

Annual Report - 2014



Botanical Garden Trust Fund

Department of National Botanical Gardens

Peradeniya

Developing Botanical Gardens in Sri Lanka & Trust Fund for Welfare

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Approval for setting up Trust Fund for Botanical Garden Development and Welfare had been granted by the Cabinet meeting held on 07.02.1996 by considering Cabinet memo dated 15.12.1995 submitted by then Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Wild Resources under the theme of “a Trust Fund for improving botanical gardens in Sri Lanka and welfare provision”.

25% from income generated annually by ticket sale from botanical gardens is nominally credited as income to Fund for developing botanical gardens and welfare. For this, provisions are allocated under estimate of 2201 Expenditure Head (Capital transfer) of Treasury in every year. Money required for expenses of the Fund is obtained from Departmental Imprest sum on requirements and do reconciled at the end of the year. In addition, it is allowed to engage in any suitable attempt to increase income of the Fund.

This Fund is governed by a Board of Trustees and Secretary to line ministry as Chairman of that Trustee Board, Director General of National Botanical Garden Department as Secretary and Director-Budget as a member of the Trust are officiated.

Botanical Garden Trust Fund

1. Name of Fund	: Developing botanical gardens in Sri Lanka & Trust Fund for Welfare
2. Category	: Providing financial assistance for development of botanical gardens and recurrent activities at times of need
3. Related circulars:	I Commissioning Fund – As per Fund Ordinance No. 09 of 1917 II Accounting and Keeping account records – Treasury circulars as per circular No. 836 dated 16 th August 1977 & Public Finance circular PF/423 issued on 22.12.2006
4. Date of Commission	: 20 th December 1996
5. Office	: Head office of Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya
6. Bank	: Bank of Ceylon, Peradeniya : Account No. 0007040848

7. Objectives of Fund:

- ✓ Taking action to further improve the image of botanical gardens in Sri Lanka and foreign countries.
- ✓ Implementing meaningful programs related to conservation carried out at present on environmental education and flora.
- ✓ Improving scientific know-how, activities of scientists engaged in Botanical gardens and augmenting facilities as well as providing financial assistance to purchase equipments required for needs.
- ✓ Carrying out an enhanced programme on Fauna collection as well.
- ✓ Environmental education conservation for use of botanical gardens and promoting technical field activities related to improvements and aiding for that purpose.
- ✓ Undertaking any immediate construction works for providing facilities for scientists and visitors to botanical gardens.
- ✓ Substituting deficiencies of recurrent provisions at requirements.

Financial progress of Fund in year 2014

Debit balance as at 01-01-2014 = Rs. 109,337,504.86

Added:

Income of year 2014 (Debiting) = Rs. 106,068,820.00

total Rs. 215,406,324.86

Less:

Expenditure of year 2014 (Crediting) = Rs. 90,994,628.65

Treasury balance as at 31.12.2014 = Rs. **124,411,696.21**

* (This balance is only a nominal balance)

Specialized development works implemented in year by using Provisions of Fund

- The botanical garden was maintained at an attractive level in the year by utilizing allocations from the Botanical Garden Trust Fund for keeping the garden with its glamour.



A scene from Royal Botanic Garden

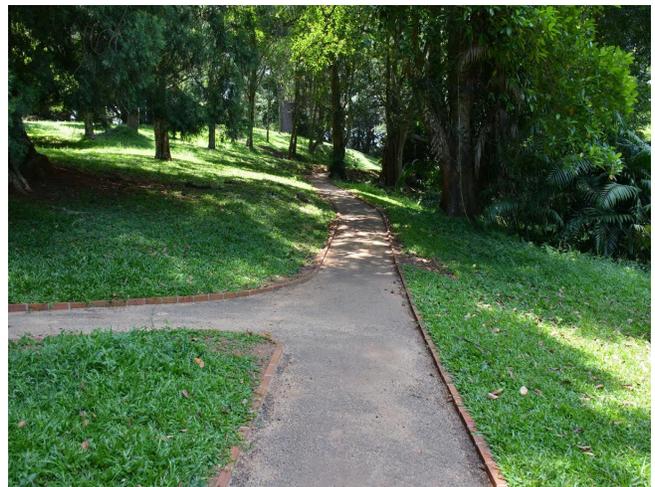


A scene from Hakgala Botanic Garden

- Action were taken to develop by roads (foot paths) of Peradeniya royal botanical park in the year. Accordingly, action taken to create facilities for tourists visiting park and to augment beauty of park.



way by roads in Royal Botanic Garden had developed



- A cattle shed in ultra modern pattern had been constructed for cattle in Peradeniya Royal Botanic Garden.



Cattle Shed in ultra modern pattern at Peradeniya Royal Botanic Garden

- Lightning conductor have fixed at a cost of Rs. 3.4 Mn. in main buildings of Peradeniya royal botanical garden including the National Herbarium Building, Educational Training Centre, Horticulture Research Building and head office buildings of the Department for securing from lightning attacks.
- Rs. 1.04 Mn. had been incurred from Fund for repairing of Lanka pond in Peradeniya Royal Botanic Garden. Accordingly, the background area of Lanka pond was able to modernized in a manner attractive to tourists.



Lanka pond in Peradeniya Royal Botanic Garden

- Money was incurred for improving facilities of officers in Park under which facilities were provided by effecting repairs of official quarters.

- Labelling trees was done for improving knowledge of tourists visiting botanical gardens. Fixing name boards for guiding visitors to garden was undertaken with provisions of the Fund within the given year.



Development activities of Hakgala botanical garden had accomplished with provisions of the Fund.

- Accordingly, action taken to create a Bush Garden in an attractive area (southern part of “Lok Subul” part) of Hakgala Botanical garden. “Chain Link” cover with around 900 meter converge for securing this bush garden part from animals was erected as Hakgala botanical garden is full of wild beasts.

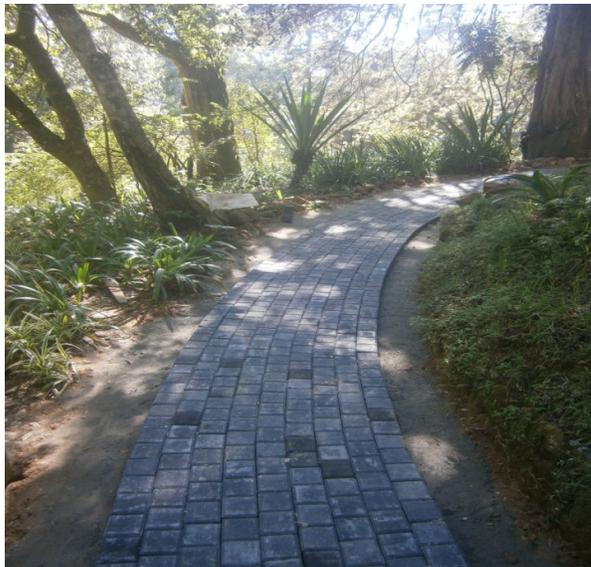


Chain Link fence erected to safeguard bushes from animals

- Action was taken to improve facilities of tourists visiting Hakgala botanical garden by



developing by-roads and to maintain park in attractive manner.



Developed by-roads (laying interlock) of Hakgala Garden

- Furniture has been purchased at a cost of Rs. 3.2 Million from Fund for developing facilities at Hambantota botanical garden.



Furniture purchased for Hambantota Garden

A “Fume Cupboard” has purchased for the National Herbarium for Botanical research activities and equipments for research purposes including to measure PH value had been purchased costing around Rs. 2 Million.



**Fume Cupboard purchased for
researches**

Books needed for further researches had been purchased. As well, officers had deployed in duties for flora investigation and research activities in the year.



A picturesque scene from Avissawella Botanic Garden

- Provisions was made from Trust Fund for improving facilities at the Avisawella garden which is due to be opened for general public in this year. As such, action has taken to construct a fence attractively suiting to vehicle park, front main entrance and parts lying opposite road. This is undertaken by Western Provincial Road Development Authority at provision of Rs. 32 Mn. from the Botanical Garden Trust Fund.
- It had been very difficult to find water for planting herbal medicinal plants and other tree varieties at the Ganewatta Herbal Garden during dry season. Therefore, Medicinal plants prepared for sale during dry seasons is very minimal.

Therefore, a provision of Rs. 2.5 Mn. had been allocated from Fund to purchase a four wheel tractor and a water bowser to get water from outside.



Summary on specialized development activities undertaken in year 2014 under the Fund

	Purpose	Estimate (Rs.)	Total expenditure as at 31/12/2014 (Rs.)	Balance amount (Rs.)
1	Cost for administrative function of Trustee Board	302,500.00	291,383.00	11,117.00
2	Cost for improving facilities in Botanic Gardens	25,522,500.00	23,378,506.25	2,143,993.75
3	Development cost – Royal Botanic Garden	27,000,000.00	25,995,098.29	1,004,901.71
4	Development cost – Hakgala Botanic Garden	12,522,000.00	11,340,592.37	1,181,407.83
5	Development cost – Avissawella Wet Zonal Botanic Garden	32,053,000.00	27,834,230.18	4,218,769.82
6	Development cost – National Herbarium	2,600,000.00	2,154,818.56	445,181.44
	Total	100,000,000.00	90,994,628.65	9,005,371.55

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