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Submission of observations of Hon. Minister in charge of the institutions and steps taken with regard to the reports tabled by the Committee in public Accounts in terms of Standing Order No. 119 (4)

Key matters discussed	Explanations of the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO). Observations / recommendations of the Committee
01. The Committee paid its attention to the vacancies available in the executive level posts in the Department of Archaeology. It was disclosed at this point before the Committee that even though the schemes of recruitment for 27 posts of Assistant Director were prepared and approved in the year 2016, the aforesaid posts have remained vacant since the date of approval of those posts.	These posts remain vacant due to the lawsuit No. SC(FR) 248/2016 of Supreme Court regarding the Scheme of Recruitment for the Executive Service Category (SL-1). The final verdict of the Supreme Court has been issued on 17.07.2024, and it has been informed by the letter No. PMO/RRPCM/2025/decision of the Prime Minister's Office dated 02.04.2025 that the approval of the Committee of officers to review the public sector recruitment process has been granted to fill the vacancies. Accordingly, the notices calling for applications have been prepared and forwarded to the approval of the Public Service Commission. Furthermore, necessary action is being taken in coordination with SLIDA to make the relevant arrangements for conducting the competitive examinations on the limited and open basis.

02.	<u>The fact that the post of Legal Officer in the Department of Archaeology remains vacant.</u>	The relevant notice related to making recruitments was published in the Gazette on 27.12.2024, applications were called interview was held on 25.04.2025 and the results were forwarded to the Public Service Commission. Accordingly, the Public Service Commission has appointed a female officer to this post with effect from 11.08.2025, but the appointment has not been accepted. Even though the Public Service Commission has been requested to appoint the next applicant, approval has not been received. Accordingly, a legal officer of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs has been appointed on the acting basis.												
03.	<u>Gazetting and protecting antiquities</u>	<u>Gazetting</u> • In order to speed up the process of gazetting of antiquities, information on 20 Monuments and 2 Reserves for each District is being collected at regional office level every month and gazetting activities are being carried out. • Accordingly, 139 Reserves have been declared island wide up to date and 117 new sites have been submitted for the process of gazetting of Reserves. In the year 2024, 07 Reserves have been declared and 2960 Monuments have been declared through gazette as at 31.12.2024. • Details of the Archaeological Reserves declared so far are shown in the tables below. Number of areas declared as Reserves <table><tr><th>Serial No.</th><th>District</th><th>Number</th></tr><tr><td>01</td><td>Anuradhapura</td><td>29</td></tr><tr><td>02</td><td>Polonnaruwa</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>03</td><td>Kegalle</td><td>09</td></tr></table>	Serial No.	District	Number	01	Anuradhapura	29	02	Polonnaruwa	10	03	Kegalle	09
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	07	Jaffna	04
	08	Moneragala	07
	09	Badulla	01
	10	Colombo	02
	11	Kalutara	01
	12	Ampara	04
	13	Trincomalee	12
	14	Puttalam	03
	15	Kurunegala	18
	16	Matale	14
	17	Kandy	07
	18	Matara	03
	19	Hambantota	05
		Total	139

	09	Ratnapura	136
	10	Badulla	145
	11	Moneragala	137
	12	Ampara	354
	13	Trincomalee	37
	14	Batticaloa	03
	15	Galle	95
	16	Matara	84
	17	Hambantota	83
	18	Gampaha	185
	19	Kalutara	64
	20	Colombo	109
	21	Jaffna	63
	22	Vavuniya	29
	23	Mannar	33
	24	Kilinochchi	08
	25	Mulliativu	88
		Total	2960
	The procedure of gazetting monuments and reserves is given in (Annexure 01).		
	<u>Protection</u>		
	Antiquities Protection Committees have been established at the District level from 11.06.2-24 to 25.07.2024 by getting involved District Secretaries, Divisional Secretaries and Regional Assistant Directors of the Department of Archaeology. However, based on the reasons such as ethnic issues, problems have arisen in establishing Committees in relation to 04 locations in the North and East areas. However,		

	necessary action is being taken to establish Committees in those four locations as well in the future. Nearly 70 Regional Protection Committees have been established by now. Similarly, it is scheduled to discuss at the Departmental Progress Review Meetings from January 2025 about the progress and future activities of the Antiquities Protection Committees. • Officers of Civil Security Force have been deployed at some sites at present. • Some sites are maintained as archaeological work sites and are also places where guards have been deployed. • These sites are also supervised under the Zonal Officers and the above methods of protection cannot be substituted for every monument which has been gazetted at present as there are some monuments which have been located even in forests and that do not have a road system to reach the sites of monuments. • After gazetting the monuments on private lands, each owner will be informed under the Exp. 16 form introduced by the procedures and the way to deal with those monuments (legal status) will be made aware there. • Making aware the government institutions and schools regarding the protection of Archaeological Heritage is already being carried out under the Regional offices, and it is scheduled to expand these programmes up to the rural level to make aware the local residents as well from the year 2026.
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04. <u>Mapping of archaeological sites in the country and publishing them on the website.</u>	So far, 6536 Archaeological sites have been identified and 2723 out of them have been included in the website. An Action Plan has been prepared to include the details of 3813 sites which had not been included in the website and it has been given under (Annexure 02) below. Technical Knowledge for this process is sufficient in the department. The Department did not possess the GPS machines required to obtain GIS coordinates and the purchasing of such machines and the provision of the necessary GIS training to the officers were carried out in the year 2024. These reasons were the issues in entering the coordinates into the website in the year 2024. However, one GPS machine for each Province has already been provided for the implementation from the year 2025.
05. Mapping out of the marine artefacts.	National Shipwreck Database of Sri Lanka has been included in to the website. (https://nsd.ccf.gov.lk) This database is maintained by the Galle Maritime Archaeological Unit of Central Cultural Fund and it is continuously updated including the information on sunken ships and water associated archaeological information found out by the explorations.
06. <u>Gazetting of Marine Antiquities</u>	• Marine antiquities are mostly the ships and aircraft that have been sunk in the ocean. Both the country of origin and the country, that belongs the maritime boundary in which it has submerged, can claim the ownership of such antiquities. In such cases, these marine antiquities are only studied and recorded without gazetting them due to inability of enforcing the law. However, these antiquities are protected by local and foreign laws inclusive of the Antiquities Ordinance and security rules and regulations. • Furthermore, it shall also be pointed out that there are no legal provisions to gazette marine antiquities in terms of the Antiquities Ordinance. • Approximately 113 naval vessels sunken around the maritime (ocean) boundary of Sri Lanka have been identified by marine investigations by now. These vessels date back

	from the 02nd century BC to the late 19th century. However, even though such sites have not been gazetted up to date, it is observed that the legal protection of those sites has been ensured by the under mentioned International / National Ordinances and Statutes. They are ; i. Sub section 03 of Section 02 of the Antiquities (Amendment) Ordinance, No. 24 of 1998. ii. The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS – III (1982)) also applies to the naval wrecks sunk in the territorial marine boundary of Sri Lanka. iii. The area declared as the territorial sea of Sri Lanka by the declarations made under the Maritime Zones Law, No. 22 of 1976 of the National State Assembly. iv. The declaration made under the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of Marine Archaeological Sites. v. The UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (2001) (Taking action as per the observations of the Convention even though it has not been established up to date in Sri Lanka.) vi. The Cultural Property Act (1981) vii. The Coastal Protection Act (1981) viii. The Commonwealth War Grave Act - Taking action regarding the ships and aircraft wrecked during the period of the Second World War. ix. The Cabinet decisions issued by the Inter-Ministerial Committee. x. NARA Act. xi. National Security Act. xii. Wildlife Protection Act (Marine) Accordingly, the above mentioned National and International Laws have provided the legal protection of underwater
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	archaeological sites located on the seabed and along the coast within the territorial waters of the State of Sri Lanka.
07. Indicating the access ways for the maritime archaeological sites which have been included in the website.	This is a task that shall be carried out with the support of the Tourism Promotion Authority. Several discussions were held regarding this task.
09. <u>Amending the National Policy on Archaeology</u>	The Terms of Reference (TOR) prepared in relation to the task of revising the National Policy on Archaeology has been forwarded to the Ministry on 24.02.2025. Furthermore, a new Committee consisting of ten members has been recommended instead of the Committee members previously appointed at the Ministerial level for the purpose of revising this National Policy and has been forwarded to the Ministry on 27.01.2025. • The Ministry has submitted the Cabinet Memorandum to the
10. Provision of insurance coverage for divers.	No any insurance company in Sri Lanka provides insurance coverage for divers at present. The activities of designing an insurance coverage for divers is being made by now. The preliminary work of preparing an insurance coverage for the diving officers serving in the Galle Maritime Archaeology Unit of the Central Cultural Fund has been finalized at present. Action will be taken to refer to obtain the information on the insurance coverage for divers selected in that way to
11. On 24.05.2023, the Committee on Public Accounts paid its attention to the absence of a joint mechanism to establish proper coordination between the Archaeological Advisory Council and the relevant councils / committees	Councils / Committees are operating at present in institutions related to Archaeology such as the Department of Archaeology, the Department of National Museums, and the Department of National Archives. These are advisory councils / committees established to provide advice to the Head of the Institution when he / she seeks advice regarding the performance of his / her duties. These councils / committees are being brought into a joint mechanism and action is being taken at present to coordinate with the Ministry

established in the other institutions related to Archaeology and the Committee inquired about the recommendations made in the said committee meeting.	regarding the execution of archaeological data and information.
12. <u>Obtaining a report on recommended World Heritage Sites</u>	• In nominating the World Heritage sites, only one site may be nominated per year. Other sites can be studied and proposals can be submitted, and a committee has been appointed for the purpose. Such Committee submits proposals. • There is a committee consisting of 22 members to examine the proposal included in the Tentative List and the proposal submitted will be taken in to consideration by UNESCO, IUCN / ICOMOS institutions. • The facts are taken in to consideration by the Committee under 06 criteria for cultural heritage, and under 04 criteria for natural heritage. An evaluation is made as to whether one or several of those criteria are included. • The relevant Expert Committee evaluates the suitability of such criteria, and if it is agreed upon after extensive discussion, the proposals are submitted to the World Heritage Committee which consist of 07 members. • In including it as a World Heritage by the Committee, pointing out the lapses therein in order to include in to the list as appropriate to nominate as a World Heritage, postponement or rejections are made. Since this process is a lengthy process that is outside the control of Departments / Ministries, there is no mechanism to intervene for the purpose. • If it is included in to the list by the World Heritage Committee subsequently action will be taken to make aware the information about that World Heritage Site to the 196 member countries.

	• The Natural World Heritages are submitted to the World Heritage Centre by the UNESCO Sri Lanka National Commission which is under the Ministry in charge of the subject Environment. • The nominations for these World Heritage Sites can be prepared by various parties and the proposals prepared according to the relevant criteria will be sent to the World Heritage Committee for approval through the methodology mentioned above. • Those proposals will be referred for further action as per the recommendations of ICOMOS, IUCN and ICCROM. • Furthermore, in accordance with the proposals to nominate more World Heritage Sites in addition to the existing World Heritage Sites in Sri Lanka, the Secretary to the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs appointed Dr. Gamini Wijesuriya to coordinate and direct the task. Accordingly, several meetings were held regarding this respect, and the sites to be proposed as World Heritage Sites have been identified as follows. i. World Heritage Site associated with Mihintale as an extension of the Sacred City of Anuradhapura. ii. Irrigation Technology in Sri Lanka. iii. Architectural Heritage associated with Buddhist Meditation monasteries in Sri Lanka. iv. Industrial Heritage and Landscape associated with Tea Cultivation. v. Temples with Mural Paintings in the Southern Province. vi. Architectural Designs of Geoffrey Bawa. vii. Architectural Designs of the Medieval Period viii. Oratarian Churches of Sri Lanka Action is being taken to declare the above areas as World Heritage Sites and necessary action has been taken to include the sites of Arankele, Manakanda, Ritigala and
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	Nagolla out of the above in to the Tentative List under the “Architectural Heritage of Buddhist Meditation Monasteries in Sri Lanka”. • Sri Lanka has so far declared six cultural World Heritages and two natural World Heritages and five sites have been included in to the waiting list. * Cultural World Heritage Sites i. Sacred City of Anuradhapura ii. Ancient City of Polonnaruwa iii. Ancient City of Sigiriya iv. Ancient City of Galle and its Fortress Boundary Wall v. Rangiri Dambulla Temple * Natural World Heritage Sites i. Sinharaja Forest ii. Central Highlands of Sri Lanka (Sri Pada area / Horton Plains / Knuckles mountain Range) * Nominations included in to the Waiting List i. Mangala Rajamaha Vihare Seruwila ii. Route of pilgrimage from Seruwila to Sri Pada along the Mahaweli River iii. Ancient Ariyakara Vihare in Rajagala Archaeological Reserve v. Cultural landscape of Sri Lanka associated with Tea. *Sites of which action has been taken to nominate as World Heritages. • Ancient Buddhist meditation Monasteries of Sri Lanka (Ritigala / Arankele / Manakanda) have been included in to the Waiting List.
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	• The landscape associated with Tea industry of Sri Lanka – This has been included in to the Waiting List. • Mihintale (as an extension to Anuradhapura) • Sites with Buddhist paintings of latter half of 19th Century • Ancient irrigation system • Modern Architecture of TropicalZone • Oratorian churches • Monastery complexes with Mahayana influence • Prehistoric Cave Dwellings A discussion was held at the Ministry of Environment last week on a proposal to declare Ritigala as a Mixed World Heritage Site, adding the natural values of the Ritigala Archaeological Site related to the proposal of ancient meditation monasteries of Sri Lanka which has already been included in the World Heritage Waiting List and the said proposal has been prepared jointly by the IUCN and the Department of Wildlife Conservation.
13. <u>Directing / supervising of archaeological excavations, conservation and data storage.</u> The Committee inquired about the recommendations made by the Committee on Public Accounts in its meeting held on 24.05.2023 in this regard.	• Documents and computer and data files related to excavations carried out by the Department and under licenses are being updated and maintained. Information on 120 new excavations has been entered into an Excel database by now. (Annexure 03). • Even though attempts were made to introduce a detailed document containing the information on whether the antiquities identified during excavations will be preserved and handed over to a museum or any other institution, the document could not be printed in the year 2024 due to the fact that no appropriate supplier came forward even after inviting bids twice for printing the registration document of such antiquities. Due to the importance of the document, procurement activities have been initiated for this purpose in the year 2025 as well.

14. <u>Conservation of Attanagalu Ferry</u>	• The Expert Committee appointed by the Minister in charge of the subject has submitted an 8 Phase Plan for the restoration of the Attanagalla ferry, of which work has been finalized up to 6 phases. • Since the total length of the ferry is 59 feet 11 inches, the ferry has been divided into three 20 foot sections and the first section has been completed with a clay core. The Archaeological Conservation Division has planned to divide the first section into nine chambers and to embed it to the original structure with the remaining undamaged hull. This first 20 - foot section is to be inspected by the Expert Committee. Furthermore, since these remaining old wooden parts required to be made strengthen again using a Preserving agent, a sample test (Consolidation) has also been conducted by the Archaeological Conservation Division for the purpose.(Action plan is attached.) (Annexure 04)
15. <u>Use of modern technical equipment to verify the identity of archaeological objects In this regard.</u> The Committee questioned about the fact of not submitting to it a report which includes a programme in conformity with the recommendations made in the meeting of the Committee on Public Accounts held on 24.05.2023.	The Chemical Conservation Division obtains the support of various foreign institutions in chemical conservation activities to make ascertain the identity of antiquities and artefacts. In particular, for the dating of data found during archaeological excavations, the Chemical Conservation Division is carrying out such activities by obtaining the support of foreign countries through the use of carbon dating, thermal compaction dating and OXCAI dating methods. I would also like to point out that there are no such laboratory facilities in Sri Lanka.
16. Conservation of the Archaeological Sites in North and East areas.	The monuments and reserves gazetted in the Northern and Eastern Districts as at 31.12.2024 areas follows. Number of reserved areas declared

	Serial No.	District	No.
	01	Vavuniya	01
	02	Mullaitivu	02
	03	Jaffna	04
	04	Ampara	04
	05	Trincomalee	12
		Total	23
No. of Monuments declared.			
	Serial No.	District	No.
	01	Ampara	354
	02	Batticaloa	03
	03	Jaffna	63
	04	Vavuniya	29
	05	Mannar	33
	06	Kilinochchi	08
	07	Mullaitivu	88
	08	Trincomalee	37
		Total	615

	Archaeological sites in the North and East will be conserved on the priority basis. A major issue among the people of the North and East regarding archaeological sites is the perception that the Department of Archaeology will take action to remove them from the lands after their conservation. Therefore, when the Department officials involved in setting up boundary posts, conducting site surveys, excavations or studying such sites, the activities have been delayed due to the residents of the area exerting undue pressure on the officials and obstructing them through agitations. However, letters of request have been sent with effect from 17.05.2024 seeking support from the Ministry of Defence to carry out these activities.
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Annexure 01

Methodology of Gazetting Monuments

- ❖ Identification and documentation of monuments under exploration projects or site inspections.
- ❖ If it is necessary to gazette such monuments, referring them to the Assistant Director (Exploration) of the Head Office with the recommendation of the Regional Assistant Director.
- ❖ Examination of such reports and preparation of the Monument Register required to gazette under the subject officer.
- ❖ Obtaining the approval of the Director General of Archaeology for the Monument Register proposed to be gazetted.
- ❖ Preparation and computerization of the Draft Gazette notification.
- ❖ Translating into English and Tamil.

- ❖ Submission of the Draft Gazette notifications prepared in three languages for the approval of the Legal Draftsman.
- ❖ Submission of the same for the signature of the Minister in charge of the subject after obtaining the approval.
- ❖ Calling objections in terms of Section 19 of the Act for protected monuments following the receipt of the said signature. This notification is published in a Gazette of the Government Press. Referring the same to the Minister in charge of the subject for further action, if objections have been raised.
- ❖ If there are no objections, the draft Gazette notification is prepared again in three languages in terms of Section 18 of the Act and after receiving the approval of the Legal Draftsman and the signature of the Minister in charge of the subject, it is forwarded to the Government Press and the monuments are declared through the Gazette.
- ❖ In the case of declaration as the ancient monuments, all the above methodologies are followed in terms of Section 16 of the Act without calling for objections and the monuments are published in the Government Gazette.
- ❖ In terms of Section 17 of the Act, ancient trees with historical and archaeological value have been provided with the opportunity to be declared as ancient monuments following the same procedures as above.

Annexure 02

Action Task Plan for Updating the Web Portal (GIS Internet Portal) which contains the Archaeological sites of Sri Lanka

The Web Portal (GIS Internet Portal) containing the archaeological sites of Sri Lanka which is maintained by the Geographic Information System (GIS) Unit of the Exploration and Documentation Division of the Department of Archaeology is the Task Plan for the updating.

In this web Portal, 1658 Archaeological sites had been included from the years 2017/18 up to June 2024, and it has been updated at present up to 2320 Archaeological sites by adding 562 Archaeological sites from July 2024 to December 2024.

The total number of archaeological sites identified up to date by the regional offices of the Department of Archaeology is reported to be 6536. Accordingly, in addition to the 2723 archaeological sites included in the Web Portal at present, the number of archaeological sites remained to be included is 3813. This Action Task Plan is being prepared with effect from the year 2025 for the purpose of including this number of Archaeological sites and updating the same.

The statement as to update 100 Archaeological sites per month as a prior criterion for carrying out this task is not practical. The main reason for this is that the process of obtaining the geographical coordinates and the other detailed data (attributes) of the archaeological sites for the preparation of databases required to update the web portal is constantly associated with field work inclusive of identification, exploration and documentation of the archaeological sites. Therefore, the amount of 100 sites may be decreased or increased in obtaining data through the regional offices and updating.

No.	Task	Amount	Officers responsible	Supervision	Period
01	i. Updating the web portal including the archaeological sites in January 2025.	102	Officer in charge of Unit	Assistant Director	As at 05.02.2025

	ii. Updating the web portal including the archaeological sites monthly.	Proposed	„	(Immovable property) „	Since February 2025
02	i. Identification of the total number of Archaeological sites reported up to date in the Province or District at regional level and getting separated the Archaeological sites which have not been included in the Web portal. ii. Obtaining such Archaeological sites to a Register at Regional level Acquisition of the data available with the regional office with the Geographical coordinates and the detailed data required for the web portal among the Archaeological sites included in the Register above.	Proposed „ „	Officer in charge of GIS Unit Officers in charge of subject GIS of Regional offices	Assistant Director (Immovable property) Regional Assistant Director (Provinces / Districts)	Since March to June 2025

03	i. Collection of new Geographical coordinates and detailed data of the Archaeological sites of which the data related to part 02 above have not been collected at regional level and submission of them to the Head office. (For 4500 expected sites inclusive of 4214 sites above.) This data may be submitted through 3 methods. a) Through data files of Shape files (.ship) prepared as per the format in Annexure 01 submitted. b) Through data files of MS Excel (.xls) prepared as per the format in Annexure 01 submitted. c) Through the software forms named as Arc GIS Pro – Survey 1, 2, 3 introduced in July 2024 for the officers of regional offices ii. Updating the web portal using the data	Monthly At the rate of 75 (Proposed) ”	Officers in charge of subject GIS of Regional offices Officer in charge of GIS Unit	Regional Assistant Director (Provinces / Districts) Assistant Director	For 05 years monthly since June 2025
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04	i. Including the photographs of Archaeological sites to the web portal (For data of new updates) ii. Including the photographs of Archaeological sites to the web portal (For 2320 sites already included) This portal has not been included the photographs of archaeological sites at the beginning of this Web portal. And Regional offices will be made aware and an arrangement will be made for the purpose.	Expected	Officer in charge of GIS Unit Officers in charge of subject GIS of Regional offices ”	Assistant Director (Immovable property) Regional Assistant Director (Provinces / Districts) ”	Since February 2025
05	Sending the names of archaeological sites for translation and updating the information in the web portal. Updating the sites updated up to date and using the Tamil name for new Archaeological sites.	Expected	Officer in charge of GIS Unit	Assistant Director (Immovable property)	Since February 2025
06	Promotion of Technical Resources of GIS Unit. a) Acquisition of GIS equipment, of which the procurement process has been completed, to the GIS Unit.	14 01	Officer in charge of GIS Unit ”	Assistant Director (Immovable property) ”	February 2025 March - June 2025

	b) Obtaining a Laptop Computer to this Unit.				
07	Promotion of Human Resources of GIS Unit a) Conducting for the officers in charge of the subject GIS at Regional offices by the officers in charge of GIS Unit a series of online lectures containing the subject matters such as basic items of Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Global Positioning Systems (GPS), preparation of data files, GIS Software training and designing of maps. b) Training Workshop expected to be conducted at Archaeological premises of Sigiriya. c) Obtaining another officer for GIS Unit for making ease and efficient all the tasks above.	10 For 20 officers 01	Officer in charge of GIS Unit ” ”	Assistant Director (Immovable property) ” Assistant Director (Immovable property) Director General of Archaeology	March – December 2025 June – July 2025 Since March 2025

Special Remarks

- Even though the number of Archaeological sites has been mentioned as 75 related to Part 03. I above, such amount may be varied.
- This Task Plan shall be sent to all the regional offices and the Regional Assistant Directors shall make aware the officer in charge of the subject GIS of his / her office and entrust them the responsibilities.

Annexure 03

Concise note extracted from the data file which contains the descriptions of excavation projects 2024

S.No.	Name of the venue where excavation is made	Findings of the Excavation	Whether the excavation is Successful / unsuccessful	Whether the excavation shall be continued further
01.	Excavation of the image house at Archaeological site of Nagadeepa	Final Excavation Report has been reported.	Successful	No. the factors related to the image house has been disclosed. Referred for conservation.
02.	Project for excavation to disclose the mound of ruined Stupa at Owagiriya Rajamaha Vihare.	Final Excavation Report has been reported.	Successful	No. Ancient Stupa has been get revealed and referred for conservation.
03	Research excavation of laying stones emerged by washing out due to floods	Final Excavation Report has been reported.	Successful	No. all the relevant information is reported and closed again securely.

	of the Oluwil road of Deeghawapi.			
04	Project of excavation to get recovered the prehistoric Palliya kanda in Bandarawela	Final Excavation Report has been reported.	Successful	No. Identified the land proposed to release for the purpose of Development activities and recommendations have been granted.
05	Damage evaluation of excavation of Arawuwala	Final Excavation Report has been reported. Limited number of artefacts were revealed	Successful	Yes. Studying the proposed land to release for the purpose of development carrying out several excavations again.
06	Excavation of compound of Stupa pf Deeghawapi (Stage 1) 2024	This excavation is carried out under several stages. The Register of Artefacts will be added to the final Report.	Successful.	Yes. Excavations shall be carried out to get disclosed the compound in parallel to the conservation of Stupa.
07	Batton Burge Excavation of Colombo Fort	It has reported in the final Excavation report.	Successful	No. Proposals have been submitted to release the relevant land to construct the road as per the information of excavation.
08	Research Excavation of mineral extract work site of Asha minerals Wanathawilluwa.	It has been reported in the final	Successful	No. Proposals have been submitted to release the land related to the work

		excavation report.		site as per the information of excavations.
09	Galle Fort – Damage Evaluation excavation for construction of common toilet system	It has reported in the Final Excavation Report.	Successful	No. Proposals have been submitted to release the land related to construction of toilet system as per the information of excavations.
10	Excavation of Dutch Fort situated at the land where Seethawaka Palace was located.	It will be added to the Final Excavation Report.	Successful	Yes. The excavation shall be reported for the conservation of the Fort. The portion excavated has been referred for the conservation securely.
11	Excavation of Dedarangamuwa in Maduwanwela	It will be added to the Final Excavation Report.	successful	No. The ancient Stupa has been get revealed and referred for conservation.
12	Excavation carried out on the Court order at the venue of Kirimetiya of Punchi Halmillewa	It has been reported in the Final Excavation Report.	Successful	No. Excavation carried out on the requirement of the public as per the Court order.
13	Alankulama research Excavation	It will be reported in the Final Excavation Report.	Successful	Yes. This site shall be excavated again on the requirement of research requirement.
14	Excavation of Stupa at Archaeological site of Wessagiriya	It has been reported in the Final	Successful	No. The ancient Stupa has been get revealed and referred for conservation.

		Excavation Report.		
15	Research excavation at the land proposed to construct the Zone office.	It has been reported in the Final Excavation Report. Limited number of artefacts	Successful	No. It has been proposed to release deciding the land related to the purpose of Development at the end of excavation.
16	Excavation of loss evaluation of private land of Rockhill Estate	It will be added to the final Excavation Report.	Successful	No. It has been proposed to release deciding the land related to the purpose of Development at the end of excavation.
17	Project of excavation to evaluate damages of Ethul Kotte	It has been reported in the final Excavation Report.	Successful	No. Determination of the land related to the Development purpose at the end of the excavation.

Annexure 04

Conservation Plan – Restoration of Attanagalla Ferry

Phase	Task	Responsibility	Time frame
01	To seek permission from the Department of National Museums to bring it to the Main Laboratory of the Department of Archaeology from the Department of National Museums	Department of Archaeology	Finalized the task.

02	To bring the parts of the ferry to the main laboratory of the Department of Archaeology from the Department of National Museums.	Department of Archaeology Department of National Museums	Finalized the task.
03	To leave for the observation of Mr. Gamini Jayasinghe the leader of the School of Archaeological Replica as per the Committee Decision	Department of Archaeology	Finalized the task.
04	Provision of scale plan of the artefact required to build the replica.	Department of Archaeology	Finalized the task.
05	Even though the artefact has exceeded the conservation limits as a whole, preservation of the strong part with core using a preservative	Department of Archaeology Department of National Museums	Finalized the task.
06	Construction of a (15 feet long) temporary shelter to deposit the replica	Central Cultural Fund National school of Replica	Finalized the task.
07	Designing of the replica	National school of Replica	One year
08	Placement of the conserved parts of ferry on the fiberglass frame	National school of Replica Department of Archaeology Department of National Museums	During the said year

