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From the Hon. Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation...

I consider it a privilege to add a message for the annual performance report of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation, which has the main responsibility of protecting the country's forest resource - the life blood of the country - for the ensuring rights of wildlife.

The three Departments of Wildlife Conservation, Forest Conservation and National Zoological Gardens under the Ministry are engaged in a necessary role to maintain a healthy animal population by saving wildlife and forest resources, while the State Timber Corporation, the only statutory body under the Ministry, also provides the necessary contribution to the timber production needs of the country.

In the next few years, by expanding the forest cover up to 29.2%, the Department of Forestry is working to make a big contribution to increase the forest density in the country. A number of programs are being implemented such as agroforestry establishment, commercial forestry establishment, maintenance of established forestry, clearing of mature forestry and conservation of lake catchments and forest fire control etc. So far, 200 management plans for forests have been made based on 23 District offices. Furthermore, as a special program to conserve protected areas, 10 districts with high forest density in Sri Lanka have been selected and efforts are being made to provide proper solutions to the problems of people who have been living in forests for a long time or engaged in agricultural activities.

With the country's population growth, many projects and programs are being carried out through the Department of Wildlife Conservation to reduce the elephant-human conflict caused by wild elephants attacking villages and causing damage to crops due to the clearing of forests for accelerated development programs to provide the basic needs of the people. Construction of electric fences is currently being done to reduce the loss of human life and crop damage. Through habitat enrichment, necessary programs have been implemented to prepare the environment to meet the food and water needs of the animals in the forest itself. Facilitation for local and foreign tourists is done through the development of road systems and infrastructure in the National Parks.

Furthermore, by creating an eco-friendly tourism industry, the Department of Wildlife Conservation has managed to add a high income of Rs. 5723.0 million to the national income by winning the attraction of local and foreign tourists.

Aiming to become one of the best zoos in the world, the Department of National Zoological Gardens maintains a diverse and healthy collection of animals to attract visitors from home and abroad. The high cost of animal feed has become a major problem and as a solution to this, Kahapola, Pinnawala and Ridhiyagama farms belonging to the Department are successfully implementing grass growing and animal feed production programs for animal feed. Likewise, animal lovers have been given the opportunity to contribute to the welfare of an animal of their choice through the animal foster system.

The State Timber Corporation, the only statutory body under the Ministry, is engaged in the mission of producing and supplying timber and timber products to the buyers in accordance with the national needs in a legal, environmentally friendly manner using knowledge, reputation and competence.

Furthermore, the Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP) implemented with World Bank assistance under the Ministry, ended on 31.05.2023. Under the component of capacity building, the Sri Lanka Institute of Forestry, Nuwara Eliya and the Giritale Wildlife Research and Training Center and the construction of the Inamaluwa Forest Science Field Training Center by both Department of Wildlife and Forest Conservation, provide the opportunity to efficiently fulfill the training needs of the officials.

As a ministry that provides strength to the country's economy by carrying out environmental conservation activities, it can be termed as an achievement that we have added a high total tourism income of about 7012 million rupees to the national income in the year 2023 by the three departments.

Mr. Gunadasa Samarasinghe, the Secretary of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation, which is a leading ministry that works to protect the beauty of nature and all living and non-living natural systems, and other officials of the Ministry, including the Conservator General of the Department of Forest Conservation, the Director General of the Wildlife and National Zoological Departments and the Chairman of the Timber Corporation, I would like to express my thanks to the General Manager and other officers and the staff who provided the necessary support to carry out the translation work.

Pavitra Wanniarachchi, Attorney-at-law (M.P)
Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

From the Secretary of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

It is my pleasure to add a message to the performance report of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation, which strives with the ambition of inheriting a green land bestowed with a high level of natural splendor for future generations by carefully utilizing ecosystem components in order to support human life.

Departments of Wildlife Conservation and Forest Conservation functioning under the Ministry are engaged in protecting the natural resources of the country, and the National Zoological Department is performing an excellent mission to preserve and maintain a diverse and healthy animal community. The State Timber Corporation is working to meet the timber needs of the country and to earn a high income by popularizing local products locally and abroad.

The Department of Forest Conservation is currently implementing programs to increase the forest density in the country up to 29.2% within the next few years. A number of programs and projects have been implemented for the establishment of agroforestry as well as the maintenance of established forestry, clearing of mature forestry, conservation of lake catchments, control of forest fires as well as commercial forestry establishment. The Department also having measures to provide necessary solutions to the problems of the people who have been living in associate with forests for a long time or engaged in agricultural activities in the 10 districts with the highest forest density in Sri Lanka.

In order to reduce human-elephant conflict, a major problem in the wildlife reserve network, which is more than 16% of the total land area of the island, the electric fence has been constructed as a physical barrier and the maintenance of the existing electric fence has been carried out. In addition, in order to meet the food needs of animals in the wild, necessary steps have been taken for animal welfare by managing fire belts and removing invasive plants, creating an ecosystem conducive to the survival of wild animals by rehabilitating water holes and small tanks. By improving the infrastructure of the national parks, carrying out the maintenance and improvement of the existing road system and improving the facilities of the circuit bungalows, efforts have been made to provide the necessary facilities to local and foreign tourists. Meanwhile, it has managed to earn an income of Rs. 5,723.0 million at the end of the year by attracting tourists from home and abroad.

In order to reduce human-elephant conflict, which is a major problem in the wildlife reserve network, which is more than 16% of the total land area of the island, the electric fence has been constructed as a physical barrier and the maintenance of the existing electric fence has been carried out. The Department of National Zoological Gardens maintains an animal collection consisting of various animals in order to gain global knowledge about the animal world as well as to gain educational knowledge about the diversity of the animals. Sub-institutions such as Dehiwala Zoo, Pinnawala Zoo, Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, and Ridhiyagama Safari Park are carrying out a large task by implementing programs to provide subject knowledge as well as entertainment to local and foreign tourists. Likewise, animal lovers have been given the opportunity to contribute to the welfare of an animal of their choice through the animal foster system.

The State Timber Corporation, which is the only statutory body under the Ministry, is engaged in a important role to achieve high sales of local timber products both locally and abroad. This year's sales income is Rs.4,706 million and in the year 2024, the necessary activities are being done to achieve a sales income exceeding Rs.6600 million.

Furthermore, the Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project implemented under the Ministry, under World Bank assistance, was completed by 31.05.2023. Thus, under the increased capacity of the Department of Wildlife and Forest Conservation, the opportunity has been provided to efficiently fulfill the training needs of the department officials through the modernization of the Sri Lanka Institute of Forestry in Nuwara Eliya and the Wildlife Research and Training Center in Giritale and the construction of the Inamaluwa Forest Science Field Training Center.

As a country full of natural beauty, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Hon. Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation, Mrs. Pavitra Vanniarachchi, who is leading the great mission of bequeathing a beautiful country to future generations. Also, I would like to express my thanks to all the ministry officials, heads of departments and institutes who contributed to this performance and provided information for the preparation of the performance report, as well as the officials who did the translation work.

Gunadasa Samarasinghe
Secretary
Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

Chapter 1 - Institutional Profile / Summary of Implementation

1.1 Introduction

The Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation established by Extraordinary Gazette No. 2187/27 dated 09.08.2020 has been entrusted with responsibility of protecting the most sensitive plants and animals on earth in accordance with the policies and ordinances related to wildlife protection and forest conservation. In this way, this ministry provides the necessary guidance to carry out the necessary coordination activities and programs to carry out a mega task of protecting biodiversity and forest resources. To fulfill all these tasks under this ministry, the three departments of Wildlife Conservation, Forest Conservation, National Zoological Gardens and State Timber Corporation are functioning.

The Ministry is also entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating activities necessary to fulfill the responsibility of the wildlife conservation and forest conservation departments to fulfill the responsibility of protecting the most sensitive plants and animals on earth, to provide necessary interventions and leadership to the work carried out for the animal welfare and conservation activities carried out by the National Zoological Department as well as objective of the State Timber Corporation to become the most precious wood and timber products supplier that has won the nation's credibility and preserving the natural environment and bequeathing it to future generations.

1.2 Vision and Mission of the Ministry

Vision

“A sustainable country where wildlife and forest resources conserved”

Mission

Having the objective of nurturing the biodiversity through conservation wildlife and forest resources, to give leadership to make policies on in-situ forest conservation and in-situ and ex-situ conservation of fauna and for the promotion of sustainable timber industry, coordination and steering of pilot agencies for the implementation”

1.3 functions and scope

Scope

Nurturing biodiversity through the conservation of biodiversity, expansion of the national forest cover through the forest cultivation and conservation of the natural habitats where wild animals live.

Functions and duties

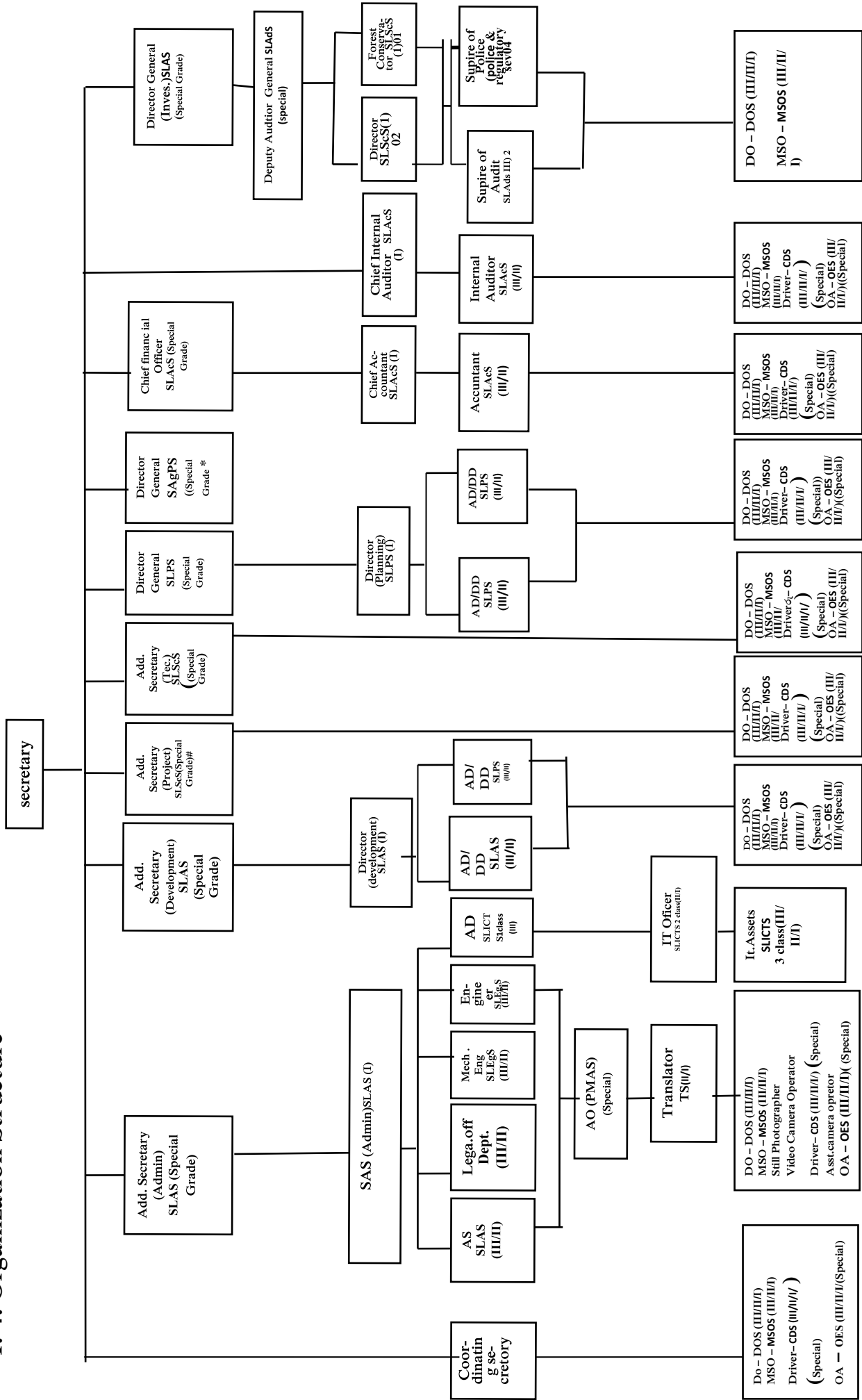
1. Formulation of policies relevant to the subject of wildlife and forest conservation in accordance with the laws and regulations to establish “Wildlife Conservation and Forest Conservation” in line with the “Vision of Prosperity” policy statement and other national policies expected to be implemented by the Government.
2. Implementation of projects under National Budget, Public Investment and National Development Projects.
3. Formulation, implementation, follow up and evaluation of the subjects and functions of the institutions under the purview of the Ministry and related policies, programs and projects.

Special priorities

1. Expansion of parks, reservoirs and food crops which needed for the protection of wildlife.
2. Implementation of modern measures to minimize damage to houses, property and crops by wild animals in rural areas.
3. Implementing community based protection techniques in line with safety measures including elephant fences and ditches in high risk areas to prevent human-elephant conflict.
4. Introduction and expansion of afforestation at home garden level as well as in schools, hospitals, offices, workplaces and road narrow areas as well as urban parks to increase forest cover by expanding afforestation.

- 5 Implementation of green coverage expansion programs.
6. Conserving wetlands and mangrove systems and controlling human activities that destroy them
7. Taking steps to identify eroded and barren lands and implementing cultivation of coconut other crops, grasses and establishment agroforestry gardens.
8. Encouraging establishment of afforestation strips around factories, urban tree groves, roadside plantings including expressways and highways, government office lands, afforestation around apartments, orchards and agroforestry home gardens.
9. Implementation of projects for reforestation.
10. Development of river valleys and establishment of specific sand mining strips along rivers and land.
11. Creating and popularizing the concept of green and smart cities and habitats, planing and implementing programs and projects to create eco-sensitive community.
12. To protect the lands reserved for the protection of wild animals, to develop lakes, rivers and forests in those areas and to create cultivations necessary for the promotion of food for wild animals.
13. Carrying out animal welfare and conservation activities.

1. 4. Organization Structure



#According to the Council of Ministers Decision No. 20/0010/227 dated 08/01/2020, it is approved without prejudice to the holder personally and the privileges of the position, and the position shall be abolished upon retirement, resignation or departure. Any other reason.

* If the officer holding that position leaves due to retirement, resignation or any other reason, the position will be abolished.

1.5 Institutions and projects under the Ministry

- Department of Wildlife Conservation
- Department of Forest Conservation
- Department of National Zoological Gardens
- State Timber Corporation
- Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP)

1.5.1 Sections implementing the role of the Ministry

1.5.1.1 Administrative Division

Providing necessary support to achieve the objectives of the Ministry through the management of human resources and physical resources, maintaining the administration and discipline of the Ministry, carrying out the institutional work of all the officers of the Ministry and the activities related to parliamentary advisory committees, parliamentary questions and cabinet memoranda done by the Administrative Division.

1.5.1.2 Planning Division

This division is responsible for planning and monitoring activities related to wildlife protection, forest conservation and animal welfare. Also, the necessary activities are coordinated to achieve the goals as per the annual action plan.

1.5.1.3 Development Division

This division regulates and supervises development activities related to the Departments of wildlife conservation, Forest Conservation, National Zoological Gardens and State Timber Corporation, Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project.

1.5.1.4 Accounts Division

The main function and task of this division is to provide the necessary direct support to the financial control role of the Ministry and the institutions under the Ministry subject to be performed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forestry as the Chief Accounting Officer. Accordingly, this division performs the planning, organization and management of the financial control activities of the Ministry and the institutions under the Ministry.

1.5.1.5 Technical Division

This Division assists in the scientific and technical activities related to the Departments and Institutions of Wildlife, Forest Conservation and National Zoological Gardens and coordinating and supervising the formal and effective implementation of these activities.

1.5.1.6 Internal Audit Division.

The Internal Audit Division conducts regular inspections to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal administrative systems operate related to the financial and operational affairs of the Ministry and conducts special inspections in relation to the departments.

1.5.1.7 Project Division

Correcting media information related to the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation and coordinating relevant projects is done by this section.

1.5.1.8 Legal Division

Coordination of the Legal Draftment's Department and the Attorney General's Department and the Honorable Minister of the Ministry and the Secretary of the Ministry with regard to the legal affairs of the departments/corporations under the scope of the Ministry, as a stakeholder and coordinate with the Attorney General's Department in connection with the assigned and existing cases.

1. 6 Summary of overall allocations related to the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation and the departments/institutions and projects under it (as on 31.12.2023)

Institution	Capital (Rs.mn)					Recurrent (Rs.mn)			Capital + Recurrent Total
	Consolidat- ed Fund	Special Budg- et Proposal	Department Fund	Foreign Fund	Total Capital	Consoli- dated	Depart- ment Fund	Recurrent To- tal	(Rs.mn)
Ministry of Wildlife and For- est resources conservation	14.00	*50.0	-	-	64.00	385.80	-	385.80	449.80
Department of Wildlife Con- servation	260.00	-	574.97	-	834.97	2103.00	2099.72	4202.72	5037.69
Department of Forest Con- servation	916.00	-	-	-	916.00	1800.10	-	1800.1	2716.1
Department of National Zoo- logical Gardens	171.00	-	114.50	-	285.50	593.10	1169.70	1762.80	2048.30
Ecosystems Conservation and Management Project	-	-	-	2324.00	2324.00	-	-	-	2324.00
State Timber Corporation	483.57	-	-	-	483.57	4330.00	-	4330.00	4813.57
Total (Rs.mn)	1844.57	50.0	689.47	2324.00	4908.04	9212.00	3269.42	12481.42	17389.46

* Allocations were directed to the Ministry and the implementation of the project was through the Department of Forestry.

Chapter 2 - Progress and forward vision

2.1 Financial Progress Summary of Development Programs of the Ministry and Departments—2022

(A) Consolidated Fund

Institution	Provision (Rs.Mn)	Actual Ex- penditure (Rs.Mn)	Expendi- ture %
Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation	14.00	12.12	86
Department of Wildlife Conservation	260.00	215.45	82
Department of Forest Conservation	916.00	890.07	97
Department of National Zoological Gardens	171.00	143.68	84
Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project	2324.00	1846.80	79
Total	3685.00	3108.12	84

(B) Special budgetary proposals

Institution	Provision (Rs.Mn)	Actual Ex- penditure	Expendi- ture %
Department of Forest Conservation	*50.00	47.79	96
Total	50.00	47.79	96

The allocation was allocated to the Ministry and the implementation of the project was through the Department of Forestry.

(C) Department Funds

Institution	Provision (Rs.Mn)	Actual Ex- penditure	Expendi- ture %
Department of Wildlife Conservation	574.97	574.89	100
Department of National Zoological Gardens	114.50	27.42	24
Total	689.47	602.31	87

2.2 Institutional progress summary as at 31.12.2023.

2.2.1 Financial progress of the State Timber Corporation

Institution	Capital Allocation (Rs.mn)	Actual Expenditure (Rs.mn)	Recurring Provisions (Rs. Mn)	Actual Cost (Rs. Mn)
State Timber Corporation	483.57	56.18	4330.00	3977.00

2.2.2 Production progress of the State Timber Corporation

Main component	Annual target 20223	Progress as at 31.12. 20223	Progress %
Trunks (m3)	90,708	92,246	102
sleepers (units)	30,000	21,887	73
Furniture (Rs.)	260.0	200.0	77
Electric poles (units)	9,500	5,916	62
Sawn timber (mm3)	3,620	3,997	110
Round Poles (Units)	17,263	50,027	290
Fence Posts (units)	32,669	62,882	192
Elephant Fence Posts (Units)	3,400	1056	31
Firewood (Rs.mn)	46,946	36,497	78

2.2.3 Sales income of the State Timber Corporation as at 31.12.2023.

Main component	Annual target 20223	Progress as at 31.12. 20223	Progress %
Trunks (m3)	3,506.0	3,081.0	88
sleepers (units)	669.0	715.3	107
Furniture (Rs.)	359.0	303.5	84.5
Electric poles (units)	223.0	131.5	59
Sawn timber (mm3)	388.0	294.0	76
Round Poles (Units)	1.0	12.2	8
Fence Poles	8.0	14.8	185
Elephant Fence Posts (Units)	30.0	62.6	208
Firewood (Rs.mn))	65.0	69.5	107
other	5.0	22.0	23
Total	5,254.0	4,706.4	89.6

2.3 Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project - Financial Progress

This project was started in the year 2017 with the aim of completing in five years with the aim of restoring and preserving the ecological system of the country, protecting the ecological systems full of biodiversity and raising the standard of living of the rural people around the forests. International Development Cooperation (IDA) has received funding for this in the form of a loan of 35.00 million dollars. Accordingly, development activities have been successfully carried out under the components of landscape planning and management pilot project, sustainable use of natural resources and elephant-human coexistence, protected area management and institutional capacity, project management. The project was successfully completed by 31.05.2023, achieving a financial progress of 98% after a delay of two years given by the World Bank under the situations of the Covid pandemic and the economic crisis. By the time this project is completed, the cumulative cost will be Rs. 7500.00.

2.3.1 Cumulative provision and cumulative expenditure as on 30.09.2023

Component		Financial progress (Rs.mn)		Financial Progress (%)	Physical Progress (%)
		Total provisions (Rs.mn)	Expenditure (Rs.mn)		
1	Pilot landscape planning and management.	121	121	100	100
2a	Sustainable use of natural resources to improve living conditions	243	243	100	100
2b	Elephant-Human Coexistence for Livelihood Protection	904	904	100	90
3a	Conservation of protected and managed areas.	1545	1,533	99	100
3b	Ecotourism in protected areas	445	440	99	100
3c	Development of institutional capacity and investment capacity of Wildlife Conservation and Forest Conservation Departments	4,034	3924	97	98
4	Project management	338	335	99	98
	Total	7,630	7,500	98	98

2.4 Departmental Tourist Arrivals and Revenues - as at 31.12.2022

Institution	Tourist arrivals			Income (Rs.mn.)			Total (Rs.mn.)
	Local	Foreign	Total	Local	For- eign	Other	
Department of Wildlife Conservation	59415	42211	101626	7.62	252.47	5,463.25	5,723.34
Department of Forest Conservation	320,582	123,471	444,053	26.56	146.14	26.41	199.12
Department of National Zoological Gardens	2,210,816	150,300	2,361,116	457.89	528.75	103.33	1,089.97
Total	2,590,813	315,982	2,906,795	492.07	927.36	5,592.99	7,012.43

2.4.1 Development activities of the Departments

- Department of Wildlife Conservation



Conducting road construction activities



Renovation of electric fences

- Department of Forest Conservation



Establishment of Argo forests



Demarcation of forest boundaries and declaration as protected or reserved forests

Department of Forest Conservation

- Department of National Zoological Gardens



Reconstruction of internal roads



Building for Zoological Academy

- State Timber Corporation



Preserving, curing and drying sawn timber.



Conducting print publication activities and awareness activities containing information related to timber

2.5 Ministry's special achievements challenges and future goals

2.5.1 Special achievements

- Under the coordination of the Ministry, efforts are being made to raise the revenue of the revenue generating departments such as wildlife, forest conservation and zoological gardens. Accordingly, by 31.12.2023, it has managed to earn an income of Rs. 7,012.0 million.
- Obtaining ISO accreditation.

Boossa Furniture Complex has won ISO 9001:2015 certification completing the initial phase of the process of obtaining ISO 9001:2015 certification for furniture complex of State Timber Corporation. The Sri Lanka Standards Institute conducted the audits to provide this certificate, and this certificate has standardized the processes of furniture and other woodwork, sawn timber, wood chipping, wood drying and preservation in the Boossa complex. Also, the research and training, marketing, human resources and administration, procurement activities of the head office are also covered by the ISO 9001:2015 quality management system.

- Gal Oya Ecological Park at the Polonnaruwa Habarana Division was opened to local and foreign tourists in 2023.
- Providing training on the use of drones to efficiently obtain information for forest protection activities and carry out raids.
- The Rotarac Club of the Faculty of Management and Finance of the University of Colombo will establish a QR code system for the bird section of the Dehiwala Zoo in May 2023 in collaboration with the Dehiwala Zoo as its third phase aiming at the improvement of conservation of fauna and flora.
- On the occasion of Biodiversity Day, on May 22, 2023, together with the Ministry of Environment, the very rare species of Suvanda plants identified as only found in the protected ecosystem of Valav Watta in Waturana were planted in Dehiwala Zoo and along with that, conducting an awareness program for fifty school children regarding the importance of protecting plants and its ecosystems.

2.5.2 Challenges

- The need for the physical and human resources required to implement programs to resolve the ever-growing elephant-human conflict, the problems to be faced in the interconnection between the institutions involved in the construction of the electric fence, the problems related to the land, and the public protests, the delays in the relevant institutions in the importation of the electric grid equipment.
- Lack of trained officers with sufficient experience in the field in strengthening and maintaining the mechanism to combat wildlife crime.
- Insufficient contribution of the public sector to increase the forest cover

In the work of increasing the forest cover in Sri Lanka, the implementation of the public sector alone is not enough

- Problems of illegal occupation of land belonging to the Forestry Department
- Increasing pressure from various parties against keeping animals in zoos and the inconsistency of animal welfare policies that change from time to time.
- Problems in selling furniture to State Timber Corporation under economic crisis.
- There is a shortage of employees in the Departments of Wildlife, Forest Conservation, and Zoological Gardens

2.5.3 Future Goals

2.5.3.1 Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

- As per the decision of Cabinet of Minister CM/22/2272/613/023 dated 09.01.2024 it has been approved to introduce a new Act called Forest Re-plantation and Tree Cover Act. It is expected to carry out further activities.
- As the national policy related to the Live Act is carried out by the Ministry of Environment, it is expected to carry out the work related to the Living Systems Act as soon as that work is completed.
- To take necessary next steps to implement the National Evaluation Policy
- Introducing an insurance system to reduce damage caused by wild animals
- Increasing income generation by providing residential facilities for external training needs of Giritale Wildlife Training Centre, Inamaluwa Training Centre, Nuwara Eliya Institute of Forestry

Department of Forest Resources Conservation

- Update of existing plans for scientific and management of forests under the management of the Department of Forestry.
- Excluding the lands declared as reserved forests and maintaining them for long term development and identifying, mapping the boundaries to include the parts of the forests that can be further developed as forests.
- Implementation of methods and preparation of guidelines to increase forest cover by 30% by 2025
- Proposals for amending 5 new laws related to forest conservation have been submitted to the Attorney General's Department. Accordingly, the goal is to make these amendments this year.
- In conjunction with the International Day of Forests and under the objectives of Sri Lanka's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 2021-2030) on climate change mitigation of the United Nations, home garden development, seedling production, agroforestry establishment and maintenance, forestry extension programs, urban tillage installation and the activities of planting trees on the sides of the roads, maintaining nurseries and planting trees outside the forests are to be carried out.

Department of Wildlife Conservation

- Improving new technical methods (GPS, GIS) to combat wildlife crimes and informing officials about the Wildlife and Vegetation Ordinance Act, as well as amending the Act to suit the present day and establishing an intelligence unit to combat wildlife crimes
- Development of infrastructure in National Parks and promotion of e-services for tourists
- Improvement of facilities in wildlife health units for treatment of suppressed animals

- Implementation of training programs and projects to empower the rural people around the protected areas

Department of National Zoological Gardens

- Establishment of an online ticketing system for tourists visiting zoos.
- Obtaining the international quality standard certificate related to the Department of National Zoological Gardens, obtaining the international environmental quality standard certificate, making necessary arrangements to obtain green productivity gold awards. Making necessary arrangements to obtain the certificate for the best tourist center
- Establishment of an online ticketing system for tourists visiting zoological Gardens.
- Obtaining the international quality standard certificate related to the Department of National Zoological Gardens, obtaining the international environmental quality standard certificate, making necessary arrangements to obtain green productivity gold awards. Making necessary arrangements to obtain the certificate for the best tourist center
- Arranging to obtain ISO 9001 quality standard certificate and ISO1- 4001 environmental standard certificate for the Department of National Zoological Gardens.
- Making the a certification body for professional training skills levels 5 and 6.
- Maintaining a pool of trained elephants for processions.
- Implementing an elephant conservation program ensuring the welfare and care of elephants.

Chapter 03 -Overall financial performance of the year

3.1 Financial performance statement

For the financial year ended 31.12.2023.

Financial performance statement

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Amended budget pro- visions 2023		Note	Actual		
			2023	2022	
			Rs..	Rs..	
	- Income receipts		-	-	
	- Income tax	1	-	-	
	- Taxes on domestic goods and services	2	-	-	ACA-1
	- Taxes on international trade	3	-	-	
	- Non-tax income and others	4	-	-	
	- Total income receipts		-	-	
	- Total non-revenue receipts (b)		-	-	
	- Treasury Imprests		229,781,304	92,860,000.00	ACA3
	- Deposits		16,141,395	362,288.00	ACA4
	- Advance accounts		7,481,582	6,160,425.00	ACA-5
	Other General Ledger Accounts Receivable		-	-	
	- Total non-revenue receipts (b)		253,404,281	99,382,713	
	- Net revenue receipts and non-revenue receipts e = (c)-(d)		253,404,281	99,382,713	
	Remittances to treasury (d)		8,666,192	217,027	
	Net revenue receipts and non-revenue receipts e = (c)-(d)		244,738,089	99,165,686	
	Reduced : Expenses				
	- Recurring expenses		-	-	
82,000,000	Salaries, wages and other employee benefits	5	91,348,436	95,243,134	
302,900,000	Other goods and services	6	189,979,539	104,343,802	ACA-2 (ii)
500,000	Subsidies, grants and transfers	7	196,203	342,329	
	- Interest payments	8	-	-	
400,000	Other recurring expenses	9	174,334	163,210	
385,800,000	Total Recurring Expenses (E)		281,698,512	200,092,475	

Amended budget provisions 2023		Note	Actual		
			2023	2022	
			Rs..	Rs..	
	Capital expenditure				
12,500,000	Capital asset rehabilitation and improvements	10	11,712,181	4,406,337	
50,500,000	Acquisitions of capital assets	11	-	199,950	
	-Capital transfers	12	-	-	ACA-2 (ii)
	-Acquisition of financial assets	13	-	-	
1,000,000	Capacity building	14	409,880	683,678	
2,324,000,000	Other capital expenditure	15	1,846,800,161	2,124,068,975	
2,388,000,000	Total Capital Expenditure (G)		1,858,922,222	2,129,358,940	
	Deposit payments				
			5,423,229	286,537	ACA-4
	Advance payments		5,667,018	9,881,393	ACA-5
	Other General Ledger Account Payments		-	-	
	General Ledger Expenses (H)		11,090,247	10,167,930	
	Total expenditure I = (F+G+H)		2,151,710,981	2,339,619,345	
	Balance as on 31st December J = (E-I)		(1,906,972,892)	-	
	Balance as per imprest adjustment expression		(1,906,972,892)	(2,240,453,659)	ACA-7
	Closing balance as on 31st December		-	-	ACA-3
			-	-	

3.2 Financial performance statement

Statement of Financial status as on 31.12.2023

RS. 000
ACA-3

	Note	Actual	
		2023	2022
		Rs..	Rs.
Non-financial assets			
Property, plant and equipment	ACA-6	287,978,435	205,209,015
Financial assets			
Advance accounts	ACA-5/5 (A)	12,752,014	14,566,578
Cash and cash equivalents	ACA-3	0	0
Total assets		300,730,449	219,775,593
Net Assets / Mass			
Net Assets to Treasury		1,878,447	14,411,177
Inventory of property and equipment		287,978,435	205,209,015
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(B)		
Current liabilities			
Deposit accounts	ACA-4	10,873,567	155,401
The imprest balance	ACA-3	-	-
Total liabilities		300,730,449	219,775,593

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from ...07... to ...49 and Annexures to accounts presented in pages from ...41... to ...52... form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles whereas most appropriate Accounting Policies are used as disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

We hereby certify that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Reporting Entity and carried out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of internal control system for the financial control and accordingly make alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.


Chief Accounting Officer
Name :
Designation :
Date :

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Accounting Officer
Name :
Designation :
Date :


Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Accountant/
Director (Finance)/ Commissioner (Finance)
Name :
Date : 2024. 02. 19

Gunadasa Samarasinghe
Secretary
Ministry of Wildlife and Forest
Resources Conservation

Kumarasiri Perera
Chief Financial Officer
Ministry of Wildlife and
Forest Resources Conservation

3.3 Financial performance statement

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31.12.2023

Rs.000

	Actual	
	2023	2022
	Rs.	Rs.
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash flow from investing activities (F)=(D)-(E)		
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Surcharges, Fines and Permits	-	-
Profit	-	-
Non-Revenue Receipts	-	-
Income collected on behalf of other heads of income	5,252,745	49,283,503
Imprest receipts	229,781,304	92,860,000
Advance recoveries	7,123,584	9,027,977
Deposit Receipts	16,141,395	362,288
Cash flow from operating activities (A)	258,299,029	151,533,768
Deducted: Cash expenses		
Personnel emoluments and operating expenses	201,756,921	155,660,949
Subsidies and transfers	370,537	342,329
Expenditure incurred on other heads of expenditure	429,462	(25,698,646)
Advances paid to Treasury	8,666,192	217,027
Advance payments	5,667,018	11,586,452
Deposit payments	5,423,229	286,537
Cash flow spent on operational activities (B)	222,313,359	142,394,648
Net cash flow generated from operating activities (C)=(A)-(B)	35,985,670	9,139,120
Cash flows generated from investing activities		
Interests	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Relinquishment Provisions and Sale of Physical Assets	-	-
Debt recoveries	-	-
Cash flow generated from investing activities (D)	-	-
Deducted: Cash expenses		
Capital expenditure	35,985,670	9,139,120
Total cash flow spent on investing activities (E)	35,985,670	9,139,120
Net cash flow generated from investing activities (F)=(D)-(E)	(35,985,670)	(9,139,120)

	Actual	
	2023	2022
	Rs.	Rs.
Net cash flow generated from operating and investing activities (L)=(C) + (F)	-	-
Cash flows from financing activities		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Receipt of Grants	-	-
Total cash flow from financing activities (H)	-	-
<u>Deducted: Financial expenses</u>		
Domestic loan repayments	-	-
Foreign loan repayments	-	-
Total cash flow used in financing activities (E)	-	-
Cash flow generated from financing activities (J)=(H)-(I)	-	-
Net change in cash (L) = (G)+(J)	-	-
Opening balance as on January 1	-	-
Closing balance as on 31st December	-	-

3.4 Notes to Financial Statements

Basis of reporting

01. Reporting Period

The period from 01 January to 31 December 2023 is the reporting period for which these financial statements relate.

02. Basis of measurement

The financial statements are prepared on historical cost basis and some assets are presented at revalued value. Unless otherwise stated, the accounts are prepared on an accrual cash basis. The financial statements are presented in Sri Lanka Rupees to the nearest rupee.

03. Recognition of income

Exchange and non-exchange revenues are recognized as revenue in the period in which the cash is received, regardless of the period in which they are due.

04. Identification and measurement of property, plant and equipment

Assets are recognized as property, plant and equipment when there is certainty that future economic benefits related to the asset will flow to the entity and the asset can be reliably measured.

Property, plant and equipment are recognized at cost and revalued value is used where the cost model is not applicable

05. Inventory of property, plant and equipment

This reserve account is the corresponding account of property, plant and equipment.

06. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents on hand as of December 31, 2023 consist of local currency notes and coins.

In cases where there are transactions specific to a particular reporting entity, revisions can be made as needed in those forms. Also, the disclosure required for those particular transactions can be included under "Reporting Basis".

Only the accounting policies relevant to its reporting entity should be disclosed under the reporting basis.

07. Changes made in the financial statement format and re-adjustment of the comparative values of the previous year.

Corresponding adjustments have been made to the comparative figures for the year 2022 as per the changes made in the financial statement formats for the year 2023.

3.5 Revenue Collection Performance (Not applicable)

Rs. , 000

Income Code	Description of Income Code	Income Estimate		Collected Income	
		Initial Estimate	Final Estimate	Amount (Rs.)	As % of Final Revenue Estimate
Not relevant					

3.6 Allocated provision utilization performance

Rs. , 000

Provision type	Allocated provisions		Actual expenditure	Allocation used as % of final allocation amount completed
	Initial provision	Final provision		
Recurrent	405,800	385,800	281,698	73
Capital	2,368,000	2,388,000	1,858,922	78

3.7 As per the F.R 208, Allocations awarded to the Division on behalf of other Ministries/ Department

Rs. , 000

Sub-No.	Ministry/ Department of allocation received	Purpose of Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Allocation as % of Final Allocation Disbursed
			Initial allocation	Final allocation		
01	Department Railways	Free train tickets for government officials	1,040	1,040	1,040	100
02	Department of Treasury Operations	Payment of electricity and water bills at the Ministry office premises	11,867	11,867	11,337	95
03	Department of Treasury Operations	Payment of building rent of Ministry office premises	67,192	67,192	67,192	100
04	Ecosystem Management Project	Costs associated with foreign finance	4,000	24,000	23,863	99
05	Department of Forest Conservation	Land and Land Development	50,000	50,000	47,789	95

3.8 Performance of non-financial asset reporting

Rs. , 000

Asset Code	Code Description	Balance as per Commodity Survey Report as on 31.12.2023	Balance as per Financial Condition Report as on 21.12.2023	To be accounting	Progress to be reported as %
9151	Buildings and structures	-	-	-	-
9152	Machinery	287,331	287,331	-	100
9153	land	-	-	-	-
9154	Intangible assets	647	647	-	100
9155	Biological assets	-	-	-	-
9160	work in progress	-	-	-	-
9180	Leased assets	-	-	-	-

3.9 Auditor General's Report

The Auditor General's report is attached.

Chapter 04 - Performance indicator

4.1 Performance Indicators (Ministry and Institutions) as per Institutional Action Plan

Special indicators	Percentage of expected output as actual output %		
	100-90	75-89	50- 74
Length of the electric fence		√	
Income (Rs.mn)	√		
Percentage of coverage increase during the year			√

Chapter 05 - Performance of achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

5.1 Identified relevant Sustainable Development Goals

Since the mission of the Ministry is to coordinate the departments under the Ministry for the conservation of biodiversity in Sri Lanka, the necessary tasks to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals are carried out through the Departments.

- Department of Forest Conservation**

Sustainable Development Goals	Sustainable Development Objectives	Departmental objectives	Achievement indicators	Achievements progress as at now			
				0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%	
15. Restoring, protecting and promoting the sustainable use of geographic ecosystems, sustainable forest management, combating desertification, halting and rehabilitating land degradation and biodiversity loss	15.1. Restoring, protecting and promoting the sustainable use of geographic ecosystems, sustainable forest management, combating desertification, halting and rehabilitating land degradation and biodiversity loss	Increasing forest coverage to 32% by 2030					
		2023 Goals					
		1. Preparation of forest censuses and tree lists in 408.4 hec.	Preparation of forest censuses and tree lists in 408.4 hec.	-	-	100	
		2. Continuation of 09 existing researches.	Continuation of 09 existing researches has been completed.	-	-	99	
		3. . Conducting nursery and laboratory research	a. The transplanted teak plants and wallapatta plants have been transferred to poly bags for acclimatization and are doing well. b. Germination of palu and kenda seeds has been done	-	-	90	
		4.Installation and development of 03 new experimental and research centres.	a. Preliminary research work has been done to produce plants from selected mother plants under the propagation - Lunimidella and Toona ciliata plants. b 500 root stock plants have been produced for the production of transplants required for the establishment of teak seed gardens. c. Tissue cultured teak grafts and normal teak plants were established in the field as a comparative experiment.	-	50	-	

Sustainable Development Goals	Sustainable Development Objectives	Departmental objectives	Achievement indicators	Achievements progress as at now		
				0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
	15.2. By 2020, sustainably manage, promote and halt deforestation of all types of forests, restore degraded forests, and promote global afforestation and reforestation.	Increasing forest coverage to 32% by 2030				
		2023 Goals				
		5. Forest surveys and demarcation of 20Km		40		
		6. Mapping 200 Km for publication in Forest Gazette				
		7. Data collection for updating forestry data system of 31,000 ha				
		1. Planting and maintenance of 47 ha by war heroes.	Cultivated lands	-	-	93
		2. Maintaining and maintaining 302 ha mangrove forests	Mangrove conservation area	-	-	95
		3. Maintenance of saplings planted in 195 ha for the conservation of lake catchments	Restored forest catchments	-	-	94
		4. . Establishment of 754.45 ha of commercial forestry (RCT)	Establishment of 631.31 ha of commercial forests	-	-	83.67

Sustainable Development Goals	Sustainable Development Objectives	Departmental objectives	Achievement indicators	Achievements progress as at now		
				0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
		Increasing forest coverage to 32% by 2030				
		2023 Goals				
		5. Establishment of 40 hec. of forests.	Establishment of 40 hectares of Kabilitta Forest	-	-	100
		6. Establishment of 424 hec. of agro-forestry plantations.	Establishment of Agricultural Cultivation in 423.55 hec.	-	-	100
		7. Maintenance of forests where natural regeneration acceleration activities occurring - in 3933 hectares have been carried out.	Forests restored Land	-	-	98
		8. Maintenance of 341.5 5. Heck. Establishment of 40 acres of forestry.	Forested Land	-	-	97
		9. Maintenance of 622 hec. of forested land with thorny shrubs	The land of thorny shrubs turned into forests	-	-	96
		10. Maintenance of abandoned garden lands converted into forests in 10.130 hectares	Land with abandoned gardens turned into forests	-	-	98
		11. Maintenance of 4 hectares of tree planting in religious places	Forested Land	-	-	98
		12.Establishment of of 25 fire belts	Establishment of Fire Belts	-	-	99
		13.Conducting of 72 fire control programmes	Implementation of fire control programmes	-	-	96
		14 Preparation of 50 new forest management plans for natural forests	Preparation of 200 new forest management plans for natural forests	-	-	100
		15. Preparation of 01 macro forest management plan for forest complexes.	Preparation of updated macro forest management plan for Sinharaja Forest Complex.	-	-	100

Sustainable Development Goals	Sustainable Development Objectives	Departmental objectives	Achievement indicators	Achievements progress as at now		
				0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
		Increasing forest coverage to 32% by 2030				
		2023 Goals				
		16. Conducting 05 workshops to create awareness on the preparation of forest management plans (North Central, East, North, South/ Sabaragamuwa, North Western and Western Zones) 17. The Social Forestry and Forest Extension Division has made provisions for the Central and Uva Regions.	04 workshops have been conducted to raise awareness about the preparation of forest management plans. (North Central, East, North, South/ Sabaragamuwa, North West-Western, Central-Uva Zones)	-	-	80
		18.Maintenance of established agroforestry of 1800 ha.	Maintaining/ maintenance of established agroforestry (of 1351.35 ha).	-	-	75
		19. Maintenance of 100 ha of coastal forestry / maintenance of 46 ha	Maintenance of 46 ha	46%		
		20. Setting up coastal forestry of 25 ha.	25 ha coastal forest establishment	-	-	100
		21. Conducting 1000 forest extension programs.	Conducting 1064 forest extension programs	-	-	100
		22. Conducting 1000 garden development programs.	Conducting 1000 home garden development programs.	-	-	100
		23. Conducting 25 tree planting programs in schools, public and private sector offices.	Conducting 25 tree planting programs in schools, public and private sector offices.	-	-	100
		24.Maintenance of immature forest of 4453.34 ha	Forestry maintenance in 4808.34 ha	-	-	107

Sustainable Development Goals	Sustainable Development Objectives	Departmental objectives	Achievement indicators	Achievements progress as at now		
				0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
		Increasing forest coverage to 32% by 2030				
		2023 Goals				
		25.Kabillitta forest plantation maintenance in 1033 ha	25.1033 ha of forest plantation maintenance in Kebilitta	-	-	100
		26. Implementation of tree planting activities on the sides of 36 km extent of roads.	Plantation of trees on both sides of the 4075 km road programs on doing	-	-	100
		27. Installation of urban forests.	27. Establishment of 20 urban forests	-	-	100
		28. Carrying out special development activities (eco-tourism).	1.Construction of safety side wall at Kanneliya Conservation Centre. 2. Construction of Kanneliya restaurant. 3.Construction of new ticket windows in Addahalella. 4. Construction of 3 new campsites at identified locations. (Kandalam, Galwila and Ohiya)	-	-	100
		29.upkeep and maintaining eco-tourism centers.	16 eco-tourism centers have been maintained.	-	-	100

Sustainable Development Goals	Sustainable Development Objectives	Departmental objectives	Achievement indicators	Achievements progress as at now		
				0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
	.	Increasing forest coverage to 32% by 2030				
		2023 Goals				
	15.4. By 2030, ensure the conservation of mountain ecosystems by conserving biodiversity to increase their capacity to deliver essential benefits for sustainable development.	1. 50 ha montane forest maintenance.	50 ha mountain maintenance	-	-	100
	15.8. By 2020, identify new invasive alien species in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and introduce measures to significantly reduce their impact and control or eliminate these species.	1. 180 ha removal of invasive plants and maintenance of those areas.	Removal of invasive plants and maintenance of those areas.	-	-	96

• **Department of Wildlife Conservation**

Goal/Objective	Goals (SDG)	Achievement indicators	Achievements progress as at now		
			0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
14. Conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine sources and resources for sustainable development.	14.7 Conservation of Marine Life	- Public awareness programs and workshops for marine conservation. - Renovated turtle conservation centers.	-	√	-
15. Protection of terrestrial ecosystems, restoration, promotion for sustainable use, sustainable management of forests, combating desertification, reducing damage to biodiversity	15.1 Acquisition of Capital Assets	- New buildings constructed in wildlife sanctuaries - Number. - Number of machines and office equipment, vehicles purchased.	-	√	-
	15.1 Capital Asset Rehabilitation and Improvements	- Number of buildings, office equipment, vehicles repaired. - Survey and Demarcation of Wildlife Reserves.	-	√	-
	15.1 Implementation of human resource development programs for wildlife conservation.	- Number of local training programs on wildlife conservation - Number of awareness programs for external parties	-	-	√
	15.1 Infrastructure development in protected areas	- Distance of improved road systems in National Parks (km). - Number of sanitation facilities developed. - Number of water supply systems and solar power supply systems developed.	-	-	√
	15.1/15. 915.c Reducing human-elephant conflict	- Length of newly constructed electric fence (km) - Length of electric fence maintained (km) - Number of electric fence watchers hut maintained. - Amount of thunder crackers purchased. - Number of electric fence equipment purchased.	-	-	√

Goal/ Objective	Goals (SDG)	Achievement indicators	Achievements progress as at now		
			0%- 49%	50%- 74%	75%- 100%
•	15.1/15.8 /15.9/15.c Minimizing wildlife- human conflict 15.5/15.c International Training on Modern Methods for Wildlife Conservation	- Number of improved wild- life habitats. - Number of public awareness and education programs conducted.	-	-	√
	15.4/15.8/15.9/15.c In- creasing livelihood op- portunities for local communities	Number of rural community projects implemented with the aim of uplifting the eco- nomic status of the commu- nities surrounding the pro-	-		√
	15.5/15.6/15.7/ 15.c Im- plementation of the Fau- na and Flora Protection Ordinance (FFPO) and the Convention on Inter- national Trade in Endan- gered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	Number of CITES and FFPO permits issued	-	-	√
	15.5/15.c International Training on Modern Methods for Wildlife Conservation	Number of local and foreign programs conducted	-		√

Chapter 06 - Profile of human resources

6.1 Cadre management

	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Vacancies / Surplus
Senior	36	18	18
Tertiary	03	01	02
Secondary	83	66	17
Primary	26	23	03

6.2. How the lack or excess of human resources affects the performance of the organization

Recruitment is being done for the available vacancies in primary grade posts. Also, the officials are engaged in their duties on weekends and after office hours to maintain the performance of the ministry.

6.3 Human resources development

- Training programs conducted in the Ministry

Name of the Program	Number of Employees Trained	Duration of Program	Total investment (Rs. 000)		Nature of Program (Domestic/ Foreign)	Output/ Knowledge Gain*
			Local	Foreign		
Answering Audit Queries- Certificate Course	02	14.02.2023 28.02.2023	30,000	-	Domestic	Knowledge related to subject has been acquired
Maintaining a personal file in an effective manner	03	15.02.2023	15,000	-	Domestic	
Fixation of salaries of Government officers	04	21.03.2023	20,000	-	Domestic	
Office procedures	02	27.03.2023 28.03.2023	20,000	-	Domestic	
Advanced Certificate Course in Public Procurement and Asset Management	01	17.05.2023 19.07.2023	30,000	-	Domestic	
Role and Responsibilities of Leave Clerks	02	13.07.2023 14.07.2023	19,000	-	Domestic	

Name of the Program	Number of Employees Trained	Duration of Program	Total investment (Rs. 000)		Nature of Program (Domestic/ Foreign)	Output/ Knowledge Gain*
			Local	Foreign		
Basic investigative training	03	24.07.2023 25.07.2023	28,500	-	Domestic	Knowledge related to subject has been acquired
Project Management Course	05	27.07.2023 28.07.2023	37,500	-	Domestic	
Government Officials Advance B Account	02	23.08.2023	12,000	-	Domestic	
Smart Office Techniques	02	05.09.2023 07.09.2023	36,000	-	Domestic	
Filing	50	27.09.2023	-	-	Domestic	
Annual Commodity Survey	04	21.11.2023 22.11.2023	40,000	-	Domestic	
Damages and loss. Test under FR 104	03	28.11.2023	15,000	-	Domestic	
Fixation of salaries of Government officers	04	08.12.2023	20,000	-	Domestic	
Writing office notes and writing duty letters	01	18.11.2023	5,000	-	Domestic	
Professional development of office assistants and drivers for a quality work environment	01	30.11.2023	5,000	-	Domestic	
Office management and financial regulations	01	15.12.2023 13.12.2023	20,000	-	Domestic	
Ministerial Workshop on Sustainable Forest Development under South- South Cooperation for Developing Countries	01	10.08.2023 16.08.2023	-	200	Foreign	
Invitation to the First Pu'ur Forum on Asia – Pacific Forest - China	02	23.10.2023 27.10.2023	-	400	Foreign	

Chapter 07 - Compliance Report

Num-ber	Requirement to be covered	Compliance Sta-tus (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	In case of non-compliance, brief explana-tion for the same	precise deci-sions and ac-tions proposed to prevent non-compliance in future.
01	Financial statements/ accounts have been submit-ted on due date			
1.1	Annual Financial Statements	Compliant		
1.2	Government Officers' Advance Account	Compliant		
1.3	Business Product Advance Ac-counts (Commercial Advance Account)	Non-compliant		
1.4	Warehouse Advance Accounts	Non-compliant		
1.5	Special Advance Account	Non-compliant		
1.6	Other	Non-compliant		
2	Maintenance of books and doc-uments. (F.R.445)			
2.1	Updating and maintaining fixed assets register as per State Administration Circular 267/2018.	Compliant		
2.2	Updating and maintaining per-sonnel payroll / personnel pay-roll cards.	Compliant		
2.3	Audit query document	Compliant		
2.4	Updating and maintaining in-ternal audit report register	Compliant		
2.5	Prepare all monthly account summaries (CIGAS) and sub-mit to the Treasury on due dates.	Compliant		
2.6	Updating and maintaining check and money order register	Compliant		
2.7	Maintaining inventory register up to date.	Compliant		

Number	Requirement to be covered	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	In case of non-compliance, brief explanation for the same	precise decisions and actions proposed to prevent non-compliance in future.
2.8	Updating and maintaining stock register.	Compliant		
2.9	Updating and maintaining the loss register	Compliant		
2.10	Updating and maintaining the credit register	Compliant		
2.11	Updating and maintaining counter foil Book Register (GAN 20).	Compliant		
03	Exercise of functions for financial control (F.R.135)			
3.1	Financial powers have been delegated within the organization	Compliant		
3.2	Awareness within the organization about delegation of financial powers	Compliant		
3.3	Delegation of powers so that every transaction is approved through two or more officers	Compliant		
3.4	According to the Public Accounts Circular No. 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014, when using the government payroll software package, it should be done under the control of accountants.	Compliant		
4	Preparation of annual plans			
4.1	Preparation of Annual Action Plan	Compliant		
4.2	Preparation of annual procurement plan	Compliant		

Number	Requirement to be covered	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	In case of non-compliance, brief explanation for the same	precise decisions and actions proposed to prevent non-compliance in future.
4.3	Preparation of annual internal audit plan	Compliant		
4.4	Prepare the annual estimate and submit it to the National Budget Department (NBD) on due date	Compliant		
4.5	Submission of annual cash flow statement to Treasury Operations Department on due date	Compliant		
5	Audit quarries			
5.1	All audit queries have been answered by the date fixed by the Auditor General Internal auditing	Compliant		
6	Internal auditing			
6.1	According to F.R 134(2) DMA/1-2019 at the beginning of the year after discussion with the Auditor General prepare internal audit plan	Compliant		
6.2	Responding to every internal audit report within one month	Compliant		
6.3	Pursuant to sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, copies of all internal audit reports have been submitted to the Management Audit Department.	Compliant		
6.4	Pursuant to Finance Regulation 134 (3), copies of all internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General.	Compliant		
7	Audit and Management Committees			
7.1	As per DMA Circular 1-2019, at least 04 Audit and Management Committees have been maintained during the relevant year.	Compliant		

Num- ber	Requirement to be covered	Compli- ance Sta- tus (Complia nt/Non- Compli- ant)	In case of non- compli- ance, brief explana- tion for the same	precise decisions and ac- tions pro- posed to prevent non- compli- ance in future.
8	Asset management Prepare daily running notes and monthly summary reports for reserve vehicles and submit them to the Auditor General on the due date			
8.1	According to Chapter 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017, information on asset purchases and misappropriations has been submitted to the Office of the Comptroller General.	Compliant		
8.2	According to Chapter 13 of the above circular, a suitable liaison officer has been appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the said circular and information about that officer has been reported to the office of the Comptroller General.	Compliant		
8.3	According to State Finance Circular No. 05/2016, goods surveys have been conducted and related reports have been submitted to the Auditor General on the due date.	Compliant		
8.4	The excess deficiencies and other recommendations revealed by the annual commodity survey have been made within the period mentioned in the circular	Compliant		
8.5	Disposal of confiscated goods is carried out according to M.R. 772	Compliant		
9	Vehicle management			
9.1	Vehicles have been used for less than 06 months after acquisition Maintaining and updating vehicle log books	Compliant		
9.2	Disposal of vehicle less than 6 months after it was acquired	Compliant		
9.3	Maintaining and updating vehicle log books	Compliant		

Number	Requirement to be covered	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	In case of non-compliance, brief explanation for the same	precise decisions and actions proposed to prevent non-compliance in future.
9.4	Dealing with F.R.103,104,109 and 110 in respect of every vehicular accident	Compliant		
9.5	Re-inspection of fuel combustion in vehicles as per the provisions mentioned in 3.1 of State Administrative Circular No. 2016/30 dated 29.12.2016	Compliant		
9.6	After the lease period, full ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been taken over	Non-compliant	Out of the vehicles belonging to the Ministry, 07 vehicles are acquired under the lease system Among those 07 vehicles, absolute rights of 6 vehicles have been revoked and attached to the Ministry of Agriculture.	Attached to Ministry of Agriculture.
10	Bank account management			
10.1	Prepare and certify bank reconciliation statements on due dates and submit them for audit	Compliant		
10.2	Settlement of inactive bank accounts brought forward from the year under review or earlier years	Compliant		
10.3	In relation to the balances revealed in the bank reconciliation statements and which should have been adjusted, the balances have been settled within a period of one month by proceeding in accordance with the monetary regulations.	Compliant		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	To incur expenses so that the provisions made do not exceed their limits	Compliant		
11.2	In terms of F.R.94(1), incurring liabilities so that the remaining provision does not exceed the limit at the end of the year after the provision made has been utilized.	Compliant		

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12	Advance Accounts of Government Officials			
12.1	Compliance with restrictions	Compliant		
12.2	Having done a time analysis of out- standing loan balances	Compliant		
12.3	Outstanding loan balances that have been in existence for more than a year have been settled	Compliant		
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	Dealing with overdue deposits as per F.R. 571	Compliant		
13.2	Updating and maintaining control ac- count for public deposits	Compliant		
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	Remittance of cash book balance to Treasury Operations Department at the end of the year under review	Compliant		
14.2	The sub imprest issued in terms of F.R.371 is settled within one month of the completion of the work.	Compliant		
14.3	F.R.371 issued sub imprest not ex- ceeding sanctioned limit.	Compliant		
14.4	Monthly reconciliation of imprest ac- count balance with treasury books	Compliant		
15	Income Account			
15.1	Repayments have been made out of the collected revenue in accordance with the relevant regulations	Non-compliant		
15.2	The accumulated income has been directly credited to the income instead of being credited to the deposit ac- count.	Non-compliant		
15.3	Arrears of revenue reports have been submitted to the Auditor General as per F.R.176.	Non-compliant		

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16	Human Resources Management			
16.1	Maintaining staff within the approved staffing limit	Compliant		
16.2	Duty lists have been given in writing to all staff members	Compliant		
16.3	All reports have been submitted to the Management Services Department as per MSD Circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Compliant		
17	Providing information for the public			
17.1	Appoint an information officer and update and maintain a register of disclosure of information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and Regulations.	Compliant		
17.2	Information about the institution has been provided through its website and the public has been facilitated to express praises/ accusations about the institution through the website or through alternative channels.	Compliant		
17.3	Reports submitted twice a year or once a year as per Sections 08 and 10 of the Right to Information Act	Compliant		
18	Implementation of the Citizens Charter			
18.1	In accordance with Ministry of Public Administration and Management circulars No. 05/2008 and 05/2018(1), formulation and implementation of a citizen/ beneficiary charter	Compliant		

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18.2	According to 2.3 of the said circular, institutions have prepared a system to monitor and evaluate the preparation and implementation of the citizen/client charter. A Human Resource Plan has been prepared based on Annexure 02 form of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018	Compliant		
19	Formulation of human resource plan			
19.1	A Human Resource Plan has been prepared based on Annexure 02 form of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018	Compliant		
19.2	A training opportunity of at least 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been confirmed in the above mentioned human resource plan.	Compliant		
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for all staff based on the format shown in Annexure 01 of the above circular.	Compliant		
19.4	According to 6.5 of the above circular, a senior officer has been assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, formulating capacity development programs, and implementing skill development programs.	Compliant		
20	Responding to audit inquiries			
20.1	Correcting the shortcomings indicated by the audit report issued by the Auditor General for the previous years	Compliant		



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