared with CECB. Estimates have been prepared for the remaining works and have been included in the 2024 action plan for the execution of those works.
								Terminated due to poor progress. For the remaining amount of work, the department has provided the raw materials and obtained the labor contribution of the civil defense department employees. According to National Budget Circular No. 03/2022 dated 26/04/2022 issued to control public expenditure, this contract has been stopped temporarily. Estimates for the remaining works have been prepared and included in the 2024 action plan for the execution of those works.
Tree Huts	National Machinery Institute	11,257,890.00	6,062,214.93	2017/05/12	2017/09/09			
16 Feet Chain Link Fence between Asian Elephant Zone Stage-II Area & Leopard Zone	National Machinery Institute	43,588,320.62	23,080,006.12	2017/09/13	2018/03/12			

Exotic Bird Enclosure	Ralik Engineering Private Company	72,496,765.00	38,893,304.48	2019/10/08	2020/05/05	2021/06/25	It is difficult to import stainless steel mesh and accessories from China due to the imposition of import restrictions by the gazette notification dated 2020/04/16 issued with the COVID-19 epidemic situation. Then, due to the increase in the value of the dollar and the increase in the price of raw materials due to the scarcity of the dollar in the country, the contractor requested price variations for stainless steel mesh and accessories. According to National Budget Circular No. 03/2022 dated 2022/04/26 issued to control public expenditure, this contract has been mutually terminated on 08/31/2022. Estimates for the remaining works have been prepared and included in the 2024 action plan for the execution of those works.
Cheetah-Dens & Pens	Sumanasakara Construction Private Company	21,072,585.30	5,582,153.23	2019/03/25	2019/07/23	2019/08/30	This contract has been terminated on 08/04/2021 due to poor progress and non-renewal of performance guarantees by the contractor after 31/03/2020. Estimates for the remaining works have been prepared and included in the 2024 action plan for the execution of those works.

Boundary Fence & Gates in Leopard Zone	Ranveli Construction	59,013,022.88	18,843,313.98	2019/09/04	2020/03/02	2020/08/18	This contract has been terminated on 10/11/2021 due to poor progress. Estimates for the remaining works have been prepared and included in the 2024 action plan for the execution of those works.
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Preparation of Action Plan of National Zoological Garden Department.

Program for next 06 months

- Conducting 05 rounds of discussions with authentic scholars related to each scope –August and September 2023
- Preparation of drafts related to each scope – October 2023
- Hold a renegotiation session on prepared drafts – November 2023
- Preparation and validation of the final action plan by holding a workshop and submitting it to the Ministry Secretary for approval – December 2023