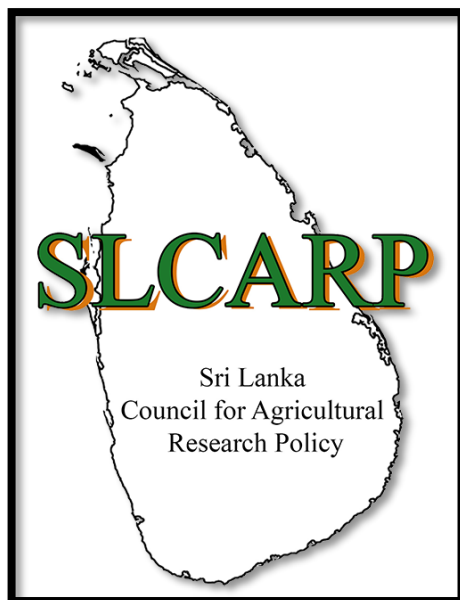


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VISION

A vibrant and sustainable agricultural research, development and innovation system assuring socio-economic development of Sri Lanka

MISSION

To ensure agricultural research, development and innovations are directed towards national development goals through policy formulation, facilitation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and impact assessment.

GOALS

Goal 1: To orient agriculture research, development and innovation to national development goals

Goal 2: Promote capacity development in the National Agriculture Research System (NARS)

Goal 3: Achieve world class research, development and innovation status

Goal 4: Promote continuous performance appraisal in line agencies

Goal 5: Promote dissemination and awareness creation of the national agriculture research,
Development and innovations

Goal 6: Strengthen institutional capacity of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy
(SLCARP) in order to NARS

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SLCARP

1. To achieve excellence in the agriculture research, development and innovation
2. To orient agriculture research and innovation to achieve national development agenda
3. To develop capacity of the National Agriculture Research and Innovation System (Scientific and Technical)
4. To promote demand driven research of high standards to support agriculture developments.
5. To promote international, regional and national level corporation, in order to achieve world class research, development and innovation
6. To monitor and evaluate progress of national research, development and innovation programs and institutions
7. To promote dissemination and awareness of the national agriculture research, development and innovation programs
8. To strengthen institutional capacity of the SLCARP in order to achieve National Development Agenda

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL 2022

1. Prof. Gamini Senanayake, Chairman, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy
2. Dr. Gamini Samarasingh, Additional Secretary (Agri Technology), Ministry of Agriculture
3. Mrs. H.G.V.K.T Gunawardana, Assistant Director, Department of National Planning, Ministry of Finance
4. Mrs. B.A.N Harshani, Deputy Director, Department of National Planning, Ministry of Finance
5. Dr. S H S Ajantha de Silva, Director General, Department of Agriculture,
6. Mrs. Deepani Alawathugoda, Additional Conservator General of Forest (Research, Education & Development), Department of Forest
7. Dr. H M P Kithsiri, Director General, National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency
8. Dr. (Mrs.) G A Gunawardena, Deputy Director (Veterinary Research), Veterinary Research Institute, Gannoruwa,
9. Mr. Chitharal Jayawardena, Economist, Sri Lanka Ports Authority
10. Dr. L. S. K. Hettiarachchi, Director, Tea Research Institute
11. Ms. J.M.T Jayasundara, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Plantation
12. Prof Ranjith Senarathne, Chairman, National Science Foundation
13. Mr. Anura Weerakoon, Chairman / Managing Director, Agro Culture Trends Pvt. Ltd.
14. Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara, Secretary / Director, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

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No.	Name	246th meeting 18.01.2022	247th meeting 15.02.2022	248th meeting 15.03.2022	249th meeting 16.08.2022	250th meeting 26.09.2022	251st meeting 18.10.2022	252nd meeting 20.12.2022
1	Prof. Gamini Senanayake	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
2	Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
3	Dr. G.A Gunawardena	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent
4	Dr. H.M.P Kithsiri	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	X
5	Dr. S.H.S Ajantha De Silva	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	X
6	Dr. W.L.G Samarasinghe	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
7	Mr. Chitral Jayawarna	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
8	Dr. L.S.K Hettiarachchi	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Present
9	Prof. Ranjith Senaratne	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	Present
10	Mr. Aruna Weerakoon	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent
11	Mrs. H.G.V.K.T Gunawardana	Present	Present	Absent	X	X	X	X
12	Mrs. Deepani Alawathugoda	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present
13	Ms. J.M.T Jayasundara	Present	Present	Absent	X	X	X	X
14	Mrs. B.A.N Harshani	X	X	X	Present	Present	Present	Present

E = Excused, A = Absent, P = Present,
X = Not appointed to the Board of the Council

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COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022

During the year 2022, total of seven Council meetings were held. Prof. Gamini Senanayake was the Chairman of the Council during the year 2022. Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara served as the Secretary / Director of the Council in the year 2022.

AUDIT AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE-2022

During the year 2022 total of two Audit and Management Committee (AMC) meetings were held at the SLCARP to discuss Finance and Administrative matters.

Name	Institute	65th Meeting - 20.09.2022	66th Meeting - 30.12.2022
Mrs. B.A.N Harshani (Chairperson)	Deputy Director, Department of National Planning, Ministry of Finance	present	present
Mr. Chitral Jayawarna	Economist, Sri Lanka Ports Authority	X	present
Dr. W.L.G Samarasinghe	Additional Secretary (Agri Technology), Ministry of Agriculture	X	present
Dr. S H S Ajantha De Silva	Director General, Department of Agriculture	present	X
Dr H M P Kithsiri	Director General, NARA	present	X
Ms. W S Bopagamage	Audit Superintendent, Agriculture & Agrarian Insurance Board (AAIB)	present	present
Mr. E W P K Priyadarshana	Internal Auditor, Ministry of Agriculture	present	X

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INTRODUCTION

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) was established on 22nd December, 1987 under the Ministry of Agriculture with the enactment of the SLCARP Act No 47 of 1987. Since then, SLCARP has been actively engaged in research management, supporting agricultural research in the National Agricultural Research System (NARS). Among its mandated functions, the primary responsibility of SLCARP is to develop policies and strategies to strengthen research and development in the agricultural research sector by creating conducive environment to conduct agricultural research in the NARS. Agricultural Research Management is also one of the main mandatory function of the SLCARP. The main functions of the SLCARP is to identify research priority areas, facilitate interaction through sharing of information on the respective fields, resolve constraints confronted in research and play a role in enhancing the activities of the respective committees. At present there are Six National Sector Committees established by the Council:

National Committee on Food Crop Sector (NCFCS),
National Committee on Plantations Crops Sector (NCPS),
National Committee on Floriculture Sector (NCFLS),
National Committee on Forestry Sector (NCFS),
National Committee on Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Sector (NCFARS),
National Committee on Livestock & Poultry Sector (NCLPS),

In addition, special scientific committees were appointed for specific scientific services such as;

- i. Editorial Board of Sri Lanka Journal of Food and Agriculture,
- ii. Sub committees on Research Allowance

MANDATED FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

1. To advise the Government on all matters regarding the organization, co-ordination, planning and execution of agricultural research and such other related matters as may be referred to it by the Minister ;
2. To formulate national agricultural research policy and priorities;
3. To define the overall aims and scope of agricultural research with a view to furthering national development objectives ;
4. To make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on the financial, manpower and physical resources required by agricultural research institutions and establishments and on the terms and conditions of service of the staff of such institutions and establishments;
5. To review institutional and departmental agricultural research programs and make recommendations with regard to their priorities and funding to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance and Planning;
6. To promote and facilitate excellence in agricultural research;
7. To act as a channel of communication between agricultural research institutions and the Government;
8. To arrange for and fund inter-institutional agricultural research projects;
9. To arrange for and fund special scientific services for services for the entire agricultural research sector;
10. To promote linkage between agricultural research institutions at national and international level;
11. To organize conferences and seminars on international, national and inter-institutional issues relating to agricultural research;
12. To arrange the post-graduate training of agricultural research staff and for interchange of scientists with recognized research institutions abroad; and
13. To review the performance of agricultural research projects, institutions and divisions from time to time.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Agricultural Research plays an important role in the development of the economy and food security of the country. Further it plays a vital role in increasing the GDP of the agricultural sector. Therefore, Research Programmes are carried out by more than six hundred scientists in the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) under the patronage of SLCARP. With present financial crisis in the country, conducting of important research programmes in 2022 faced very crucial situation. In this regard the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) as the apex organization in the NARS has made a great contribution to the development of the country through a variety of initiatives, such as the funding and monitoring of research projects, reviewing of Agricultural Research Institutes, and the human resources capacity building.

In this year, 50 projects consisting Department of Agriculture (NARP) (35), National Universities (NARP-NUS) (10) and Inter-institutional & Multidisciplinary Research Grant Scheme (IIMDRGS) (05) were funded and operated. Progress Reports were collected from the respective projects and were evaluated by the relevant Committees/subcommittees. Annual onsite progress monitoring was conducted for 31 projects carried out at Fruit Research and Development Institute (FRDI), Horticultural crop Research and Development Institute (HORDI) Plant Genetic Resources Centre (PGRC), Natural Resources Management Centre (NRM), University of Peradeniya (UoP), Grain Legume and Oil crop Research and Development Centre (GLODC), Field Crop Research and Development Institute and Rice Research and Development Institute (RRDI). In addition to that, a total of 20 Terminal Reports were collected and sent for evaluation by the external reviewers.

The Annual Dialogue with Officials of Relevant Ministries and the head of the National Agricultural Research System was held on 29th November 2022 at the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy. Institutes' Heads from National Agricultural Research System, relevant Ministries, and Council members were participated and discussed the burning issues relevant to Agricultural Research in the country. The NARS officers highlighted that the shortage of manpower, scientific equipment and insufficient funds were the serious issues to execute research and development activities in their institutes. The Officials of Relevant Ministries discussed to overcome the issues.

Under the SLCARP Capacity Building Programme, 79 scholarships have been given to officers of NARS and they have enrolled in PhD or MSc degree programmes at different universities in Asian countries; India, Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand. SLCARP as the donor institute has provided the required assistance including funding to the students. From them, 26 scholars successfully completed their post graduate degrees and 52 are continuing their studies, one student has given up the degree. Other than that, SLCARP has started local post graduate degrees programme from 2022 and two scholarships were granted to scientists from Hector Kobbakaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI) to read for their postgraduate studies locally.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to each and every member of the council for successfully administering the institute during this crucial time. I sincerely thank the Secretary/Director, Deputy Director of Research Management, Senior Scientists, Research Officers, Assistant Director of Administration, Accountant, and the rest of the employees for their dedication and good work in carrying out their responsibilities.

Prof. Gamini Senanayake
Chairman,
Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

In the year 2022 the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) conducted the mandated activities as per the Act No. 47 of 1987 with this financial crisis situation it. The SLCARP has been actively supported to NARS by providing research funds and the development of NARS scientists' human resources through the SLCARP capacity development programme and conducting workshops and seminars.

In the year 2022, Six National Sector Committees was conducted with the experts of the agriculture sector to monitor the progress of research projects and to develop research priorities. Half yearly research progress of 50 research projects which were granted to NARS and Universities were evaluated. Onsite progress monitoring was conducted for 31 projects carried out at Fruit Research and Development Institute (FRDI), Horticultural crop Research and Development Institute (HORDI) Plant Genetic Resources Centre (PGRC), Natural Resources Management Centre (NRMC), University of Peradeniya (UoP), Grain Legume and Oil crop Research and Development Centre (GLOCDC), Field Crop Research and Development Institute and Rice Research and Development Institute (RRDI). The council-appointed expert committee conducted External Review in the Natural Resources Management Center (NRMC) and the report has been presented to the council in 2022

During the year 2022 SLCARP has collected information on research personnel, research projects and recurrent research budget of previous year, annually in electronic format from 13 institutions and 19 sub-institutions of DOA of NARS. During the year 2022 thirty-one databases were expected and twenty-six databases were collected. Databases were processed and resubmitted to the relevant institution. National Database for the year 2021 was prepared by compiling the processed databases. Individual training via Zoom was provided to five INFORM Coordinators.

As per the cabinet approval the capacity development program has continued in 2022 and from them 25 scholars successfully completed their post graduate degrees and 54 are ongoing. SLCARP also started local post graduate degrees training programme from 2022 and two scholarships were granted to scientists from Hector Kobbakaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI).

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During the year 2022 SLCARP conducted three workshops for NARS scientists as the Annual Dialogue with Officials of Relevant Ministries and the head of the National Agricultural Research System on 29th November 2022, National Symposium on Floriculture Research (NASFLOR-2022) on 22nd December 2022 and Under Capacity building programme Handing over PhD thesis to SLCARP has been organized on 06th September 2022.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Chairman, the Council Members, the AMC Members, all of the National Committee Members, and the staff of the SLCARP for their diligent efforts in assisting the organization in achieving its goals during the year 2022.

Prabath Wimal Kumara

Secretary / Director

Sri Lanka Council of Agricultural Research Policy

ACTIVITIES OF THE SLCARP IN 2022

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY FORMULATION

Mandated Function Covered

- To Advise the Govt. on all Matters Regarding the Organization, Coordination, Planning and Execution of Agricultural Research and Such Other Related Matters as may Referred by the Minister (1)
- Formulation of National Agricultural Research Policy & Priorities (2)
- Defining Overall Aims and Scope of Agricultural Research with a View to Furthering National Development Objectives (3)
- To act as a channel of communication between agricultural research institutions and the Government (7)
- Organize Conferences & Seminars on Inter-Institutional, National and International Issues Relating to Agricultural Research (11)

Analysis of Research Action Plans of 25 National Agricultural Research Institutes (NARIs)

One of the most important mandated functions of SLCARP is collection and analysis of Research Action Plans of the National Agricultural Research System. Significant amount of Government funds are allocated annually to undertake research in 25 Research Institutes under five Ministries, covering Plantation, Food Crops, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Livestock & Poultry, Forestry and Floriculture Sectors. Therefore it is very important to see whether these funds are allocated according to the National Research Priorities. Hence, these collected research Action Plans were analyzed to see whether research Action Plans are according to the National Research priorities identified by SLCARP. In 2022, Action Plans collected from 24 intuitions.

National Agricultural Research Plan (NARP)

The National Agricultural Research Plan of Sri Lanka (NARP) is a programme to provide funds to execute Agricultural Research projects at the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and National University System (NUS). These projects are designed in accordance with the national agricultural research priority areas identified by Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy for a particular period.

Seven sub-activities are included in this NARP Programme. They are (1). Calling Concept papers and evaluation (2). Calling proposals from the selected concept papers, and evaluation (3). Awarding for selected Research projects (4). Recommendation of the budget for the new and ongoing projects (5). Monitoring the Progress of the Research projects, (6). Management of ongoing projects and (7). Evaluations of Terminal Reports.

New NARP projects are granted annually for a period of 1 to 3 years. Currently, funds are provided to the Department of Agriculture, and National Universities. Funds are directly transferred to the Department of Agriculture under a special vote named NARP. The projects conducted by the National Universities are funded by a special vote named NARP-NUS under the Ministry of Agriculture.

Concept papers are screened and select by SLCARP according to the selection criteria approved by the Council and ranked based on the marks. Research Proposals are called from the selected concept papers. These Proposals are evaluated by two external reviewers as per the evaluation criteria approved by the council. Their viewers' comments are tabled to the relevant Sector Committee for recommendation and the proposals recommended by the relevant Sector committees are tabled to the Council for the approval to award.

Regarding the NARP-NUS projects, a three – party agreement is signed by the Vice Chancellor of the relevant university, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy and the Ministry of Agriculture.

The following year budget requirement for NARP is submitted to the Treasury through the Ministry of Agriculture for funding arrangement every year.

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Management of ongoing projects is done by relevant officers of SLCARP throughout the year. Progress of the relevant projects are monitored in-house through power point presentations and physically by on-site visits to the relevant centers where NARP projects are been carried out. For these activities, National Committees will assist SLCARP.

After completing the project, Terminal Reports prepared as per the guidelines provided by SLCARP are collected and those are evaluated by the External Reviewers as per the evaluation criteria provided by SLCARP. After that, the review comments will be tabled to the relevant Sector Committee for recommendation and finally to the Council for approval. The output of the projects is disseminated to the relevant stakeholder by the principle investigator through their extension services.

In 2022, no new projects were granted due to the government decision on not to start new project. The total number of 45 projects including DOA (35) and 10 from National Universities were funded and operated under the NARP programme. Progress Reports for the first and second half years were collected from the PIs of the respective projects and were evaluated by the relevant Committees/subcommittees via zoom. Annual onsite progress monitoring was conducted for 31 projects carried out at Fruit Research and Development Institute (FRDI), Horticultural crop Research and Development Institute (HORDI) Plant Genetic Resources Centre (PGRC), Natural Resources Management Centre (NRMC), University of Peradeniya (UoP), Grain Legume and Oil crop Research and Development Centre (GL&OC), Field Crop Research and Development Institute and Rice Research and Development Institute (RRDI). In addition to that, a total of 20 Terminal Reports were collected and sent for evaluation by the external reviewers. Out of those, 14 reports were evaluated and remaining 8 reports are under evaluation.

In 2022, Concept Papers were called for the year 2023 but none of the concept papers were received. Therefore the concept papers received in year 2021 were considered for funding in 2023. Proposals were called from 20 selected concept papers from DOA and NUS. Sixteen proposals were received from DOA (12) and NUS (4) and they were evaluated by external reviewers. Respective sector committees recommended the above proposals and the Council approval was also taken for those proposals.

National Sector Committees of SLCARP

There are Six Committees operated in SLCARP as; National Committee on Food Crop Sector, Plantation Crop Sector, Floriculture Sector, Forestry Sector, Livestock & Poultry and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources. These National Sector Committee members were appointed considering their expertise/experience in relevant sectors representing the National Agricultural Research System (NARS), National University System (NUS), and Private Sector. The SLCARP council member representing each sector was appointed as the Chairperson of each Sector Committee.

i) National Committee on Food Crop Sector (NCFCS)

There were 16 members in this committee representing NARS institutes, NUS and private sector organizations. Dr. Ajantha de Silva, Director General of the Department of Agriculture who represents the Food Crop Sector of the SLCARP Council was the Chairman of the committee while Mr. L G Hettiarachchi, Research Officer of the SLCARP was the Secretary to the Committee. One committee meeting was held and discussed the matters on the formulation of National Research Priorities on the Food Crop Sector, revisit the Existing Agricultural Research Policy to update or formulate the Research policy for the food Crop Sector, review the present status of the Research & Development activities in the Food Crop sector, identify the current issues/research needs and/or gaps in the relevant sector to develop the agriculture sector.

Five sub committees were appointed based on the disciplines of Plant Breeding, Agronomy, Plant Protection, Post-Harvest Technology and Agricultural Biotechnology to facilitate the National Committee on Food Crop Sector. The progress of the above projects is as follows;

National sub-committee on Agronomy (NSCA)

Three committee meetings were held in the year 2022. The progress of the projects conducted under this subcommittee was monitored and five (5) new proposal were recommended to award in 2023.

Dr. M.A.P.W.K. Malaviarachchi (FCRDI) was the Chairman of this subcommittee, and Mr. L G Hettiarachchi (SLCARP) was the Secretary to the committee. Prof. S. Subasinghe (UoR), Dr. Manoj Kodikara, Dr. M S Nijamudeen and Mr. Udaya Rathnayaka participated at these meetings as committee members representing the DOA.

National sub-committee on Plant Breeding (NSCPB)

Three committee meetings were held. Two committees were held to monitor the progress of the ongoing research projects conducted under the NSCPB and one committee was held to recommend four (4) new NARP proposal for funding.

Dr. S K Wasala (DOA) was the Chairperson of this subcommittee and Mr. L G Hettiarachchi (SLCARP) was the Secretary of the Committee. Ms. P. Malathy, Dr. Jeewani Diddugoda, Dr. Sumith Abeysiriwardena, Mr. W D Lesly and Prof. S A C N Perera participated at these meetings as committee members.

National sub-committee on Plant Protection (NSCPP)

Two committee meetings were held where one was to monitor the progress of the ongoing research projects and other to recommend three (3) new NARP proposal for funding.

Prof. Devika Costa (UoP) was the Chairperson of this subcommittee and Mr. L G Hettiarachchi (SLCARP) was the Secretary of the Committee. Dr. W A R T Wickramaarachchi, Ms Susanthi Chandrasena participated at these meetings as committee members.

National sub-committee on Plant Biotechnology (NSCPBT)

The members of sub-committee of the NSCPBT are Prof. Pradeepa Bandaranayake (UoP) (Chairperson), Prof Chammi Attanayake (UoK), Dr. D Bandupriya (UoC), Dr. Gamini Samarasinghe (MOA), Dr. Jayantha Senanayake (RRDI)

National sub-committee on Post-harvest Technology (NSCPHT)

The members of sub-committee of the NSCPBT are Prof. KKDS Ranaweera (UoSJP) (Chairman), Prof DAN Dharmasena (UoP), Prof. HK Sarananda (WUSL), Prof Ilmi Hewajulige (ITI), Prof. Palitha Weerakkody (NIPHM).

ii) National Committee on Plantation Sector (NCPS)

There were 14 members in this committee including the Chairman and the Secretary and all members were appointed by the Council. Dr. Saman Hettiarachchi, Director, Tea Research Institute who represents the Perennial Crop Sector of the Council was the Chairman of the committee while Mr. Sameera Dissanayake, Senior Research officer of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy was the Secretary to the Committee. In the year 2022, online meeting was held to discuss the TOR at the very beginning of the meeting and familiarized the TOR. Initial discussions were commenced to formulate National Research Priorities on Plantation Crop Sector.

iii) National Committee on Forestry Sector (NCFS)

There were 08 members in this committee including the Chairman and the Secretary and all members were appointed by the Council. Dr. K M A Bandara, Additional Conservator, Department of Forest who represents the Forest Sector of the Council was the chairman of the committee while Mr. Sameera Dissanayake, Senior Research officer of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy was the Secretary to the Committee. In the year 2022, online meeting was held to discuss the TOR at the very beginning of the meeting and familiarized the TOR. .

iv) National Committee on Livestock and Poultry Sector (NCLPS)

There were 10 members in this committee including the Chairman and the Secretary and all members were appointed by the Council. Dr. G.A. Gunawardena, Deputy Director, Veterinary Research Institute who represents the Livestock Sector of the Council was the chairperson of the committee while Dr. S. M. P.C. Padmini, Senior Scientist of the Council for Agricultural Research Policy was the Secretary to the Committee. In the year 2022, one Committee meeting was held via online facility. Committee discussed the TOR at the very beginning of the meeting and review the progress of two projects

conducted under the committee. Initial discussions were commenced to formulate National Research Priorities on Livestock and Poultry Sector.

v) National Committee on Floriculture Sector (NCFLS)

There were 09 members in this committee including the Chairman and the Secretary and all members were appointed by the Council. Prof. Ranjith Senarathne, Chairman, National Science Foundation, who represents the Floriculture Sector of the Council was the chairman of the committee while Dr S M P C Padmini, Senior Scientist of the Council for Agricultural Research Policy was the Secretary to the Committee. In the year 2022, one Committee meeting was held via online facility. One committee meeting was held and discussed the matters on the formulation of National Research Priorities and to review the progress of two projects conducted under the committee.

vi) National Committee on Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Sector (NCFARS)

There were 11 members in this committee representing NARS institutes, NUS and private sector organizations. Dr. H M P Kithsiri, Director General of the NARA who represents the Fisheries Sector of the Council of SLCARP was the Chairman of the committee while Mr. L G Hettiarachchi, Research Officer of the SLCARP was the Secretary to the Committee. One committee meeting was held and discussed the matters on the formulation of National Research Priorities on Fisheries & Aquatic Resources and to review the progress of two projects conducted under the this committee

On-site Project Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and Evaluation of Research projects conducted by the NARS is one of the mandated functions of SLCARP. Accordingly, SLCARP does the Monitoring and Evaluation of Research Projects conducted under the National Agricultural Research Plan from time to time. The half yearly progress of the projects are evaluated once in six months through power point presentations by the relevant National Committee/ Subcommittees. In addition to that On-site Project Monitoring is conducted annually or when it is necessary by a group including committee members and SLCARP officials to evaluate the physical progress of the respective projects.

During the year, onsite project monitoring was done at FRDI, HORDI, PGRC, UOP, NRMC, GLORDC, FCRDI and RRDI and total of 31 projects conducted at these institutes were reviewed and details are as follows;

Onsite visit to Fruit Research and Development Institute (FRDI) - Horana

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Recommendation
Development of high yielding and good quality varietal hybrids of pineapple	Ms. I Kalubowila	Progress of the project is satisfactory



Onsite visit to Horticultural crop Research and Development Institute (HORDI) - Gannoruwa

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Recommendation
Isolation and mass culturing of effective and efficient antagonistic bacteria for the control of major Root-knot nematodes (<i>Meloidogyne</i> spp.) on selected vegetable crops in Sri Lanka	Mr. K M D W P Nishantha	Progress is satisfactory as a few marketable products have been developed
Endophytic bacterial assemblages of capsicum and their effect on plant growth and anthracnose disease control in Sri Lanka.	Ms. M.S.W. Fernando	Committee recommended extending the project period by 6 months as the existing progress is good
Development of specific phosphorus solubilizing microbial (PSM) inoculums to make use of them in fixed phosphorus-rich vegetable growing soils in the wet and dry zone.	Ms. K. K.K. Nawarathna	Recommended to terminate the project and go for the second phase as the objectives of the projects have been achieved

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Recommendation
Study the effect of agronomic and plant physiological aspects on Plant growth, assimilation, and tuber yield of sweet potato under Sri Lankan situation.	Ms. D.P Karunananda	Recommended to terminate the project as the objectives of the projects have been achieved
Development of an integrated strategy for the management of seed-borne bacterial canker disease of Tomato in Sri Lanka.	Ms. W.A.P.G. Weeraratne	Recommended to terminate the project as the objectives of the projects have been achieved



Onsite visit to Plant Genetic Resources Centre (PGRC) - Gannoruwa

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Recommendation
Genetic diversity assessment and evaluation of selected crop wild relatives in Sri Lanka for crop improvement	Dr.S.K. Wasala	Recommended to terminate the project as the objectives of the projects have been achieved
Storage behavior of ultra-dried seeds of selected crop species under hermetic conditions for long-term conservation in seed Gene bank.	Dr.S.K. Wasala	Recommended to terminate the project as the objectives of the projects have been achieved
Molecular and morphological characterization and Identification of genes in resistant accessions of selected traditional rice cultivars for Brown plant-hopper; <i>Nilaparvata lugens</i> Stal (Family; Delphacidae)	Ms.D.S. Kekulandara	Recommended to terminate the project as the objectives of the projects have been achieved

Onsite visit to Food Research Unit (FRU) - Gannoruwa

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Recommendation
Application of innovations in fruit and vegetable juice processing: An investigation of formulating and preserving no sugar added fruit and vegetable combined cloudy mixed juice products	Dr. C.K.D. Wellala	Progress of the project is satisfactory

Onsite visit to Natural Resources Management Centre (NRMC) - Peradeniya

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Recommendation
Decomposition and nutrient release pattern of different organic manures and synchronization of nutrient release from organic manure with nutrient demand in different growth stages of Chilli (<i>Capsicum annuum</i>).	Dr. A.G.Chandrapala	Progress of the project is satisfactory
Improving Land and Water Productivity of water scarce sloping lands in Mid/Up Country Intermediate Zone through efficient gravity pipe irrigation systems	Mr. C.K.Wickramatunga	Progress of the project is satisfactory

Onsite visit to Grain Legume and Oil crop Research and Development Centre (GLORDC) - Agunukolapalessa

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Recommendation
Evaluation of impacts of pre-harvest application of Gibberellin on yield, post-harvest life and quality of Kolikuttu banana variety Agra	Ms. I.R. Liyanage	Recommended to terminate the project as the objectives of the projects have been achieved
Introduction of suitable pigeonpea varieties for the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka and develop a agronomic package for the farmers	Mr. S.D. SenarathYapa	Progress of the project is satisfactory
Long-term effect of single application of Rice Husk and Corn Cob Biochar on physical, hydrothermal properties and carbon dynamics in maize cultivated Reddish Brown Earth soil	Mr. S.T. Munasinghe	Progress of the project is satisfactory
Development of medium-duration peanut (<i>Arachishypogaea</i> L.) varieties for Jumbo peanut	Mr YPJ Amarasinghe	Recommended to terminate the project as the objectives of the projects have been achieved
Development of Drumstick (<i>Moringaoleifera</i>) varieties for leaf and pod production	Mr. D Weerasekera	Recommended to terminate the project and go for the second phase as the objectives of the projects have been achieved
Development of well-suited cluster onion lines for true seed production in low country Dry Zone of Sri Lanka	Ms. E. K. E. C. Nayana	Progress of the project is satisfactory
Development of high yielding black seeded sesame line/s suitable for Sri Lankan conditions	Dr. U.I.P. Perera	Committee recommended extending the project period by one months as the existing progress is good
Evaluation and recommendation of Sri Lankan tangerine (Heen naaran) varieties to substitute imported tangerine	Mr. W.A.Wijithawarna	Progress of the project is satisfactory
Collection, conservation, evaluation, recommendation and commercialization of tamarind and sweet tamarind in Sri Lanka	Mr. W.A.Wijithawarna	Progress of the project is satisfactory

Onsite visit to University of Peradeniya (UOP)

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Recommendation
Identifying the impacts of climate change on soil hydrological and thermal dynamics in selected cropped fields in the dry zone of Sri Lanka.	Dr. Duminda Nayanaka Vidana Gamage	Progress of the project is satisfactory
Status of potentially toxic trace elements in surface soils in Anuradhapura district: Baseline concentrations, spatial distribution and Phyto availability for rice	Dr. AMCPK Attanayake	Recommended to terminate the project and go for the second phase as the objectives of the projects have been achieved

Onsite visit to Field Crop Research and Development Institute (FCRDI) - Maha Illuppallama

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Recommendation
Development of an agronomic management package for fodder sorghum cultivation under lowland paddy fields during drier seasons in the dry zone of Sri Lanka	Dr. M A P W K Malaviarachchi	Progress of the project is satisfactory
Identification of short duration Mung bean Yellow Mosaic Virus and Powdery Mildew resistant black gram (<i>Vignamungo</i> L) parental lines, and their modes of inheritance of disease resistance	Ms. M J M P Kumararathna	Progress of the project is satisfactory



Onsite visit to Rice Research and Development Institute (RRDI) - Bathalegoda

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Recommendation
Integrated weed management approaches in direct-seeded rice (DSR) to enhance the weed control efficacy in different Districts in Sri Lanka.	Dr. H.M.S. Herath	Recommended to terminate the project and go for the second phase as the objectives of the projects have been achieved
Production improvement of rice through maximizing potassium and water use efficiencies during grain filling stage in direct seeded rice in Sri Lanka	Dr. I.W.M.I.W.T.K. Illangakoon	Progress of the project is satisfactory
Study on novel morpho-physiological characteristics to enhance yield potential of rice.	Mr. L.C.Silva	Progress of the project is satisfactory
Application of innovative breeding tools to develop Gall midge resistance in rice	Ms. W.A.R. Dhammika	Progress of the project is satisfactory
Phenotyping and target gene expression study of rice genotypes for dry direct seeding and drought tolerance	Dr. D.M.J.B. Senanayake	Progress of the project is satisfactory



WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA CONDUCTED IN 2022

Annual Dialogue with NARS Policy Makers & the Treasury



The Annual Dialogue with Officials of Relevant Ministries and the head of the National Agricultural Research System was held on 29th November 2022 at the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy. Forty-nine participants from National Agricultural Research System, relevant Ministries, and Council members were participated in this dialogue. The objective of the dialogue was to make a platform or scientists of the National Agricultural Research System and officials of relevant Ministries to discuss the importance of Agricultural research to develop the Economy through the Agriculture Sector and also the burning issues relevant to Agricultural Research. Before commencing the dialogue, four presentations were done to make aware of the future directions of National Agricultural Research Systems, the importance of Agricultural Research in the current situation, the Present Government Policy on agricultural research, and Policy Directions of the National Agricultural Research Policy.

Prof. Gamini Senanayake, Chairman, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy, welcomed the participants and explained the objectives of the Dialogue. Then Prof. Senanayake delivered his presentation on “Future Directions of National Agricultural Research System (NARS). Dr. W L Gamini Samarasinghe, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, explained the importance of Agriculture research findings to overcome food insecurity and develop an export market to earn foreign exchanges. Mr. R.H.W.A Kumarasiri, Director General, Department of National Planning, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies explained the present status of fund distribution of the country. He also highlighted that treasury has identified the importance of the agriculture

research and said that need to develop a funding mechanism for those research programmes. He also requested to submit donor funding project proposals from the agricultural research institutes to discuss with donor agencies. Dr. (Mrs.) S. M. P. Chandra Padmini, Senior Scientist, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy presented national research policy directions and implementation of those research findings in the national level. After these presentations, Discussion with stakeholders was commenced, the NARS officers highlighted that the shortage of manpower, scientific equipment and insufficient funds were the serious issues to execute research and development activities in their institutes. The meeting was concluded at 1.45pm, Mr. Sameera Dissanayake, SRO, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy delivered the vote of thanks

National Symposium on Floriculture Research – 2022



The Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy and Department of National Botanic Gardens organized the Annual National Symposium on Floriculture Research (NASFLOR-2022) on 22nd December 2022 as hybrid Symposium (online and physically) to highlight and discuss recent research findings in this field. Researchers, Growers, Exporters and Policy makers participated and share their experiences to develop this sector. Fourteen research papers related to floriculture sector were presented by researchers and those papers were grouped to three categories as Propagation & Cultivation, Novelties & Trends, and Light, Shade & Photosynthesis. Around 150 stakeholders were participated to the Symposium. Dr. Shelomi Krishnarajah, Director General, Department of National Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya, welcomed the gathering. Prof. Ranjith Senarathne, Chairman, National Committee on Floriculture Sector, Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy (SLCARP) highlighted the objective of the Symposium. Prof. Chalinda Beneragama, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya was the key note speaker of the Symposium. He explained the opportunities

and trends of this sector.

Capacity Building Programme



SLCARP has initiated a Capacity Building Programme in 2018 with a Cabinet approval to provide Post Graduate Training to NARS Scientists as most of the scientists of the NARS did not have Post Graduate qualifications and this situation was a hindrance to carry out sound research programmes. Duration of the said programme is five years from 2018 to 2022 and Rs. 300.00 Mn was allocated for each year. This programme is funded by the Sri Lankan Government.

Since 2018, under this Capacity Building Programme, 79 scholarships have been given to officers of NARS and they have enrolled in PhD or MSc degree programmes at different universities in Asian countries; India, Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand. SLCARP as the sponsor institute, has facilitated to the students.

Under this programme, Ms. Nadeesha Dilani Hettige, Senior Scientist, Environmental Studies Division, National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) has completed her PhD degree and submitted the thesis to the Chairman and Secretary /Director, SLCARP on 06th September 2022. Her research topic was a “New Model for Organic Contamination Assessments using Benthic Macroinvertebrates as Biological Indicators”. This finding is very important to monitor quality of the water by using biological agent in the water resources in a country like Sri Lanka.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH MANAGEMENT

Mandated Function Covered

- Make Recommendations to Appropriate Authorities on Financial, Manpower and Physical Resources Required by Agricultural Research Institutions (4)
- Review Institutional and Departmental Agricultural Research Programs and Make Recommendations with Regard to their Priorities and Funding to the Ministry of the Minister in Charge of the Subject of Finance and Planning (5)
- Review the performance of agricultural research projects, Institutions and Divisions from time to time (13)

Information for Agricultural Research Managers (INFORM)

INFORM is a Management Information System including programme budgeting, operated and managed by SLCARP. Information on research personnel, research projects and recurrent research budget related to the previous year, is collected annually in electronic form from the 13 Research Institutions (Coconut Research Institute (CRI), Palmyrah Research Institute (PRI), Rubber Research Institute (RRI), Sugarcane Research Institute (SRI), Tea Research Institute (TRI), Veterinary Research Institute (VRI), National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency (NARA), National Institute of Post-Harvest Management (NIPHM), Hector Kobbakaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI), Department of National Botanic Gardens (DNBG), Forest Department (FD), Department of Export Agriculture (DEA) and 19 sub institutions of Department of Agriculture (DOA) in the NARS.

During the year 2022 information was requested from 13 institutions and 19 sub-institutions of DOA of NARS. During the year 2022 thirty-one databases were expected and twenty-six databases were collected. Databases were processed and resubmitted to the relevant institution. National Database for the year 2021 was prepared by compiling the processed databases. Individual training via Zoom was provided to five INFORM Coordinators.

External Review of Research Institutes – 2022

One of the mandated functions of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (Act No. 47 of 1987) is to review the performance of agricultural research projects, institutions and divisions from time to time. The Main objectives of the external reviews are to evaluate the performances; recognize good practices; facilitate continuous improvements and inculcate the research culture into the NARS. The main features of external review are; self-evaluation of the institution, review, visit and perusal of evidence culminating in a review report with judgment and commentary. The overall purpose of external review is to achieve research goals and use a peer review process to promote sharing of good practices and to facilitate continuous improvement.

External Review of the Natural Resources Management Centre (NRMC)

In fulfilling this function, SLCARP has completed a review of NRMC under the Dept. of Agriculture recently. The review report was presented to the Staff of the NRMC and to the SLCARP Council, and finalized the report after incorporating comments given. Members of the Review Panel comprised of;

Dr. D.S.de. Z. Abeyesiriwardena, Senior Consultant, CIC Agribusiness (*Chairman*)

Dr. Herath Manthrithilake, Sri Lanka Development Initiative, IWMI (*Member*)

Prof. Lalith Suriyagoda, Dept. of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya (*Member*)

The purpose of the above review is to ensure that **NRMC** has performed its mandated functions effectively to the benefit of the sector and country. This review has been undertaken after 05 years. Many valuable recommendations were made by the panel based on the issues seriously taken up for discussion by the **Director, NRMC, the Director General of Agriculture, and the Ministry of Agriculture** for implementation. Recommendations are more focused on improving the Governance and management, Research and Technology Development and Programme Priority setting & Planning, Quality Management and maintenance of Research projects, Human Resource Management, Management of organizational assets, Coordinating and integrating internal functions, and Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting procedures, Research, innovation, Technology Development and Commercialization and Information Dissemination and Commercialization.

Follow-up activities of External Review

After the External Review of the institutes, Council follows up the progress of the implementation of the recommendation made by the panel. Accordingly, NPQS was invited to present the progress of the implementation of the recommendation of the External Review. The progress of the recommendation made by the External review team on NPQS was presented to the council by the team of NPQS staff headed by the Additional Director Dr. W.A.R.T. Wickramaarachchi. In addition to that, CRI was called for the progress presentation. Council commented that the progress made by the NPQS on the recommendation was satisfactory.

Year-end Progress Review of Research Action Plans National Agricultural Research Institutes (NARIs) in 2021

Progress Review of Research Action Plans of all NARS institutions is a mandatory requirement of SLCARP. The performance of research Action Plans for the previous year is reviewed in the first quarter of the current year. The review is done by the expert panel appointed by the council. Head of the institution or a representative, nominated by the Head of the relevant institute presents the institute's progress and the Information of the Institutes, Relevance of the Research, Effectiveness of Findings, and Efficiency, Research outputs, Research outcome, dissemination, and partnerships to the committee. A report was prepared based on this information and comments of the review panel submitted to the council for approval. The council approved report was sent to the relevant institute for their information and necessary action.

The progress of 25 research institutes/centers, under the purview of 05 Ministries was called to present their research progress in 2021. Presentations were made on 7th and 8th of March 2022 via zoom. Based on Information of the Institutes, Relevance of the Research, Effectiveness of Findings, and Efficiency, Research outputs, Research outcome, dissemination and partnerships were evaluated.

MOTIVATION OF THE SCIENTISTS

Mandated Function Covered

- Promote and Facilitate Excellence in Agricultural Research (6)
- To Arrange for and Fund Special Scientific Services for the Entire Agricultural Research Sector (9)

Sri Lanka Journal of Food and Agriculture (SLJFA)

During the year 2022, more than 13 research papers were reviewed. Due to lack of funding the distribution of printed journal copies were affected. The SLJFA policy is to publish the research papers that are reviewed, revised and accepted by the reviewers and authors on or before 30th June in Issue 1 and 31st December in Issue 2 respectively.

The Research Allowance Program

The Government of Sri Lanka has provided an incentive for the researchers for conducting valuable research programs and as a mechanism to encourage them to conduct highly innovative research to meet the present demands as relevant to their fields of expertise. This is operational through Management Services Department Circular 2/2014. In accordance with the Circular SLCARP has the authority to approve the research allowance for the researchers in agriculture sector. A total of 35 applications for the research allowance were evaluated.

SLCARP Awards 2021

National Awards for excellence in Agricultural Research is a biennial award scheme, initiated by the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy for recognizing outstanding achievements in agricultural research. This programme is conducted as a mandatory function of the SLCARP Act. No 47, 1987 and has been conducted since 1997. The objective of the scheme is to encourage and motivate agricultural scientists towards achieving higher levels of scientific research, improve their career prospects, and bestow recognition for outstanding contributions made towards advancement in National Agricultural Development.

In 2021, applications were called from 3 sectors: Plantation, Non-Plantation, Livestock and Fisheries. A total of forty-four applications were received and only one application was rejected. Awardees were selected by the three Selection Panels appointed by the Council of SLCARP. Three awardees were recommended from each three sector: Plantation, Non-Plantation, and Livestock and Fisheries. In addition, one applicant from the Non Plantation Sector and four applicants from the Livestock and fisheries Sector were recommended to award Certificates of Commendation. Details of recommended awardees as follows:

Selected Awardees for each sector with their rank

Sector	Name of the applicant and the affiliation	Title of the research	Rank
Plantation	Dr. Aruna Wijesuriya - Sugarcane Research Institute (former)	Identification of parents for the development of core collections of sugarcane for breeding for high yield and disease resistance	1
	Dr. A D N T Kumara - South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Development of Semiochemical based pest management methods for major coconut pests in Sri Lanka	2
	Dr. K M Mewan – Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	Tagging of blister blight disease resistance gene/s and characterization of recommended tea (<i>Camellia sinensis</i> L) cultivars using SSR markers	3
Non-plantation	Dr. (Mrs.) K K D V Jayathilake – University of Peradeniya	Evaluation of Sri Lankan rice germplasm for Xa21 - mediated bacterial blight resistance	1
	Dr. (Mrs) C M Nanayakkara – University of Colombo	Feasibility of using phosphate solubilizing microorganisms native to Sri Lankan soils to improve phosphorus nutrition of some selected crop plants	2
	Ms. W M K Fernando – Field crop Research and Development Institute	Identification of onion black mold causing fungal complex and its biological control using <i>Trichoderma</i> spp.	3
Livestock, Fisheries and Aquatic	Dr. R.P.P.K. Jayasinghe – National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency	Marine Ecosystem Survey of Sri Lanka by the Research Vessel Dr. Fridtjof Nansen	1
	Prof. Ilmi G N Hewajulige – Industrial Technology Institute	Biodiversity and technological potential of micro-flora from Selected Sri Lankan dairies	2

	Dr. W M P B Weerasinghe – Veterinary Research Institute	In vitro and In vivo screening of newly introduced forages for sustainable intensification of dairy production in the context of climate change	3
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Applicants Recommended for Certificate of Commendation with the Sector and the theirrank

Sector	Name of the applicant and the affiliation	Title of the research	Rank
Non-plantation	Dr. P N R J Amunugoda – Industrial Technology Institute	Studies in surface sterilization of spices using non-thermal process	4
Livestock, Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	Dr. (Mrs) M D C D Palliyeguru – Veterinary Research Institute	Development of a novel dual-purpose poultry line that thrives well in the extensive backyard poultry-rearing system of Sri Lanka	4
	Ms. D C K KDissanayake - Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board	Use of stable Isotopes and Multiple Elements Analysis as a Traceability System in Authenticating Dairy Products of Sri Lanka to Enhance Food Safety	5
	Dr. K M S G Weerasooriya - Veterinary Research Institute	Development of serum plate antigen and in-house ELISA for detection of Mycoplasmosis in poultry breeders	6
	Prof. R M U S K Rathnayaka – Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	Potential Application of Fruit Peel Powders as Texture Modifiers and Functional Ingredients in Probiotic Set Yogurts	7

FUNDING

Mandated Function Covered

- Arrange for and Fund Inter-Institutional Agricultural Research Projects (8)

Inter-institutional & Multidisciplinary Research Grant Scheme (IIMDRGS)

Inter-institutional & Multidisciplinary Research Grant Scheme (IIMDRGS) provides funds to NARS and NUS on a competitive basis to conduct agricultural research programs. The Research programmes should have inter-institutional & Multidisciplinary approaches which are aligning to the national research priorities identified by SLCARP. This programme was initiated to fulfill the mandatory function of the SLCARP Act no.8, Arrange for and Fund Inter-Institutional Agricultural Research Projects.

In 2022, five ongoing research projects were operated and the details of the projects are as follows;

Institute	Project Title	Principal Investigator	Awarded Year
TRI	Investigation of health-promoting effects of Sri Lankan Tea cultivars	Dr. K.G. Nelum P. Piyasena	2018
CRI	Physico-chemical, sensory and nutritional characteristics of coconut flour incorporated foods	Dr. L.L.W.C. Yalegama	2021
DEA	Study of growth and yield performance of cardamom (<i>Elettaria cardamomum</i>) (Linn.) Maton under pine plantations in Knuckles region, Sri Lanka	Dr. A.L.S. Dharmaparakrama	2021
University of Ruhuna	Application of Moringa Oleifera leaf stalk as supplementary feed to improve milk production in dairy cattle	Prof. Anton Perera	2021
PRI	Investigating the factors influencing the quality and nutritional composition of Palmyrah fruit pulp during its preservation for large scale production	Mr. S. Srivijeindran	2021

In year 2022, no new projects were awarded as the government decision on stop implementation of new projects.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Mandated Function Covered

- Promote Linkage between Agricultural Research Institutions at National and International Level (10)
- Arrange Postgraduate Training for Agricultural Research Staff and Interchange/Exchange of Scientists with Recognized Research Institutions Abroad (12)

Long term training - Local

SLCARP has started local PG scholarship program for NARS scientists from 2021 and below listed officers were selected to start PG degrees in Local Universities from year 2022.

Name of Organization	Name	Date of Birth	Years of Service	Title of the Proposed Research
HARTI	Ms. Sagarika Hitihamu	11.10.1972 (49 Yrs)	Research Officer - 2003 to 2014 Senior Research Officer -2014 to up-to-date Total -18 Yrs.	Sustainable Dairy Farming Models for Different Farming Systems of Sri Lanka
HARTI	Ms. G. V. Norika Aiomi	25.11.1973 (48 Yrs)	Research Officer at HARTI 01.03.2017 Research Assistant in National Science and Technology Commission (2013-2014) Total- 5 Yrs & 8 Months	Integrated nutrient management and soil conservation in upcountry vegetable cultivation; Nuwara Eliya District
SLCARP	Mr. L.G. Hettiarachchi	17.04.1988 (33Yrs)	Research Officer 4Yrs	Identification of Total Factor Productivity and its Determinants for Rice Sector in Sri Lanka (Proposed)

Long term training – International

NARS researchers have received training from several universities in India, Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines as part of the Capacity Development Long-Term Training programme of SLCARP from 2018 to 2022. The opportunity to register for M.Sc. and PhD degrees has been made available to 79 NARS researchers. In the year 2022, 26 scholars completed their post graduate degrees and 52 are ongoing as below list.

Completed scholars of the Capacity Development Programme.

	No of Scholars
University Putra Malaysia - Malaysia	06
University of Philippines Los Banos – Philippines	09
Kasetsart University – Thailand	01
Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) – Thailand	03
Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University – India	01
Kerala Agricultural University– India	01
C S K Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya – India	01
Prof. Jayasankar Telangana State Agricultural University– India	01
Acharya N.G Ranga Agricultural University – India	01
Total	<u>24</u>

Ongoing scholars of the Capacity Development Programme

	No of Scholars
University Putra Malaysia - Malaysia	34
University of Philippines Los Banos – Philippines	17
University of the Philippines Diliman – Philippines	01
Total	<u>52</u>

Discontinued scholar of the Capacity Development Programme.

	No of Scholars
University of Philippines Los Banos – Philippines	01
Total	<u>01</u>

Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institute (APAARI)

SLCARP has been a member of APAARI since its inception and pays an annual membership fee. Secretary SLCARP was an executive committee member for years and chairman appointed an executive member Asian Pacific Consortium on Biotechnology and Bio resources (APCOB). Since its establishment APAARI has significantly contributed towards addressing agricultural research needs and enhancing food and nutritional security in the region. The close links, networks, partnerships and collaboration with stakeholders that APAARI has developed over the years, make the Association a valuable organization in the region. The ultimate aim of APAARI is to help realizing sustainable development goals in Asia and the Pacific. Through the APAARI, two training and invitation for a workshop were offered to SLCARP.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) - 2022

In the year 2022, under the National Agricultural Research Plan (NARP), 49 research projects were coordinated to achieve SDGs relevant to “zero hunger” and “climate change” and thirty-five (35) new projects had been recommended for funding in the year 2021. In the program of Funding of Inter-institutional research projects, four research projects were coordinated to achieve SDGs. Short term research priorities were formulated for Agricultural Sector with the impacts of COVID -19 and the food security. The short-term research priorities were formulated for six sectors such as Plantation, Non-plantation, Livestock & Poultry, Aquatic Resources, Forestry and Floriculture.

STAFF OF THE SLCARP

Approved cadre for the SLCARP is 36 and existing cadre as at 31st December 2022 is 21. The Posts which are fall in vacant; Senior Scientist (03 posts), Research Officer (02 posts), Librarian (01 post), Administrative Officer (01 post), Management Assistant (Technical) (02 posts), Management Assistant (Non-Technical) (04 posts), Driver (01 post), and Office Aide (01 post). Staff status as at 31st December 2022, at the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy is as follows:

Chairman

Prof. Gamini Senanayake B.Sc. (Agric.), M.Sc., Ph.D.

Secretary / Director

Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara BA, MA, M.AETM. (Agric.), Dip. Public Law

Senior Manager

Deputy Director (Research Management)

Dr. P. H. A. P. C. Giriagama B.Sc. (Agric.), MPhil, Ph.D. (Agric. Economics)

Senior Scientist

Dr. S. M. P. C. Padmini B.Sc. (Agric.), M.Sc., Ph.D. (Agric. Crop Science)

Research Officer

Mr. D. D. S. S. Dissanayake B.Sc. (Agric.)

Mr. L.G. Hettiarachchi B.Sc. (Agric.), M.Sc.

Middle Manager

Accountant

Mr. R. M. A. S. H Kumara BBM, MAAT, CBA, CMA, CA CAB II

Assistant Director Administration

Mrs. R.Y.M.P. Ranathunga B.Sc. (Mgt. & Pub Admin.) sp.

Management Assistants (Book Keeper)

Ms. J. A. D. M. P. Jayasinghe, AAT

Mrs. S. M. S. U. Kaushalya, AAT

Management Assistants (Non-Tec)

Mrs. H. H. Batagoda

Ms. N. B. S. Dharshani

Mrs. G. A. P. K. Dissanayake

Mrs. A. B. Anjalee

Mr. K. G. S. C. Wanigasekara

Mr. R. P. N. B. Premathilaka

Mrs. P. G. C. L. Sumanasinghe

Mrs. S. R. M. P. Himansha

Primary Level Skilled

Mr. D. G. A. S. Dassanayake Driver

Mr. D. J. M. D. R. D. Jayamaha -do-

Primary Level Unskilled

Mr. N. A. K. Weerakkody Office Aide

Ms. W. A. R. H. Premarathne -do-

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Sir Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy is grateful to its entire staff for their hard work and cooperation provided in implementing the accelerated work program. If not for their continuous cooperation and commitment, the volumes of work completed in the 2022 could never have been achieved. Our sincere thanks are also due to the Chairman and members of the Council for the valuable support and cooperation extended throughout the year.

SLCARP is also thankful to Hon. Minister of Agriculture, the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Additional Secretaries, Chief Accountant, Directors and other staff in the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Internal Audit Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture and General Audit Department for their excellent cooperation provided to SLCARP for successful completion of year 2022 work plan. The cooperation extended by the State Sector Institutions, Universities and relevant Private Sector Organizations are also acknowledged with thanks.



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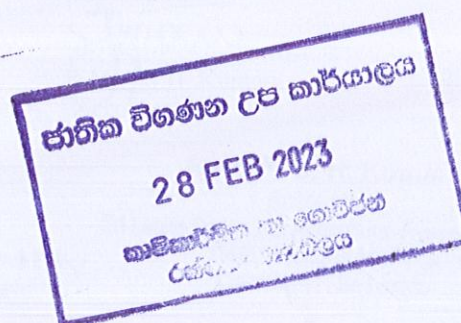
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Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

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**SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

AS AT 31 st DECEMBER 2022	Notes	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.
ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment	08	13,429,383	20,636,759
Infrastructure	08 - A	427,542	471,755
Work in Progress - CARP New Building		12,217,304	10,632,304
Total Non Current Assets		26,074,229	31,740,818
Inventories	09	2,442,540	2,484,631
Trade & Other Receivables	10	17,682,204	18,650,226
Cash at Bank	11	37,676,775	31,098,641
Total Current Assets		57,801,518	52,233,499
TOTAL ASSETS		83,875,747	83,974,317
EQUITY & LIABILITIES			
Capital & Reserves			
CARP Fund	12	5,208,877	5,208,877
Treasury Grants - Research	13	13,150,250	8,455,631
Deferred Income Fund	14	13,856,925	21,108,514
Accumulated Surplus / (Deficit)		41,802,863	38,576,964
Revaluation Reserve		-	-
Total Equity Reserves		74,018,914	73,349,986
Non-Current Liabilities			
Retirement Benefit (Gratuity)	15	9,181,273	10,109,125
Total Non-Current Liabilities		9,181,273	10,109,125
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	16	577,325	416,971
Kollupitiya A/C No.163297 Closed		98,235	98,235
Total Current Liabilities		675,560	515,206
TOTAL EQUITY & LIABILITIES		83,875,747	83,974,317

The Notes to the Financial Statements form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

These Financial Statements are in compliance with the requirements of the finance Act, No.38 of 1971 and the Public sector accounting standards in Sri Lanka.

The Governing Council is responsible for preparation of these Financial Statements. We approved and signed on behalf of the SLCARP Council.

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SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022		2022	2021
	Note	Rs.	Rs.
Treasury Grants	01	133,900,381	116,465,861
Other Income	02	8,093,352	11,135,060
TOTAL INCOME		141,993,733	127,600,921
Operating Expenses	03	85,659,299	74,319,903
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TREASURY GRANTS , OTHER INCOME AND OPERATING EXPENSES		56,334,433	53,281,018
Administrative Expenses	04	43,199,601	46,338,062
Finance Cost	05	26,034	11,767
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TREASURY GRANTS & OTHER INCOME AND TOTAL EXPENDITURE		13,108,798	6,931,190
Add / (Less) Prior Year Adjustment	06	(9,869,531)	(1,650,824)
Add / (Less) Write off Assets	07	(13,369)	-
SURPLUS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME & TREASRY GRANTS		3,225,899	5,280,365
Balance B/F		38,576,964	33,296,599
Balance C/F		41,802,863	38,576,964

Figures in brackets indicate deductions.

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.



**SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
PUBLIC SECTOR ENTITY - STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

Rs.

Description	Attribute to Owners of the Controlling Entity						Total Net Assets/ Equity
	CARP Fund	Treasury Grants - Research	Deferred Income Fund	Other Reserves	Revaluation Reserve	Accumulated Surpluses/ (Deficits)	
Balance as at 1st January 2021	5,208,877	15,767	11,581,247	20,000,000	-	33,296,600	70,102,491
Net Research Investment	-	8,439,864	-	-	-	-	8,439,864
Excess Of Expenditure Over Income & Treasury Grants	-	-	-	-	-	5,280,365	5,280,365
Government Grants Received on Capital Assets	-	-	61,375	-	-	-	61,375
Adjustment for Revaluation Amount of Office Motor Vehicle	-	-	-	(20,000,000)	20,000,000	-	-
Depreciation Adjustment	-	-	(10,534,108)	-	-	-	(10,534,108)
Balance as at 31st December 2021	5,208,877	8,455,631	1,108,514	-	20,000,000	38,576,965	73,349,987
Balance at January 01st 2022	5,208,877	8,455,631	1,108,514	-	20,000,000	38,576,965	73,349,987
Net Research Investment	-	4,694,619	-	-	-	-	4,694,619
Surplus Of Expenditure Over Income & Treasury Grants	-	-	-	-	-	3,225,899	3,225,899
Government Grants Received on Capital Assets	-	-	15,000.00	-	-	-	15,000
Depreciation Adjustment	-	-	(7,266,589)	-	-	-	(7,266,589)
Balance as at 31st December 2022	5,208,877	13,150,250	(6,143,075)	-	20,000,000	41,802,864	74,018,915



SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

2022
Rs.

2021
Rs.

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year 3,225,899 5,280,365

Non-Cash Movements

Adjustment for

Depreciation on Property, Plant & Equipment	7,253,221	7,538,950
Treasury Grant Prior year Adjustment	-	-
Deferred Income on Funds Received for Fixes Assets	(7,266,589)	(10,534,108)
Gratuity Provision for the Year	871,292	879,415
Property, Plant & Equipment Disposal Loss /Gain	13,369	-
Capital for Research Management Activities	(3,390,381)	(4,978,761)
Prior Year Adjustments on Depreciation	-	(207,596)
Prior Year Adjustment Gratuity Provision	-	569,832
Reversal of Over Provision - 2019	-	(613)
Under Provision for Dep : Computer & Printer	-	62
Distress Loan Interest	(651,288)	(596,951)
Net Research Investments	8,100,000	13,480,000
Gratuity Payment	(1,799,145)	(2,991,770)
Operating Profit before Working Capital Changes	6,356,378	8,438,825

Changes in Working Capital

(Increase) / Decrease in Inventories	42,092	(665,182)
Increase / (Decrease) in Trade & Other Receivables	968,023	11,682,778
(Increase) / Decrease in Creditors and Payables	160,354	(412,053)
Cash Generated from Operations	7,526,846	19,044,367

Net Cash Flows from Operations Activities	7,526,846	19,044,367
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Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment	(15,000)	(61,375)
Work in Progress - CARP New Building	(1,585,000)	(8,172,304)

Interest Income

Distress Loan Interest	651,288	596,951
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(948,712)	(7,636,728)

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Treasury Grant Received	-	-
Net Fund Received	-	-
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	-	-

Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	6,578,134	11,407,639
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of the Period	31,098,641	19,691,002
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	37,676,775	31,098,641

Figures in brackets indicate deductions.



SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	Rs.	Rs.
01 Treasury Grants		
Recurrent	130,510,000	111,487,100
Capital for Research Management Activities	3,390,381	4,978,761
	133,900,381	116,465,861
02 Other Income		
Distress Loan Interest	651,288	596,951
Sundry Income	175,475	4,001
Deferred Income	7,266,589	10,534,108
Exchange Gain	-	-
	8,093,352	11,135,060
03 Operating Expenses		
International Training - Capacity Building Programme (A)	82,268,919	69,341,142
Research Management Activities	3,390,381	4,978,761
	85,659,299	74,319,903
(A) International Training		
Long Term Training		
India	1,607,435	65,234
Malasiya	70,439,364	56,576,585
Phillippines	4,135,746	2,636,950
Thailand	6,086,373	10,062,373
Total Expense on International Training	82,268,919	69,341,142



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AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	Rs.	Rs.
04 Administrative Expenses		
Allowances to Chairman & Director	1,501,135	1,199,880
Employee Benefits Expenses (A)	25,912,010	28,234,786
Travelling Expenses (B)	112,332	91,445
Fuel - Council Members	39,200	66,000
Allowances - Council Members	415,000	654,000
Fule & Lubricant	324,545	168,085
Uniforms	20,000	15,000
Newspapers & Periodicals	25,270	10,400
Stationery	668,991	812,078
Repairs & Maintenance (C)	2,023,872	3,553,686
Office Upkeep (Janitorial Service)	668,967	625,134
Communication Expenses	549,362	518,415
Electricity Charges	612,148	415,656
Security Charges	1,254,340	1,054,152
Entertainment / Meeting Expenses	144,692	119,882
Staff Welfare Expenses	671,826	466,071
Audit Fee	450,000	-
Staff Training	-	28,500
Insurance	266,918	271,400
Postage & Stamps	52,931	30,549
Advertisement	-	368,874
Depreciation on Property, Plant & Equipment	7,253,221	7,538,950
Sundry Expenses	23,809	59,706
Non Consumable Expenses	155,447	5,665
Trainee Allowance	-	-
Translation & Publication Expenses	53,585	29,748
	43,199,601	46,338,062



SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	Rs.	Rs.
(A) Salaries and Employee Benefits		
Staff Salaries	13,479,299	15,408,636
Cost of Living Allowances	2,029,170	2,178,020
Other Allowances/ Approved Allowances	2,470,107	1,391,073
Overtime	370,438	301,898
Medical Reimbursement	-	224,461
Encashment of Medical Leave	-	6,576
Research Allowances	1,092,186	1,873,108
Transport & Fuel Allowance	2,805,907	2,828,765
Contribution to Employees' Provident Fund	2,328,009	2,619,029
Contribution to Employees' Trust Fund	465,602	523,806
Gratuity Expense	871,292	879,415
	25,912,010	28,234,786
(B) Travelling Expenses		
Local	112,332	91,445
	112,332	91,445
(C) Repairs & Maintenance		
Equipments	1,155,662	770,437
Vehicles	853,945	868,807
Building	14,265	1,354,942
Furniture	-	559,500
	2,023,872	3,553,686
05 Finance Cost		
Debit Tax	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-
Exchange Loss	26,034	11,767
	26,034	11,767

SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	Rs.	Rs.
06 Prior Year Adjustment		
<i>Add:</i>		
Research Management Activity Adjustment	26,000	34,000
Receivable - Research Management Activity	243,000	8,560
Receivable - Fuel Overpayment	146,740	613
Over Provision for Accrued Expenses	500,937	207,596
Under Provision for ICAR -CARP Scholarship Programme - 2013	14,162	2,000
Over Provision for Receivable - International Training for NARs	1,309	-
	932,148	252,769
<i>Less:</i>		
Provisioning of Accrued Expenses	9,781,770	1,333,699
Over Provision for Accrued Expenses	383,783	569,832
Under Provision of Depreciation		62
Corrected Unidentified Income Cash Book Entry -2018	93,010	
Write-off Receivable Balance	401,144	-
Over Provision for Receivable - International Training for NARs	141,972	-
Balance as at 31st December 2022	(9,869,531)	(1,650,824)
07 Write off of Assets		
<i>Balance brought forward- At Cost</i>		
Computer & Printer	1,984,857	-
Office Equipment	496,730	-
Office Furniture & Fixtures	13,150	-
	2,494,737	-
<i>Balance brought forward - Accumulated Depreciation</i>		
Computer & Printer	1,984,857	-
Office Equipment	483,361	-
Office Furniture & Fixtures	13,150	-
	2,481,368	-
Property, Plant & Equipment Disposal Loss / Gain	(13,369)	-



SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

08 Property, Plant and Equipment

	Balance as at 1/1/2022	Additions 2022	Disposals 2022	Adjustments 2022	Balance as at 12/31/2022
<i>Cost</i>					
CARP Building	22,325,490	-	-	-	22,325,490
Computer & Printer	11,471,175	-	1,984,857	-	9,486,318
Computer Software	2,404,427	-	-	-	2,404,427
Office Equipment	10,744,183	-	496,730	-	10,247,453
Office Furniture	4,022,373	-	13,150	-	4,009,223
Motor Vehicles	20,000,000	-	-	-	20,000,000
Library books	148,523	15,000	-	-	163,523
Total	71,116,171	15,000	2,494,737	-	68,636,434

	Balance as at 1/1/2022	Charge for the year 2022	Disposals 2022	Adjustments 2022	Balance as at 12/31/2022
<i>Accumulated Depreciation</i>					
CARP Building	19,281,368	1,116,275	-	-	20,397,643
Computer & Printer	10,973,789	497,386	1,984,857	-	9,486,317
Computer Software	2,404,427	-	-	-	2,404,427
Office Equipment	9,447,887	351,437	483,361	-	9,315,963
Office Furniture	3,264,016	236,035	13,150	-	3,486,901
Motor Vehicles	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	10,000,000
Library books	107,924	7,876	-	-	115,799
Total	50,479,411	7,209,008	2,481,368	-	55,207,051

Net Book Value as at 2022.12.31	20,636,759	13,429,383
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08 - A Infrastructure

	Balance as at 1/1/2022	Additions 2022	Disposals 2022	Balance as at 12/31/2022	Balance as at 12/31/2019
<i>Cost</i>					
Electronic Data	8,640,585	-	-	8,640,585	8,640,585
Road	884,251	-	-	884,251	884,251
Total	9,524,836	-	-	9,524,836	9,524,836

	Balance as at 1/1/2022	Charge for the year 2022	Disposals 2022	Balance as at 12/31/2022	Balance as at 12/31/2019
<i>Accumulated Depreciation</i>					
Electronic Data	8,640,585	-	-	8,640,585	8,640,585
Road	412,496	44,213	-	456,709	412,496
Total	9,053,081	44,213	-	9,097,294	9,053,081

Net Book Value as at 2022.12.31	471,755	427,542	471,755
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SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022	2022	2021
	Rs.	Rs.
09 Inventories		
Stamp in hand	8,871	11,112
Stationery	1,877,047	1,778,571
Non- Consumables	556,621	694,948
	<u>2,442,540</u>	<u>2,484,631</u>
10 Trade & Other Receivables		
Staff Debtors - Distress Loan	3,371,242	3,928,726
Staff Debtors - Festival Advance	-	3,750
Unsettled Research Imprest	659,131	659,131
Deposits Receivable	75,500	75,500
Prepayment	1,309,491	1,104,818
Income Receivable	-	386,414
Floriculture Project	-	50
IFPRI Project	-	518
Receivable - International Training for NARS	10,049,581	12,421,743
Receivable - Research Management Activity	2,217,259	69,576
	<u>17,682,204</u>	<u>18,650,226</u>
11 Cash at bank		
BOC C/A - 2323310 (Torrington Square)	21,342,387	16,094,835
BOC S/A -2331386 (Loan Revolving Fund)	7,128,812	5,774,094
BOC S/A - 2329517 (Gratuity Fund)	9,205,576	9,229,712
	<u>37,676,775</u>	<u>31,098,641</u>
12 CARP Fund		
Balance as at 01 st January 2022	<u>5,208,877</u>	<u>5,208,877</u>
	-	-
Balance as at 31st December 2022	<u><u>5,208,877</u></u>	<u><u>5,208,877</u></u>



SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	Rs.	Rs.
13 Capital Grants - (Treasury Grants - Research)		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	8,455,631	15,767
Treasury Grant Received	8,100,000	13,480,000
	<u>16,555,631</u>	<u>13,495,767</u>
Research Management & Related Functions		
Research Management Activities	3,390,381	4,590,681
Publication, seminars & Workshops	-	388,080
Capital Grants - (Research Management Activities)	<u>3,390,381</u>	<u>4,978,761</u>
Transfer to Deferred Income Fund End of the Year	15,000	61,375
	<u>3,405,381</u>	<u>5,040,136</u>
Net Capital Grants Transferred to CARP Fund	<u>13,150,250</u>	<u>8,455,631</u>
Net Research Investment	<u>4,694,619</u>	<u>8,439,864</u>
14 Deferred Income Fund		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	21,108,514	11,581,247
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
Government Grants Received on Capital Assets	15,000	61,375
Transferred Revaluation Reserve	-	20,000,000
Deferred Income for the Year		
For the Assets Purchased Year in 2022	(7,266,589)	(10,534,108)
Balance at the End of the Year	<u>13,856,925</u>	<u>21,108,514</u>



SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

2022
Rs.

2021
Rs.

15 Retirement Benefit (Gratuity Provision)

Balance as at 01 st January 2022	10,109,125	11,652,262
<u>Add : Receipts & Adjustments</u>		
Current Year Provision	871,292	879,415
Under Provision - 2018 - 2021	-	569,832
	<u>10,980,418</u>	<u>13,101,508</u>
<u>Less : Payment & Adjusment</u>		
Payment to Retired Employees	1,799,145	2,991,770
Reversal of Over Provision - 2019	-	613
Balance as at 31st December 2022	<u>9,181,273</u>	<u>10,109,125</u>

16 Trade & Other Payables

Accrued Expenses	524,625	181,280
Deposits Payable	52,701	213,693
Loan Payable	-	-
NARP Project	-	233
VAT Payable	-	12,000
Retention Payable	-	9,765
	<u>577,325</u>	<u>416,971</u>



SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
COMPARISION OF APPROVED RECURRENT BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE
AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 2022

Recurrent	Income/ Expenditure 2022 Rs.	Approved Budget 2022 Rs.	Difference/ Excess (Shortage) Rs.
01 Treasury Grants			
Recurrent	130,510,000	200,000,000	69,490,000
	<u>130,510,000</u>	<u>200,000,000</u>	<u>69,490,000</u>
02 (a) Other Income			
Distress Loan Interest	651,288	-	-
Sundry Income	175,475	-	-
Deferred Income	7,266,589	-	-
	<u>8,093,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
03 Operating Expenses			
Interenational Training for NARS	82,268,919	140,578,000	58,309,081
	<u>82,268,919</u>	<u>140,578,000</u>	<u>58,309,081</u>
04 Administrative Expenses			
Allowances to Chairman	1,501,135	1,502,485	1,350
Employee Benefits Expenses (A)	25,912,010	43,104,190	17,192,180
Travelling Expenses (B)	112,332	614,538	502,206
Allowances to Members	415,000	900,500	485,500
Fule & Lubricant	363,745	666,537	302,792
Uniforms	20,000	30,000	10,000
Newspapers & Periodicals	25,270	30,280	5,010
Stationery & Non consumables	824,438	1,158,106	333,668
Repairs & Maintenance (C)	2,023,872	2,393,750	369,878
Office Upkeep (Janitorial Service)	668,967	833,910	164,943
Communication Expenses	549,362	711,816	162,454
Electricity Charges	612,148	1,350,006	737,858
Security Charges	1,254,340	1,478,060	223,720
Entertainment/ Meeting Expenses	144,692	200,000	55,308
Staff Welfare	671,826	989,930	318,104
Audit Fee	450,000	840,000	390,000
Staff Training	-	330,000	330,000
Insurance	266,918	1,126,910	859,992
Postage & Stamps	52,931	120,000	67,069
Advertisement	-	224,927	224,927
Sundry Expenses	23,809	183,072	159,263
Trainee Allowance	-	393,325	393,325
Translation & Publication	53,585	233,658	180,073
	<u>35,946,381</u>	<u>59,416,000</u>	<u>23,469,619</u>



**SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
COMPARISION OF APPROVED RECURRENT BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE
AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 2022**

Recurrent	Income/ Expenditure 2022 Rs.	Approved Budget 2022 Rs.	Difference/ Excess (Shortage) Rs.
A Employee Benefits Expenses			
Staff Salaries	13,479,299	21,629,392	8,150,093
Salary Arrears		-	-
Cost of Living Allowances	2,029,170	2,919,470	890,300
Other Allowances / Approved Allowance	2,470,107	2,470,648	541
Overtime	370,438	770,400	399,962
Medical Reimbursement	-	210,000	210,000
Encashment of Medical Leave	-	600,000	600,000
Contribution to Employees' Provident Fund	2,328,009	3,757,640	1,429,631
Contribution to Employees' Trust Fund	465,602	751,600	285,998
Defined Benefit Plan Cost - Gratuity	871,292	2,199,000	1,327,708
Approved Vehicle & fuel Allowances	2,805,907	3,873,375	1,067,468
Research Allowances	1,092,186	3,922,665	2,830,480
	<u>25,912,010</u>	<u>43,104,190</u>	<u>17,192,180</u>
B Travelling Expenses			
Local	112,332	239,538	127,206
Foreign	-	375,000	
	<u>112,332</u>	<u>614,538</u>	<u>502,206</u>
C Repairs & Maintenance			
Equipments	1,155,662	1,249,514	93,852
Vehicles	853,945	1,027,873	173,928
Building	14,265	86,363	72,098
Furniture & Fittings	-	30,000	30,000
	<u>2,023,872</u>	<u>2,393,750</u>	<u>369,878</u>
05 Finance Cost			
Debit Tax	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	6,000	6,000
Exchange Loss	26,034	-	(26,034)
	<u>26,034</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>(20,034)</u>
Grand Total	<u>118,241,333</u>	<u>200,000,000</u>	<u>23,449,586</u>



SRI LANKA COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY
COMPARISON OF APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 2022

Folio	Expenditure Category	Object Code	Activity	Mandaded Functions	Approved Budget 2022	Actual Expenditure 2022	Difference/ Excess (Shortage)
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Research Management Functions of the council	2501	1	Collection of Research Action Plans from NARS Institutions for 2022 and Analyze Action Plans based on Short- & Medium-Term Research Priorities	-	-	-
To make recommendation & advise the Government (Policy Brief).							
NARP/ IIMDRGS Concept Papers Evaluation							
2501		2	To formulate national agricultural research policy and priorities	434,000	70,000	364,000	
			NARP/IIMDRGS Proposal Evaluation				
2501		3	Research Gap Analysis/Research Output Survey (Workshops/Surveys)	-	-	-	
2501		4	Management of INFORM Database	110,000	80,000	30,000	
2501		5	External Review of 01 Institutions	400,000	340,080	59,920	
			Follow-up activities of reviewed institutes				
2501		6	National Awards (to promote and facilitate excellence in agricultural research)	381,000	241,990	139,010	
2501		7	Annual Dialogue (to act as a channel of communication between agricultural research institutions and the Government)	102,200	102,150	50	
2501		8	Inter-Institutional Multi-Disciplinary Research Grant Scheme (IIMDRGS)- funding	6,207,500	1,730,391	4,477,109	
2501		9	Sri Lanka Journal of Food and Agriculture	80,000	670	79,330	
			SLCARP News Letter				
2501		10	To promote linkage between agricultural research institutions at national and international level (APAARI, MOUs)	2,000,000	750	1,999,250	
2501		11	To organize conferences and seminars on international, national, and inter- institutional issues relating to agricultural research.	100,000	-	100,000	
2501		12	To arrange for the post-graduate training of agricultural research staff and for interchange of scientists with recognized research institutions abroad	1,690,000	585,000	1,105,000	
2501		13	To review the performance of agricultural research projects, institutions and divisions from time to time.	495,300	239,349	255,951	
Total					12,000,000	3,390,381	8,609,619
2	Acquisition of Capital Assets						-
	Acquisition of capital Assets (a) Plant, Machinery & equipments	2103			7,500,000	1,585,000	5,915,000
					7,500,000	1,585,000	5,915,000
3	Other Capital expenditure					-	
	(a) Restructuring	2502			-	-	-
	(b) Seminar, Workshop & Publication	2502			500,000	-	500,000
Total					500,000	-	500,000
Grand Total					20,000,000	4,975,381	15,024,619



PART II

16. GENERAL

16.1.1 Basis of Preparation

- a) **Statement of Compliance** - The financial statement of the council comprises the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of changes in net assets/equity, cash flow statement, a comparison of the approved budget and actual expense statement, and notes comparison of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes to the financial statement.
- b) The Council was granted covering approval for the financial statement issued on 22nd February 2023.
- c) **Reporting Entity** - The Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy has been registered under the Parliament act.No.47 of 1987 on the 27th of December 1987. The registered office of the council is situated at No.114/09, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.
- d) **Principle Activities and Nature of Operations** - SLCARP was established in 1987, under the Act No.47 of 1987 to ensure that agricultural research is directed towards national development through formulation of agricultural research policy, research prioritization, planning, facilitation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural research.
- e) **A Description of the Nature of the Entity** - Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy is an umbrella organization of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) that operates within several Ministries. SLCARP came into existence on the 22nd of December 1987 to create an environment for more productive agricultural research.

SLCARP's mission is to enhance and mobilize the scientific resources in Sri Lanka efficiently to catalyze agricultural research and technology generation within NARS.

With the Secretariat in Colombo, SLCARP serves as an organization in an advisory capacity for co-coordinating and consolidating efforts within Sri Lanka NARS, funding research projects/programmers, and promoting scientific research linkages in prioritized areas both nationally and internationally. CARP has been instrumental in promoting and facilitating research, by improving and enhancing agricultural research through documentation and communicating the latest advances in research to the NARS scientists. SLCARP has identified its



own perspective, plans, and programs for the future in keeping with the aspirations and goals of the Ministry of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services to meet the future challenges in enhancing domestic food production and exports focused on poverty reduction.

- f) **Our Vision** - A vibrant and sustainable agricultural research, development, and innovation system assuring the socio-economic development of Sri Lanka.
- g) **Our Mission** - To ensure agricultural research, development, and innovations are directed towards national development goals through policy formulation, facilitation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and impact assessment.

h) **Our Mandated Functions - SLCARP**

- (1) To advise the Government on all matters regarding the organization, coordination, planning, and execution of agricultural research and such other related matters as may be referred to it by the Minister.
- (2) To formulate national agricultural research policy and priorities.
- (3) To define the overall aims and scope of agricultural research with a view to furthering national development objectives.
- (4) To make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on the financial, manpower, and physical resources required by agricultural research institutions and establishments and on the terms and conditions of service of the staff of such institutions and establishments.
- (5) To review Institutional and departmental agricultural research programs and make recommendations with regard to their priorities and funding to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance and Planning.
- (6) To promote and facilitate excellence in agricultural research.
- (7) To act as a channel of communication between agricultural research institutions and the Government.
- (8) To arrange for and fund inter-institutional agricultural research projects.
- (9) To arrange for and fund special scientific services for the entire agricultural research sector.



- (10) To promote linkage between agricultural research institutions at national and international levels.
- (11) Organize conferences and seminars on international, national, and inter-Institutional issues relating to agricultural research.
- (12) To arrange for the post-graduate training of agricultural research staff and for the interchange of scientists with recognized research institutions abroad.
- (13) To review the performance of agricultural research projects, institutions, and divisions from time to time.

16.1.2. National Agricultural Research Plan (NARP-NUS)

The Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP), is the Apex Body of the National Agricultural Research System and is charged with the major responsibility of an advisory role along with aiding, promoting, coordinating, and monitoring research, related to agriculture and allied areas in the country.

The National Agricultural Research Plan (NARP) is one of the main mandatory functions, of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy with the objective of facilitating Agricultural research. The NARP projects are designed in accordance with the national research priority areas identified by Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy. Currently, funds are provided mainly to the Department of Agriculture, and National Universities where agriculture-related research projects are carried out.

16.1.2.1 NARP-NUS (118-02-03-026-2507) - 2022

	Rs.
Budget Allocation	20,000,000.00
Received funds from the Ministry of Agriculture	9,324,000.00
Expense during the year	(9,287,983.00)
Balance Transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture 31.12.2022	36,017.00



16.1.3. Capacity Building Programme

SLCARP identified the importance of the Human Resources Development of National Agriculture Research System (NARS) researchers. Thus, SLCARP submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Agriculture for Capacity Building of the Researchers of the NARS for which a Cabinet Memorandum was issued on 21 September 2017 under the heading of Directing of Researchers of the NARS for Foreign postgraduate degree training.

Under this program, NARS researchers have obtained opportunities to register Universities in India, Thailand Malaysia, and the Philippines. The number of Candidates who have received admission under the Capacity Building long-term training Programme of SLCARP during 2018 – 2022 is listed below.

Ongoing scholars of the Capacity Development Programme.

	No of Scholars
University Putra Malaysia - Malaysia	34
University of Philippines Los Banos – Philippines	17
University of the Philippines Diliman – Philippines	01
Total	<u>52</u>

Completed scholars of the Capacity Development Programme.

	No of Scholars
University Putra Malaysia - Malaysia	06
University of Philippines Los Banos – Philippines	09
Kasetsart University – Thailand	03
Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) – Thailand	03
Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University – India	01
Kerala Agricultural University– India	01
C S K Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya – India	01
Prof. Jayasankar Telangana State Agricultural University– India	01
Acharya N.G Ranga Agricultural University – India	01
Total	<u>26</u>

Discontinued Scholar of the Capacity Development Programme.

	No of Scholars
University of Philippines Los Banos – Philippines	01
Total	<u>01</u>



16.2.1 Accounting Policies and Concepts;

Accounting policies consist of principles, bases, conventions, rules and procedures, and also Accounting concepts are ideas and assumptions which are fundamental to accounting practices. Therefore some of our accounting concepts are as follows.

16.2.2 Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cash basis. No adjustment has been made for inflationary factors in the financial statement.

16.3 Functional and presentation of currency

The financial statement for the year end 2022 was presented in Sri Lankan rupees (LKR.) and nearest cents.

However, we have decided to present our Financial Statement in LKR. And round to the nearest rupee which is effective from the financial year January 01st 2011 and ahead. The year 2022 was presented in LKR. and rounded to the nearest rupee.

The stipend and Expense fees relating to the Capacity Building program are paid in USD (\$) where that Expense is converted to LKR at the spot rate of the transaction date and prepaid the stipend and University fees are taken into financial statements at the rate of Balance sheet rate. The difference arising due to changes in the Exchange rate has been taken into financial statements as exchange gain or Loss.

16.4 Accounting for Govt. Grants disclose of Govt. Assistance

- (a) Accounting for Government Grants & Disclosure of Government Assistance is adopted.
- (b) We further say, that accounting policy had been adopted with regard to the government grants was the method of capital approach but that government grant was related to the fixed assets it had been taken to the accounts under the method of the income approach.
- (c) A Deferred Income Fund has been identified only in respect of the assets purchased since 2018.



16.4.1 Capital Grants (Treasury Grants Research)

According to the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy Act No.14 of 1987, all the Grants received need to be credited to CARP Fund and all the expenses need to be done out of that. In that Sense Capital Grants (Treasury Grants Research) need to be considered as a supplementary Note to the CARP Fund and the remaining balance need to be reflected in the CARP Fund each Year. Then only Carp Fund will be remaining as an Equity Fund in the Statement of Financial Position.

16.4.2 Research Management Activities

Generally, the Capital Fund is utilized to Research Management Activities where the requirements of LKAS 38 for Intangible assets are not complied with. Hence the Research management activities are in a nature where that could not be capitalized. Due to that reason both the expense and amount of Funds are shown in the Comprehensive Income Statement in order to reflect the effect.

17. 1. VALUATION OF ASSETS

1.1 Property Plant & Equipment

Property plant & equipment are on the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation and is provided on the straight-line method at the following rates per annum.

a)	Building	05%
b)	Computer & printers	30%
c)	Computer Software	30%
d)	Office Equipment	15%
e)	Office Furniture	15%
f)	Vehicles	25%
g)	Road	05%
h)	Library Book	05%
j)	Electronic Data	30%

1.2 Trade & Other Receivables

Trade & Other Receivables incurred Staff Debtors, Unsettled Research Imprest, Deposits, Prepayment, Income receivable & Project receivables.



1.3 Composition of EPF & ETF rates;

	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Total</u>
EPF	15%	10%	25%
ETF	03%	-	03%

1.4 Unsettled Research Imprest

The research imprest has been given to various research Institutes/ Universities in Sri Lanka. However, some of the research institutes/ Universities do not settle this research imprest at the year-end such an amount is stated as an unsettled research imprest and the council noted advised to take the necessary step to settle this unsettled amount.

1.5 Stocks

Stocks are shown in the financial statement at lower market value or purchase price. The stock is valued using the FIFO method. The Non Consumables are classified as stock items based on the nature of that category which was previously presented in the Property plant and equipment. The Depreciation provided so far is reversed back to Prior Year Adjustments.

1.6 Gratuities

A provision has been made according to regulations 5 of the Gratuity Act. No.12 of 1983 in respect of employees eligible under the Act.

1.7 Receivable Deposits

Values of refundable and receivable deposits are named as follows;

A. W. Ranasinghe (Filling Station - Kollupitiya)
Postgraduate Institute of Management - Library
Sri Lanka Telecom – IDD



1.8 Other Disclosures.

1.8.1 Pending TT amount of University Putra Malaysia.

The amount of 10,294.24 USD has been transferred to the beneficiary University Putra Malaysia as the University fee of scholars and it was transferred on 27.12.2022. the bank paid twice due to bank error and transferred the aforesaid amount again to the beneficiary University Putra Malaysia on 30.12.2022. The bank is functioning to recover from the concerned institution.

2.0 Ownership of the Building SLCARP

The request has been made to the Secretary Ministry of Agriculture to clear the ownership of the land and building which is used by the SLCARP.

2.1 Pending Litigation and investigation of the SLCARP

2.1.1 Pending Litigation of Mr. W.M.D. B. Abyerathne.

The Council noted the present status after the disciplinary inquiry - Mr. W.M.D. B. Abyerathne, Former Accountant, SLCARP. In addition, the council approval was also granted to hand over the case against Mr. W.M.D. B. Abyerathne to Attorney General to cover Rs. 587, 418 the amount which is to be recovered from him.

2.1.2 CARP ICRAF Tree Domestications Project.

In 2015, after coming to know about the current account number 232246 maintained at the Bank of Ceylon Torrington branch under the name CARP ICRAF Tree Domestications Project under the Sri Lanka Agricultural Research Policy Council, the SLCARP informed the bank and it was suspended on 21.08.2015. SLCARP has the account, which has been handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department of Sri Lanka for further investigation of this current account. The report of the investigation has not been received, and there is a Rs. 1,232,754.67 balance in the account as of 31.12.2022.



Our Corporate Information

As at 31st of December 2022

Name of the State Owned Enterprise

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

Ministry

Ministry of Agriculture

Secretary to the Ministry

Mr. Gunadasa Samarasinghe

Classification of General Treasury (PED /COP/POLI/Circular-17.06.2015)

Budgetary Funded – Research and Development Agencies/ Entities established under an Act. of Parliament to perform research and development activities for the benefit of the National Economy or in the wider interest of the public are deemed as Research and Development Agencies.

Supervision and Monitoring Role Managed by

Department of Public Enterprises (PED)

Carder Supervision & Corporate Plan Managed by

National Salaries and Carder Commission / Department of Management Services (MSD)

and

Department of Public Enterprises (PED)

Annual Budget and Action Plan Managed by

Department of National Budget

Governed by

The Council of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

Head of the Council

Secretary / Director

Legal Form

Incorporated Under the Parliament Act.

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy Act, No. 47 of 1987



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Secretary to the Council / Head of the Department

Secretary / Director

Bankers

Bank of Ceylon –Supper Grade Branch, Independence Square, Colombom07, Sri Lanka.

- **Current A/C No. 2323310**
- **Swift Code BCEYLKLX, Bank Code 7010, Branch Code 453**
- **Telephone Number 0094 - 11-2692506**

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Attorney General, AG's Department, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka.



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2018 සිට 2022 වර්ෂය දක්වා අයවැය තොරතුරු

වර්ෂය	2018		2019		2020	
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ඇස්තමේන්තුව	353,761,221.28	189,500,000.00	287,550,000.00	40,000,000.00	366,000,000.00	23,000,000.00
අනුමත අයවැය	350,000,000.00	35,000,000.00	200,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	204,500,000.00	1,000,000.00
මුදල් ලැබීම්	112,584,500.00	14,350,000.00	168,350,300.00	15,000,000.00	164,482,000.00	1,000,000.00
මුළු වියදම්	84,153,907.00	14,945,548.00	173,238,521.45	16,192,602.90	154,417,863.85	999,087.00

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ඇස්තමේන්තුව	214,395,700.00	75,644,000.00	209,575,000.00	82,545,000.00
අනුමත අයවැය	200,000,000.00	40,000,000.00	200,000,000.00	20,000,000.00
මුදල් ලැබීම්	111,487,100.00	13,480,000.00	130,510,000.00	8,100,000.00
මුළු වියදම්	111,143,791.00	13,235,506.40	118,241,333.00	4,975,381.00

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Summary of the Recommendations

Made at the Audit and Management Committee Meetings conducted in year 2023

Composition of the Audit & Management Committee in year 2022.

Audit & Management Committee:

1. Ms. B.A.N Harshani Perera – Chairman of the Committee, / Deputy Director, Department of National Planning - Ministry of National Policies and Economics Affairs. (65th & 66th Meetings)
2. Dr. S.H.S Ajantha De Silva – Member, AMC /Director General, Department of Agriculture (65th meeting)
3. Dr. H.M.P Kithsiri – Member, AMC / Director General, National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (65th meeting)
4. Dr. W. L. G. Samarasinghe, – Member, AMC / Additional Secretary (Agric. Tech), Ministry of Agriculture (66th meeting)
5. Mr. Chithral Jayawarna, – Member , AMC / Chief Manager, Sri Lanka Port Authority (66th meeting)

By Invitation:

1. Ms. W.S Bopegamage - Audit Superintendent / Agriculture Insurance Board
2. Mr. E.W.G.K Priyadarshana - Chief Internal Auditor / Ministry of Agriculture

On Call:

1. Dr. P.H.P.C Girihagama - Deputy Director (Research Management), SLCARP
2. Mrs. R.Y.M.P Ranathunga - Assistant Director (Administration), SLCARP

Numbers of Meetings Convened with Duties:

65th Audit & Management Committee Meeting - 20th September 2022

66th Audit & Management Committee Meeting – 30th December 2022

All recommendation of the Audit & Management Committee Meetings held have been submitted to the council for SLCARP.

Recommendations made at the Audit & Management Committee Meetings:

Papers submitted at the 65 th AMC Meeting	Submission Requirements		Action By
	Information	Recommendation	
Confirmation of Minutes of the 64 th AMC Meeting	Submitted for Information	-	Secretary
The Financial Progress month of January to August 2022	Submitted for Information	-	Secretary
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General Audit Quarries and Answers	Submitted for Information	-	Secretary
2021 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සම්බන්ධයෙන් වූ විස්තරාත්මක විගණකාධිපති විගණන වාර්තාව	-	Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary
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Revised Recurrent Budget - First and Second Quarter 2022	-	Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary
Write-off Receivable Balance Continuing in the Financial Statement.	-	Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary
Payable Balance Continuing in the Financial Statement.	-	Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary
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Estimate SLCARP Budget Forecasting - 2023	-	Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary
වසා දමන ලද ලංකා බැංකු කොල්ලුපිටිය ශාඛාවේ ගිණුම් අංක 1632497 දරන (Project Management Unit) ගිණුමේ පවතින රු. 98,234.70 ශේෂය සම්බන්ධවයි.	-	Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary

Papers submitted at the 66 th AMC Meeting	Submission Requirements		Action By
	Information	Recommendation	
Confirmation of Minutes of the 65 th AMC Meeting	Submitted for Information	-	Secretary
Matters Rising from the Minutes	Submitted for Information	-	Secretary
The Financial Progress	Submitted for Information	-	Secretary
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Delegation of Financial Authority Limits - 2023.	-	Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary
Revised Recurrent Budget – 4th Quarter 2022	-	Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary
Revised Capital Budget - 2023	-	Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary

National Audit Office

My no: ARI/C/SLCARP/1/22/10/FA

Date: 29 May 2023

Chairman

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

The Auditor General's Report as per 12th sentence of the National Audit Act bearing number 19 of 2018 on Financial Statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy for the year ending by 31 December 2022

The above Report is being sent herewith.

W. P. C. Wickramaratne

Auditor General

Copies:

- (1) Secretary – Ministry of Agriculture
- (2) Secretary – Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy

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1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

Balance Sheet of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy by date of 31 December 2022 and the Comprehensive Income Statement for the year ending by that date, Equity Changing Statement and Cash Flow Statement for the year ending by that date and Notes relevant to Financial Statements, Financial Statements with summarized important accounting principles for the year ending by 31 December 2022 had been audited under my execution in accordance with the regulations of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and the Financial Act No. 38 of 1971 which should be read in conjunction with the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy Act bearing number 47 of 1987 and 154 (1) article of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. In accordance with the regulations of the 154 (6) article of the Constitution, my Report will be tabled in the Parliament in due course.

Except the impact of the issues detailed in the part of the Basis for the Qualified Opinion of my Report, according to the Financial Statements of the Council, I am of the opinion that the financial status of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy as at 31 December 2022 and its financial activities and cash flows for the year ending by that date are expressing true and reliable status in accordance with the accounting standards of the public sector of Sri Lanka.

1.2 Basis for the Qualified Opinion

- (a) Though the assets of 5 asset categories of which the cost was Rupees 28,766,626 were completely depreciated, those were still in use due to not reviewing of the effective life span for the fixed assets annually according to Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards No. 7. Action had not been taken to readjust the estimated error as per Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards No. 3 and tally in the Financial Statements accordingly.
- (b) The vehicle/ car bearing number JW-3904, which had been obtained to the project having the name SLCARP – ICRAF Tree Domestication, initiated in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding on Agro Forestry for the research, scientific and technical cooperation that had been activated between the International Center for Research in Agro Forestry (ICRAF) and the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy, had been registered on the name of the said project, but had not been acquired to the Council after the completion of the project. The vehicle had been in the personal use of a senior professor, who is at present attached to the University of Peradeniya and had been then functioning as the coordinating scientist.
- (c) During the period starting from year 2017 up to the year of review, 25 researchers of the National Agricultural Research System who had been overseas for post graduate studies, had arrived Sri Lanka without informing the Council due to the COVID pandemic situation. The subsistence allowance of Rupees 10,049,580 which had been paid to them for the said period had not been recovered from them.
- (d) The contract on construction of a building as an addition to the existing building of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy, had been estimated for Rupees 12,945,000 in 2019 as per the procurement plan and had been assigned to the Building Department for Rupees 12,300,000. In accordance with the regulations of the Memorandum of Agreement signed with them, the due date of the completion of the work was 30 April 2020 and nevertheless the work had not been completed. Though the cost of the certified construction work as at 10 October 2022 was 5,516,590 Rupees, an amount of Rupees 12,217,303 had been paid to them. It had therefore been observed that an excess amount of Rupees 6,700,713 had been paid on non-certified construction work.

(e) On the funds received from a Research Centre in Kenya, for the training programme on Agro Forestry, implemented under the Memorandum of Agreement on research, scientific and technical cooperation, activated between International Center for Research in Agro Forestry (ICRAF) and the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy, a balance of Rupees 1,232,735 was remaining in the project account bearing number 2323246 at the Torrington Square Branch of Bank of Ceylon and it had not been disclosed by the Financial Statements.

(f) The balance of Rupees 459,131 remaining from the funds granted to 3 research institutions and 3 universities for agricultural research activities, had not been obtained by the Council and is being carried forward in Financial Statements from the year 2006 onwards.

(g) Though the service period of the former Chairman of the Council had been ended by 07 November 2018, for a period of approximately two months starting from 07 November 2018 up to 31 December 2018, a sum of Rupees 197,600 had been paid to him as salaries and allowances and that amount of money had not been recovered up to now.

I have conducted the Audit in accordance with the Sri Lanka Audit Standards. My responsibilities under these Audit Standards are further detailed in this Report, in the Part of Auditor's responsibility in connection with the auditing of Financial Statements.

1.3 Other Information included in the Annual Report 2022 of the Council

The information included in the Annual Report 2022 of the Council but expected to submit to me after the date of this Audit Report and accordingly which had not been included in my Audit Report on Financial Statements and information on Financial Statements is meant by other information. Management should be responsible for these other information.

I do not state any kind of assurance or opinion on other information while this information is not covered by my opinion on Financial Statements.

Relevant to my audit on Financial Statements, my responsibility is to, when it is possible to obtain other information identified as above, read (as relevant) and when doing it, to consider whether the other information is not tallying significantly with Financial Statements or my knowledge obtained at audit or in other way.

When the Annual Report 2022 of the Council is being read, if I conclude that it contains significant error statements, those facts should be communicated to governing parties for correction. If wrong statements which had not been corrected are still stated, those will be included to the Report which will be tabled by me in due course in the Parliament as per 154 (6) article of the Constitution.

1.4 Responsibility of the Management and the Governing Parties on Financial Statements

Preparation of these Financial Statements according to Accounting Standards of the Sri Lanka Public Sector, submission in reliable form and deciding of required internal controls which create possibilities to prepare Financial Statements without significant incorrect statements which would derive due to frauds and errors, are the responsibilities of the Management.

In preparation of the Financial Statements, it is responsibility of the Management to decide the possibility of the continued functioning of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy. Except if the Management considers to liquidate the Council or to cease functioning when there is no other option, it is the responsibility of the Management to maintain accounts and to disclose issues related to the continued functioning of the Council being on the basis of continued functioning.

The responsibility of the examination on financial reporting activity is taken by the Governing Parties.

Books/ ledgers and reports of the Institution on incomes, expenditure, assets and liabilities should be maintained properly so that it would be possible to prepare the annual

and periodical Financial Statements in accordance with the 16 (1) sub sentence of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.

1.5 Auditor's responsibility on auditing of Financial Statements

Providing a reliable confirmation that as a whole, Financial Statements do not contain significant incorrect statements which occur due to frauds and errors and issuing of Auditor's Report inclusive of my opinion are my objectives. Even though the reliable confirmation is a confirmation of high level, when the auditing is conducted according to Sri Lanka Audit Standards, it would not always be a confirmation that would reveal the significant incorrect statements. Significant incorrect statements may occur due to frauds and errors which would affect alone or together and its significant status depends on the impact on the economic decisions taken by referees based on these Financial Statements.

As a part of auditing, action had been taken by me to conduct auditing in accordance with the Sri Lanka Audit Standards with judgment and suspicion based on my professional capacity. Further by me,

- When obtaining a basis to the audit opinion stated, for identification and assessing the risks of significantly incorrect statements which may occur in Financial Statements due to frauds or errors, appropriate auditing procedures suitable to situation were planned and implemented. The impact which occurs by a fraud is stronger than an impact which is resulting from significant incorrect statements that could appear due to wrong presentation as these could occur due to reasons such as collusion, preparation of false documents, intentional ignoring or ignoring of internal governances.
- Even though there is no intention to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal governance, for the purpose of formulation of auditing procedures suitable to situation, an understanding on internal governance of the Council had been obtained.

- Appropriateness of the accounting principles which have been used and the reliability of the accounting estimates and the disclosures made by the management in connection were evaluated.
- In connection with the fact that on the grounds of incidents and conditions whether there is a significant uncertainty on the continued functioning of the Council, based on the obtained audit evidences, the relevance of the adopting of the basis on the continued functioning of the Institution had been decided for accounting. If it would be concluded by me that there is a significant uncertainty, emphasis of my Audit Report should be given to the relevant disclosures in the Financial Statements. If those disclosures are not sufficient, my opinion should be modified. However, continued functioning may cease on future incidents or conditions.
- The fact that the transactions and incidents which made basis for the structure and the content of the Financial Statements as a whole had been included in Financial Statements appropriately and in reliable form and the overall presentation of the Financial Statements in which the disclosures are included were evaluated.

I make the governing parties aware of the important audit findings, main internal governing weaknesses and other issues which were identified in my audit.

2. Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

2.1 Special provisions, connected to the requirements stated below are included in the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.

2.1.1 In accordance with the requirements stated in the 12 (¶) sentence of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, except the observations stated in 1.2 paragraph of the Report, all information and explanations needed for the audit have been obtained by me and, as shown by my investigation, Council has maintained the appropriate Financial Reports.

- 2.1.2** According to the requirement stated in the 6 (1) (අ) (iii) sentence of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, Financial Statements of the Council which have been submitted tally with those of the previous year.
- 2.1.3** According to the requirement stated in the 6 (1) (අ) (iv) sentence of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, except the observation stated in the paragraph 1.2 (a), (c), (f) and (g) of this report, the recommendations made by me in the previous year have been included in the Financial Statements which have been submitted.
- 2.2** On procedures followed and evidences obtained and in limitations to the significant issues, my attention had not been taken by anything which leads to the making of below mentioned statements.
- 2.2.1** According to the requirement stated in the 12 (අ) sentence of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, certain member of the Governing Board of the Council, with the involvement of the Council, there had been an involvement exclusive of general business condition, directly or in other way, pertaining to certain contract.
- 2.2.2** According to the requirement stated in the 12 (ආ) sentence of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, has acted not adhering to a certain written rule or some other common or specific orders issued by the Governing Board of the Council.
- 2.2.3** According to the requirement stated in the 12 (ඇ) sentence of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, except the observations mentioned below, the Council has acted not adhering to its powers, functions or activities.

Powers, Functions, Activities

According to the 10 (ආ) sub sentence of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy Act bearing number 47 Of 1987, functions of the Council are to facilitate and provide funds for the inter institutional agricultural research projects.

Observations

Even though 4 projects had been commenced in the last year, new projects had not been identified or funds had not been granted for such projects in the reviewed year.

2.2.4 According to the requirement stated in the 12 (උ) sentence of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, except the observation stated below, resources of the Council had not been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively in accordance with the rules and regulations in the relevant time periods.

2.3 Other issues

(a) As per the Cabinet decision of අමැ/17/1992/728/34 dated 04 October 2017, it is necessary to direct 150 researchers to the countries like Malaysia, Thailand and Philippines during a period of 5 years and accordingly 30 researchers annually, for reading of the post-graduate degree (Doctor of Philosophy - PhD). These researchers are to select their research themes emphasizing on the problems and constraints presently existing or likely to appear in future in the field of agriculture in Sri Lanka. Nevertheless, only 79 researchers had been included in this procedure even after a 5 year period up to the year of review due to financial difficulties and COVID pandemic situation. From these researchers, only 8 officers had selected research themes in the fields of agricultural mechanization and organic agriculture which have been identified as fields to be uplifted for the benefit of the agricultural sector of Sri Lanka.

(b) Though the final reports of the completed research of the National Agricultural Research Plan which provides funds for the agricultural research projects should be reviewed by the Council, the final reports of 04 research projects which had been scheduled to be completed during the period from 2015 to 2020 had not been obtained timely by the Council even at the end of the year of consideration and accordingly had not been reviewed.

(c) Despite the identification of the importance of the emphasis to be given to the Organic Agriculture by the Council and introducing to research institutions of Sri Lanka the 07 relevant priority areas in which the research should be increased, the research

institutions had not been encouraged from year 2017 onwards to conduct research on organic agricultural policy and quality condition of the organic foods available in the market at present.

- (d) Despite inclusion in the Action Plans of the Institution pertaining to the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, to direct the officers to the short-term overseas training under the exchange of scientist and consultants in the field of agriculture in accordance with the Memorandums of Agreement activated between the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy and the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council and the Malaysian Agricultural Research Council, direction of officers to such training opportunities had not been done on the reasons of non-receipt of response from respective countries and COVID pandemic situation.
- (e) Even though it had been planned to establish a virtual agricultural library system in the previous year, that system had not been established even up to the date of Audit due to the non-receipt of allocations from the treasury.
- (f) The National Awards Ceremony which had been planned to be held during the last year by the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy had not been held even up to the date of 31 December of the year of review even though the applications had been called, Evaluation Committees had been appointed and evaluation activities had been completed for the holding of that Awards Ceremony.

W P C Wickramaratne
Auditor General

Auditor General's Report pursuant to Section 12 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 on the financial statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Sri Lanka Agricultural Research Policy Council for the year ended on 31 December 2022

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

(a) Agree.

Work is being done to review the life span of the fixed assets of the cost of Rupees 28,766,620 according to the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards No. 7 and adjustments will be made in the relevant assets in the next accounting year.

(b) There was no information in the Council that a cab bearing number JW 3904 was registered under the name of the project CARP-ICRAP Tree Domestication, initiated between the Sri Lanka Agricultural Research Policy Council and the International Center for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAP). As pointed out by the Government Audit Division, for the verification of this vehicle, a letter has been sent to the Commissioner General of Motor Vehicles (Annexure 01). I inform that further action will be taken accordingly.

(c) Some researchers of the National Agricultural Research System who are engaged in overseas post-graduate studies had come to Sri Lanka without informing the Council during the period of overseas post-graduate studies and the existing balance that had to be recovered from the amount due from them by 28 April 2023 is Rupees 9,144,370.00.

The Heads of the Institutes of these scholars have been informed on the recovery of this amount from them. Moreover, as per the approval of the Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, this money is charged in installments from several scholars of the Department of Agriculture and its attached Institutions and forwarded to the Council .

(d) A contract had been activated with the Building Department on 03.09.2019 for a period of 06 months for construction of this building block.

According to the Agreement, the construction work had been started and continued by the Building Department, but due to the fact that the Capital allocations of the year 2020 was not allocated for this activity, even though the constructions were done, our Institution was unable to pay the money due to the Building Department according to the Agreement. The Building Department forwarded letters in several occasions to our Institution requesting

money and then temporarily stopped construction work in the grounds of inability to make payments.

According to the Agreement, the balance of the due amount of money was requested by the Building Department and from the budgetary allocated of the years 2021 and 2022, the related money was paid to carry out the building construction work in accordance with the Agreement without delay. Accordingly, as at the date of 02.05.2023, it has been reported that the constructions for the value of Rupees 10,012,225.90 have been made (Annexure 02).

Moreover, it has been informed that the constructions related to the contracted amount of money will be completed soon.

- (e) Secretary/Director of the Council had instructed the Manager of Bank of Ceylon, Torrington Square Branch to suspended this account and accordingly it was suspended on 15.01.2015. The Criminal Investigation Department is conducting an investigation regarding this account bearing number 2323246 and the final conclusion regarding the balance of Rupees 1,232,755 is pending. The Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy has not yet acquired the same and remitted to the Treasury and this has been disclosed in the 2022 Financial Statements.
- (f) The amount to be charged to our Institution from the money given to Research Institutes and Universities for agricultural research work is Rupees 659,131. In the process of the examination of the documents in this regard, it had been noted that a sum of Rupees 200,000 from the advance released to the University of Ruhuna had been settled to the Sri Lanka Agricultural Research Policy Council and therefore the due amount has decreased to Rupees 459,131. In addition, letters mentioning the amount to be settled to the Council had been forwarded to the relevant Institutions and reminding letters have also been sent as replies had not been received.
- (g) The decision of the Council regarding the recovery of these allowances has been forwarded to the Auditor General (Annexure 03).

2. Report on other Legal and Regulatory requirements

2.2.3 Even though 4 research projects had been commenced in the previous year, new projects were not received in the year 2022. Funds were provided for the 4 projects which were in operation.

2.3 Other Issues

(a) According to the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers in 2017, 150 researchers should have been trained in countries like Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines and accordingly 30 researchers per year during 05 years had to be trained. Due to the COVID epidemic situation, only 79 researchers were able to be directed for this training. The research topics of the researchers were selected according to the areas in which the research was essential to their Institutions.

(b) National Agricultural Research Plan which provides funds for agricultural research projects

04 final reports of the research projects related to the period from 2015 to 2020 of this programme (NARP) have not been submitted by the researchers and reminders have been made on this requirement.

(c) A Committee has been established for Organic Agriculture and 02 workshops in this subject have been conducted. Furthermore from year 2020, priority had been given to the projects on Organic Agriculture in the calling of research proposals for National Agricultural Research Plan.

Action had been taken by this way to generate the interest of researchers in the National Agricultural Research System in Organic Agriculture.

(d) Despite the inclusion in the Action Plans of the Institution pertaining to the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, to direct the officers to the short-term overseas training under the exchange of scientist and consultants in the field of agriculture in accordance with the Memorandums of Agreement activated between the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy and the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council and the Malaysian Agricultural Research Council, direction of officers to such training opportunities had not been done as

the relevant Institutions in the respective countries did not respond to our requests and also due to the COVID pandemic situation.

- (e) Holding of a workshop for the establishment of Agri-net had been planned and this workshop could not be held due to the difficulties/ blockages occurred during the COVID epidemic situation and insufficient Capital budgetary allocations.
- (f) Due to the difficulties in obtaining Capital budgetary allocations from the General Treasury, the National Awards Ceremony which had been planned to be held in year 2021 by the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy had not been held in year 2022, even though the applications for the awards had been called, Evaluation Committees had been appointed and evaluation activities had been completed.

Prabath Wimal Kumara
Secretary / Director

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Performance of the Institution

- The Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy coordinated 45 research projects under National Agriculture Research Plan (NARP) with Department of Agriculture and National Universities (NARP-NUS). Addition to that 05 research projects were funded under Inter-institutional & Multidisciplinary Research Grant Scheme (IIMDR). Progress were collected from the respective projects and evaluated by the relevant Committees/subcommittees. Annual onsite progress monitoring was conducted.
- The Annual Dialogue with Officials of Relevant Ministries and the head of the National Agricultural Research System was held on 29th November 2022 at the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy. Institutes' Heads from National Agricultural Research System, relevant Ministries, and Council members were participated and discussed the burning issues relevant to Agricultural Research in the country. The NARS officers highlighted that the shortage of manpower, scientific equipment and insufficient funds were the serious issues to execute research and development activities in their institutes.
- Under the SLCARP Capacity Building Programme, 79 scholarships have been given to officers of NARS and they have enrolled in PhD or MSc degree programmes at different universities in Asian countries; India, Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand. SLCARP as the donor institute has provided the required assistance including funding to the students. From them, 26 scholars successfully completed their post graduate degrees and 52 are continuing their studies.

The action taken to rectify the deficiencies indicated in audit queries and audit reports

- The Council has followed effective procedures to recover the sum of money from the relevant officers, whom the money should be recovered have now come back to this country
- Necessary action were taken to obtain final reports of the completed research of the National Agricultural Research Plan which provides funds for the agricultural research projects
- Applications of the National Award were reviewed and 14 excellent research projects were from Non Plantation, Plantation and Livestock and Fisheries sectors.

The mid-term actions proposed to be taken

- All Staff have been instructed to follow manifesto of the government to improve the Council's performances