



Annual Performance Report

2013

Ministry of Wildlife Resources Conservation
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Battaramulla.



Mahinda Chintana Forward Vision

- Unplanned development coupled with terrorism destroyed our National Parks and Sanctuaries / resulting in elephants having invaded villages whereby creating elephant human conflict. With the objective of solving this problem “Gaja Mithuro” programme was implemented in 2009. As a part of this programme, establishment of ‘Elephant Control Units’ and electric fences were speeded up. Therefore, it was possible to complete construction & modernization of electric fence over 600 kilometer stretch during the last two years alone, and it has been planned to complete the construction of electric fence in all affected villages, including the North and the East, within next three years.
- All sanctuaries including Wilpaththu, Kumana, Yan Oya and Chundikkulam which were closed due to terrorist activities will be restored & re-opened during the coming year.

From The Hon. Minister.



It is a great pleasure for me to add this note of preamble to the Performance Report to be published by the Ministry after one year of my having assumed office as the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation.

I am extremely grateful to His Excellency the President for appointing myself as the first Minister of the newly created Ministry of Wildlife Resources Conservation separating the same from the main Ministry in keeping with “ Mahinda Chinthana Forward Vision”

Having reposed confidence in myself, I have been entrusted with the massive responsibility of evolving a balanced ecological system by allocating due quota between the government and the general public in keeping with accepted bio diversity standards. Accordingly I highly appreciate the support extended to this Ministry by the Ministerial and Departmental staff including the Secretary and the Director General of Wildlife Conservation, Government Agents and Assistant Government Agents, non Governmental Organizations as well as the general public towards the fulfillment of this noble endeavour.

During this year, it was possible to find viable solutions to the long - standing Human - Elephant Human conflict and take positive measures towards protecting endangered animal species with the help of the local and foreign specialists in the relevant field. Accordingly I have appointed prof: Sarath Kotagama, one of the pioneering environmentalists as my Senior Consultant who is instrumental in updating Wildlife Acts to suit the present - day needs.

The environment related issues remain as a stumbling block against conservation of wildlife resources in the island, sloving of which requires the adoption of both short term and long term measures. Destroying of jungle areas, pollution of water and soil, human activities in costal areas are the main contributory factors towards affecting this conservation process, tackling of which involves a collective effort. Therefore we have formulated and put in place a number of action plans in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment to ensure the safety of wild animals. Given below is very important reference made to this effect by the late Mr. A.F. Brown who headed the Forest Department in 1989.

“Out of the total land area of 25365 sq.ft of the Island, over an extent of 20,000 sq.ft remain as forest cover. However useful forest areas available are very limited” Therefore it is unfortunate to launch reforestation programmes in a country where jungle areas remain as a big quota in the recent past. In 1900 the forest cover in the island was 70% of the total land area which had been reduced to 44% in 1963, to 23% in 1985 and 21% in 1990. It is revealed that one million hectares of natural jungle areas have been destroyed only during 03 decades from 1960 to 1990, mainly due to the increase of population, clearing of jungles for development projects and the availability of firewood to meet the energy and timber requirements for development purposes.

Caused by destruction of jungles in an unprecedented manner today we have to face massive natural disasters such as earthslips, floodings, globalized warming, prolonged draughts etc.

We have a number of laws and enactments dealing with the protection of wildlife.

They are,

- Forest Ordinance of 1907
- Plant Protection Ordinance of 1924
- Crown Land Ordinance of 1947
- “Soil Conservation Act No. 25 of 1951”
- Fauna and Flora Protection Act No. 44 of 1964 which was enacted during the period of SLEP Government has been a very important piece of law towards protection of wild animals. Now it is important to draft an integrated Wildlife Recourses Protection Act, under which it shall be prohibited the sale of wild animal flesh and skins here and abroad.

At present facilities are available to make bookings of tourist bungalow/ reservation of camp sites through internet thanks to the modern information technology. Payments for same could also be made through mobile phones. Advantages of those facilities are enjoyed both by local and foreign tourists visiting our National Parks without wasting money and time for booking and making payments physically. The process has been simplified further due to e - service through which it is possible to make reservation of camp sites, easily.

There are 44 wildlife circuits/ camp sites in Sri Lanka and the number of local and foreign tourists visiting national parks exceed 12 mn. It is also expected that this number may be doubled in future due to the above -mentioned facilities.

The MOTO of our Ministry is that “When man protects environment, environment protects man”

The other important aspect of this process is to provide opportunity for tourists visiting national parks to fulfill their documentary needs outside of normal working hours and even during week - ends. This may be expanded to e- business and e- commercial sectors too. Furthermore the possible malpractices could be prevented through the application of APPS – ON– TAP system.

Preventive measures have also been taken to arrest fraudulent acts relating to turtle conservation and “Walla” plants fraud and other irregular practices connected with fish and crocodile population.

More funds have been allocated during 2014 towards minimizing human - elephant conflict with the assistance of Government Agents and Assistant Government Agents through which service to the people have been further accelerated.

Gamini Vijith Wijayamuni Zoysa

Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation

From The Secretary



It has been a most timely and welcome move of His Excellency's decision to establish a separate Ministry for conservation of wildlife resources for the first time after the independence, and I am lucky enough to function as its first Secretary. I am also happy to issue a message for the Performance Report to be published after one year of creating this new Ministry.

The Department of Wildlife Conservation operating under the Ministry is playing a major role towards fulfilling the responsibility of preserving all living and non living natural resources while appearing for the rights of the animal population who are unable to raise the voice to protect their rights. The necessary guidance are provided by the Fauna and Flora Protection Audience of 1937 and subsequent amendments made thereto. In 2013 financial provisions amounting to Rs. 643 mn. have been allocated to the Department for implementing development projects undertaken during the year. Accordingly establishment of electric fence, establishment of elephant holding grounds in Horowpathana and Lunugamvehera, improvement of infrastructure and development of eco tourism activities have been undertaken utilizing those funds. Meanwhile necessary steps have been taken to establish animal protection network to ensure the preservation and protection of endangered animal species.

Following the establishment of peace in the island, tourist arrivals at National Parks have been increasing considerably. Accordingly suitable measures were taken to develop infrastructure facilities with the objective of attracting more tourists and making improvements to existing bungalow facilities. As a result income earnings by National Parks have been increased considerably making higher contribution to the national income.

Wildlife Trust Fund operating under the Ministry is implementing various development programmes with the objective of inheriting our nature's endowment to future generation of this country. They include educational programmes, further strengthening of organizational structure and making awareness on environmental laws.

I take this opportunity to pay my tribute to Hon. Gamini Vijith Vijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation for his constant direction and guidance to ensure successful conclusion of our march towards achievements of a suitable development in this particular field associated with fauna and flora. I am thankful to all officers who were involved in preparing this publication on time and those who provided necessary data and information including translators for their excellent performance.

Eng. Udeni Wickramasinghe
Secretary

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Ministry of Wildlife Resources Conservation

Vision

“A country preserving bio– diversity and wildlife heritage ”

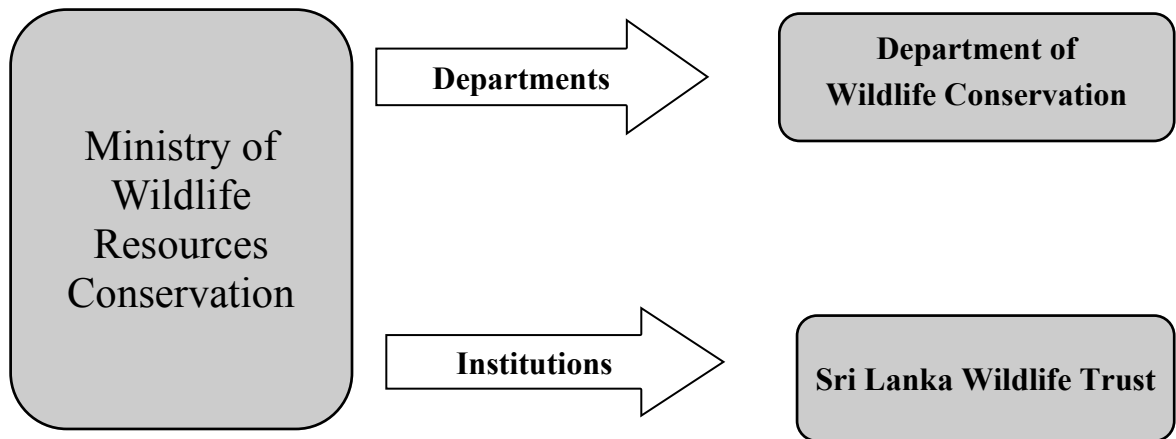
Mission

“Establishment of effective Wildlife Reservation Network whereby facilitating to live all animal species and human beings with sound co-existence.”

Main Functions

- Implementation of Fauna & Flora Protection Ordinance Act No. 02 of 1937
- Adhering to International Wildlife Conventions / Treaties
- Taking policy decisions and their implementation to ensure the right for living of the people and all other animal species by preserving wildlife heritage & bio diversity.
- Contributing towards the advancement of eco-tourism through development of National Parks. .
- Monthly, quarterly and annual evaluation, monitoring and supervision of the implementation of projects and programmes in the Action Plan.
- Directing and supervision of activities relating to the Wildlife Trust and the Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Departments and Institutions operating under the Ministry



Administration Division

Introduction

The Administration Division performs administrative functions of the Ministry as well as Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Sri Lanka Wildlife Trust.

Functions

- Maintaining general administration & discipline within the Ministry.
- Maintaining administrative functions relating to human and physical resources through coordination among Development, Financial, Audit, Planning and Legal Divisions.
- Attending to administrative and human resources management functions of the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Sri Lanka Wildlife Trust.

Progress as at 31.12.2013

- Payments of salary increments to 46 officers who were entitled to receive salary increments as at 31.12.2013
- Holding EB examination for officers in KKS, Grade III on 24.12.2013
- Expediting the delivery of all registered and normal post letters received at the administration Division.
- Settlements of Bills in respect of two common exchangers and telephone bill (Mobile, fixed and residential of 15 staff officers.
- Settlement of payments in respect of 30 phones (Mobile, Fax and Residential) used by Ministers Staff.
- Leave particulars have been made available to relevant officers (a copy of which each included in their personal files)
- Submission of 12 Cabinet Memoranda for approval by the Cabinet of Ministers.
- Co - coordinating with relevant institutions to print 05 volumes of “Wanadivi Seriya” news paper
- Received approval of the Public Service Commission for 09 schemes of recruitment out of 14 schemes of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- Received approval for 01 post of Chief Internal Auditor, 01 post in the Architecture service III/II and 08 posts of Driver for the Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- Obtained approval of the Director General Establishment for payment of an allowance to Wildlife Guard and Wildlife Ranger during the period of their training as per new schemes of recruitment.
- Obtained PSC approved to promote Mr. B.V.R. Jayarathna, Assistant Director to the post of Deputy Director (Departmental) of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Training Given on Human Resources Development

The approved allocation for training and capacity building for 2013 amounted to Rs.1.0 mn Mn. (Rs. 1,000,000.00) and officials of the Ministry were trained during the year even utilizing this limited provisions having identified the training requirements for enhancing their performance and productivity.

Training Programme	Institution which provided training	Number of officers participated	Training fee (Rs.)
1. Higher Language Medium Course	Dept. of official Language	01	8000.00
2. Awareness Programme on Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard	Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka	01	500.00
3. Government Payroll Management System	Academy of Financial Studies	02	24000.00
4. CIGAS	Academy of Financial Studies	02	24000.00
5. Certificate Course in Research Methodology	Sri Lanka Institute for Local Government	03	45000.00
6. Three day training for educating state sector officials on disciplinary procedure	National Labor Education Institute	04	30000.00
7. Public Procurement Procedures	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	03	24000.00
8. Drivers and Minor Employees on Correct Attitudes and Motivation	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	06	27000.00
9. Two day Workshop on office Management and Office Procedure.	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	08	64000.00

Training Programme	Institute which provided training	Number of officers participated	Training Fee (Rs.)
10. Post Graduate Degree Course on Human Resources Management	University of Colombo	01	112500.00
11. Evaluation for Change	Sri Lanka Evaluation Association	01	18000.00
12. Disciplinary Procedures	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	01	8000.00
13. Training on office management for Graduates officers on the Management Assistant service	At the Ministry	20	16210.00
14. Work improvement training for officer in Karyala Karya Sahayaka Service	At the Ministry	09	4900.00
15. Out Bound Training	Randenigala Training Center	40	368262.50
16. Annual Verification and Public Assets Disposal Procedures	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	02	9000.00
17. Maintenance of Personal File	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	02	9000.00
18. Workshop on Salary Conversions	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	02	10000.00
19. Workshop on Powerful Stress Management Techniques for Improving Life Skills	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	04	18000.00
20. Exceptional Leadership and Authentic Image Management	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	01	8000.00
21. Enhancing Skills of Drivers and Minor Employees	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	01	4500.00
22. Comprehensive Analysis of Corporate Taxation and Value Added Tax (VAT)	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	01	8000.00
23. Bid Evaluation	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	01	8000.00

Training Programme	Institution which provided training	Number of officers participated	Training fee (Rs.)
24. Certificate Course in English	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	04	40000.00
25. National Workshop on Good Governance & Leadership	Sri Lanka Foundation	03	10500.00
26. Well Organization Stream-lined purchasing	Construction machinery and Equipment training center	02	6000.00
27. Contact Payment, file maintenance and contract close out activities	Skills Development Fund Ltd.	01	4500.00
28. Office management for labor productivity improvement	National Institute for la Labor Studies	01	9750.00
29. Disciplinary Procedure	SDFL	02	16000.00
Total			935622.50

Staff details

Details	Number
Approved Cadre	79
Officers in service	68
Officers went out on transfers	07
Officers came in on transfers	04
Officers confirmed in the service	02
Officers retired	02

Planning Division

Introduction

Development activities of the Ministry are planned by the Planning Division. Accordingly development activities are planned in keeping with the national needs and they are implemented islandwide through Departments and Institutions under the Ministry. This Division is also involved in achieving development targets based on Action Plan for 2013 formulated in keeping with the “Mahinda Chintana Forward Vision”

Functions

- Planning of Development Programmes of the Ministry
- Obtain monthly, quarterly and annual progress of development programmes of Departments and Institutions under the Ministry in keeping with the annual action plan and preparation of progress review reports and holding of progress review meetings on some.
- Assisting to prepare capital expenditure estimates of the Department affiliated to the Ministry and supervision and monitoring of projects to be implemented by these Institutions.
- Provide necessary instructions in the preparation of development proposals of the Department affiliated to the Ministry and submission of the same to the Ministry of Finance for approval.
- Formulation of Performance Indicators to make progress review according to “ Mahinda Chinthana Forward Vision ”
- Reporting progress of projects, the value of which is over Rs.50 Mn.
- Preparation of performance Reports for submission to Parliament during Committee Stage debate on Annual Budget .
- Provide information required by Presidential Secretariat, , Ministry of Finance, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, other line Ministries and Parliamentary Consultative committees.
- Collecting and updating of information on subjects applicable to the Ministry.

Progress as at 31.12.2013

- Preparation of action plan for 2013 has been finalized.
- Quarterly progress review meetings on Departments and Institutions operating under the Ministry were held as scheduled.
- Issued instructions to prepare estimates on capital expenditure for 2014.
- Attended meetings held in parallel to the preparation of Budget with necessary proposal.
- Progress on projects exceeding the value of over Rs. 50 mn. was submitted to the Ministry of Finance.
- The report on progress - 2013 and future programmes were prepared and to be tabled in Parliament at the time of Ministry's Vote discussion in Parliament.
- Successfully contributed to the "Deyata Kirula" Exhibition held in Ampara district in 2013.
- Performance Report - 2013 has been prepared and handed over to the relevant institutions.
- Pre arrangements for "Deyata Kirula" national development programme and exhibition are in progress.
- Data / information required by Presidential Secretariat, Ministry of Finance, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, other Line Ministries and Parliamentary Consultative Committee were made available.

Development Division

Introduction

This Division is responsible for implementing wildlife development activities in a regular and productive manner with sound co - ordination of maintenance activities of the Ministry.

Functions

- Taking Policy decision in the implementation of functions of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- Dealing with public petitions and complains received on wildlife activities.
- Taking necessary action on public complains received by the Ministry with regard to wildlife sector.
- Land related matters of the Department of Wildlife Conservation including land acquisition.
- Co - ordination and monitoring of development activities carried out in National Parks such as construction of electric fence and wild elephant holding grounds.
- Submission of observations on Cabinet Memoranda of other Ministries on wildlife activities and matters relating to the subjects of this Ministry.
- Taking policy decisions and their implementation relating to insurance schemes for People facing wild elephant threats.
- Attending to water resources management activities in collaboration with relevant institutions.
- Preparation of estimates, recommendation and granting approval for payments in respect of all maintenance activities.
- Attending to minor repairs to the Ministry building by obtaining imprest advance.
- Extending local area network to all Divisions of the Ministry and providing internet facilities.
- Attending to maintenance activities of air conditioners, fax machines, photo copiers and computers
- Activities relating to updating of Ministry website.

Progress as at 31.12.2013

- Around 50 public complains received on activates of the Department of Wildlife Conservation were forwarded to the Department for taking necessary action.
- One hundred and Fifty Public petitions received by the Presidential Secretariat were referred to the relevant institutions for taking necessary action
- Taking action to settle 14 despites between outsiders and institutions with regard to lands owned by the Department of Wildlife Conservation
- Implementation of a joint programme with the Department of Agrarian Development for rehabilitation of tanks located within the National parks and progress review carried out
- Extending the support of the Ministry for Implementing development Programms
- Monitoring of the construction of wild elephant holding ground in Horowpathana under the establishment of Wildlife elephant holding grounds to minimize damages from wild elephants
- Submitted observations on 10 Cabinet Memoranda of other Ministries on the subject wildlife conservation.
- Co – ordination with the Ministry of Economic Development, Department of National Planning, Department of National Budget and Agricultural Insurance Board on the formulation of insurance scheme for people facing wild elephant threats.
- Attended to meetings and workshops held by the relevant institutions on water resources management activities
- Dealing with public affairs on wildlife conservation
- Attending to land acquisition matters with the Department of Wildlife Conservation
- The value of all maintenances activities of the Ministry during this year amounted to Rs. 3,357,039.00. Preparation of estimates, recommendation, supervision of constructions and granting approval for payments were attended to.
- An expenditure of Rs. 50,359.00 were made on maintenance of power system, water supply system and toilets considered as very urgent minor rapiers
- 25 Air Conditioners have been fixed on to cubicles of this Ministry which are to be serviced 03 times a year. Accordingly Rs. 230,530.00 have been spent to enter into the respective service agreements. In addition to this, urgent minor repairs were also attended.

- A sum of Rs. 40,768.00 was paid for serving of 11 fax machines in 2013. They are to be serviced 04 times a year.
- A sum of Rs. 146,010.00 was paid for servicing 18 photocopiers during 2013 which require servicing 04 times a year
- Repairs are made to computers wherever necessary
- 15 e mail addresses were made available to Ministry officials at a cost of Rs. 3085.69 per month. The annual bill for same amounted to Rs. 20,571.26

Account Division

Introduction

The Account Division of the Ministry consists of two main divisions namely, Finance Division and Payment and Procurement Division. The Finance Division is responsible for preparation of Annual Budget and Appropriation Bill, fulfilling Imprest requirements and co - ordinate with the General Treasury. Procurement and payment division attends to all procurement activities of the Ministry and institutions coming under its purview and all payments in the Ministry.

Functions

- Maintain daily, monthly and annual accounts properly adhering to Financial Regulations, Laws and Circular Instructions for managing expenditure authorized by the Annual Appropriation Bill.
- Management of Assets.
- Preparation of annual expenditure and income estimates
- Making all capital and recurrent payments including salaries, loan advance and common deposits of the Ministry and management of expenditure
- Appointment of Procurement Committees for the Departments and Institutions coming under the purview of the Ministry, attending to procurement activities and their supervision
- Attending to the activities relating to Public Accounts Committee and Committee on Public Enterprises applicable to the Ministry and institutions operating under its purview
- Preparation of monthly and annual accounts of the Ministry and supervision of annual accounts and reports
- Payment of loans from public officers advance 'B' account and their recovery and maintain related accounts properly

Financial Progress as at 31.12.2013

Programme 01 – Monitoring Programme

Minister's Office

Details	Estimate 2013 (Rs. Mn.)	Revised Estimate (Rs. Mn.)	Total Expenditure as at 31.12.2013	(%)
Recurrent Expenditure	22.57	24.73	24.36	99
Personal Emoluments	8.70	9.08	8.93	98
Travelling Expenditure	1.20	1.02	0.98	96
Supplies	6.31	6.67	6.64	100
Maintenance Cost	3.00	4.86	4.84	100
Services	3.36	3.10	2.97	96
Capital Expenditure	4.77	16.14	15.74	98
Rehabilitation & Improve- ments of Capital Assets	1.77	2.75	2.40	87
Acquisition of Capital Assets	3.00	13.39	13.34	100
Total Expenditure	27.34	40.87	40.10	98

Programme 01 - Monitoring Programme

Programme 02 - Institutional Administration Services

Details	Estimate 2013 (Rs. Mn.)	Revised Estimate (Rs.Mn.)	Total Expenditure as at 31.12.2013	(%)
Recurrent Expenditure	53.69	50.95	50.08	98
Personal Emoluments	32.20	30.80	30.56	99
Travelling Expenditure	1.30	1.19	0.83	70
Supplies	7.31	7.82	7.80	100
Maintenance Cost	5.80	5.23	5.03	96
Services	6.08	5.31	5.28	99
State Loan Interests	1.00	0.60	0.58	97
Capital Expenditure	8.88	9.41	8.12	86
Rehabilitation & Im- provement of Capital Assets	2.25	2.78	1.78	64
Acquisition of Capital Assets	5.63	5.63	5.39	96
Skill Development	1.00	1.00	0.95	95
Total Expenditure	62.57	60.36	58.20	96

Internal Audit Division

Introduction

The Internal Audit Division is responsible for submitting its observations and recommendations to the senior management as to whether the resources for achieving objectives and functions of the Ministry of the Wildlife Resources Conservation, the Dept. of Wildlife Conservation (Operating under its purview), Asst. Directors' offices, Range offices and Beat Offices under the Department are utilized with proper management and adhering to Laws and Regulation, Circulars, Financial Regulations and Establishment Code Provisions.

Functions

- Introducing and regulation of Internal Controlling Systems of the Ministry Dept. of Wildlife Conservation and Wildlife Trust.
- Monitoring of institutional and financial management activities by conducting internal audit examinations.
- Assisting higher management of the Ministry, Department of Wildlife Conservation and Wildlife Trust through Audit Management Committees.
- Maintain sound financial management in the Ministry, Department of Wildlife Conservation and Sri Lanka Wildlife Trust through Internal Auditing and assists government auditing
- Submit recommendations as to whether the relevant institutions are adhering to Laws, Regulations and Provisions of the Establishment Code in the utilization of state resources.

Progress as at 31.12.2013

- Inspection of daily running charts of the Ministry of Wildlife Resources Conservation
- Internal auditing in Udawalawa National Park and Eth Athurusewana
- Internal auditing of Assistant Director's Office, Southern and Uwa province and the respective Range and Beat Offices
- Internal auditing in Assistant Director's Office, Central Province, Horton Thenna National Park, Range Offices
- Internal auditing in Assistant Director's Offices, Polonnaruwa National Park, Beat Offices and Range Offices
- Inspection of construction of Assistant Director's Office, Anuradhapura, Wilpaththu National Park and Head office

Legal Division

Functions

The Legal Division is responsible for supervision of legal functions required to be performed by the Ministry relating to legal matters of the Ministry of Wildlife Resources Conservation and its affiliated institutions namely Department of Wildlife Conservation and Sri Lanka Wildlife Trust.

- Those functions are fulfilled by implementing Fauna & Flora Protection Ordinance Act No. 07 of 1937 (Chapter 469)

Implementation and supervision of this Act and provision of advisory services for making necessary regulations and amendments thereto and submission of drafted amendments to the Legal Draftsman are attended to by this Division.

The implementation of Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance Act envisages the enforcement of the existing laws and National Policy on Wildlife effectively for which necessary regulations are made under the provisions of the Act with the assistance of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

In addition necessary instructions are issued on complains received by the Ministry with regard to instances where actions taken by the Department of Wildlife Conservation on legal matters appears informal.

In addition supervision and coordination of all functions related to cases, agreements legal advices and judicial matters coming under the Department and the Wildlife Trust against and in favor of the Ministry.

The other function of this Ministry is to obtain monthly summery reports on islandwide raids of the Department and review cases relating to those raids and conclusions made thereon.



Department of Wildlife Conservation

Department of Wildlife Conservation



Introduction

The Department of Wildlife Conservation has been entrusted with the responsibility of preserving Eco system endowed with various plants and animal species which has inherited the country with enormous bio-diversity. The main function of the Department of Wildlife Conservation established in 1949 is the conservation of wildlife resources in Sri Lanka. Accordingly the sources of water feeding all the main revivers in Sri Lanka and catchment areas of 40 major reservoirs providing water for agriculture and hydro-power generation are protected within this wildlife reservation network which exceed 13% of the total land area of the island. The responsibility of managing this wildlife reservation network is solely fell upon the Department of Wildlife Conservation. This network consists of reservations declared under various reservation levels.

Vision

Long term conservation of wildlife resources for present and future generation.”

Mission

“ To ensure conservation of wildlife resources by all together under Professional Management . ”

Function

- Ensure sustainability of wildlife resources found in all geographical, climatic biological zones through the establishment of wildlife reservation network in Sri Lanka.
- Declaration and proper management of wildlife reservations with the specific objectives of preserving catchment areas of major reservoirs providing water for agriculture and hydro-power generation, preservation of religious and cultural heritage, preservation of endemic and rear wildlife species and preserving exclusive ecological systems.
- Ensure long-term existence of endemic wildlife species subject to the threat of extinct by implementing special projects and utilizing suitable methodologies for conservation of the same.
- Ensure the safety of wild animal species living outside the reservation areas.
- Implementation of wildlife policy and the national policy on wildlife being in force for the time being.
- Taking action upon the authority given for implementing conventions on International trade on endangered species (CITES), conversion on Internationally accepted wet land (Ramsar) and conversion on migrating species (CMS-Bonn) maintaining contribution to the national economy at maximum possible level through promoting eco-tourism in reservation areas.
- Maintain contribution from eco - tourism sector to the national economy at maximum level by promoting eco tourism industry connected with wildlife reservation.
- Promoting research activities for collecting necessary data and information for facilitating wildlife conservation and scientific management of the same.
- Strengthening of conservation process by promoting natural understanding and cooperation with other institutions involved in natural resource conservation.
- Planning and Implementation of education programmers on wildlife to obtain maximum contribution of the general public , public officers and other group interested in wildlife conservation.
- Planning and implementation socio-economic development programmes aimed at minimizing people's dependence on natural resources in wildlife reservations.

Progress of the Development Programms

1. Construction of Electric Fences

Whereas “ Gajamithuro” Programme ended in 2012 construction of electrical fences continued in 2013 under the provisions of the Consolidated fund

Objectives

- Minimization of Human - Elephant Conflict
- Development of Strategies and improvement of skills for minimizing Human - Elephant Conflict



Provisions allocated for 2013 - Rs. 100.32 Mn.

Financial Progress - Rs. 110.91Mn.

- Preparation of National plan for Minimizing Human Elephant conflict is now at the final stage.
- Necessary equipments for construction of 708.5 Km long Electric fences have been procured and handed over to the Department of Civil Security. Conservation is now in Progress

2. Construction of “ Elephant Conservation Park”

This Programme was commenced in 2012 under provisions from the Consolidated Fund with the objective of minimizing Human - Elephant Conflict through catch and release of aggressive wild - elephants invading villages, to Wild Elephant Conservation Parks

Objectives

- Minimization of socio-economic damages in areas where human elephant conflict existing
- Promotion of eco-tourism through establishment of Wild Elephant Conservation Park.
- Provide income generating avenues to people through Wild Elephant Conservation Parks.

Provisions allocated for 2013 - Rs. 300.00 Mn.

Financial Progress - Rs. 133.86 Mn.

Physical Progress

- 16 Km long electric fences running way has been cleared and construction of 22 shoe brides completed
- Around 2,100 specially designed concrete poles for electric fences have been constructed and prepared fences using cables
- Construction of 03 tanks (Puliyankulama, Siyabalagaswewa, 5th mile post) completed
- Construction of Motagallewa office and official quarter building completed
- 40% of the construction of official quarter and Kapugollawa office completed



3. “Dayata Kirula” National Development Programme

The following development programmes were implemented by the Department of Wildlife Conservation under Consolidated fund

- Promotion of eco—tourism within the National Parks
- Development of administrative infrastructure facilities in Wildlife reservation network
- Expanding of wildlife reservation network
- Improvement to information communication net work

Provisions allocated for 2013 - Rs. 100.0 Mn.

Financial Progress - Rs. 98.32 Mn.

Physical Progress

- Successfully completed “Dayata Kirula” exhibition 2013 at Ampara
- Procurement of equipment and timber poles for construction of 258 Km long electric fence have been completed and handed over balance construction of 77 Km to the Department of Civil Security.



4. Wildlife Conservation Activities under Moragahakanda Project

Wildlife conservations in the Kaluganga catchment areas were undertaken by the Department of wildlife conservation activities in 2008 under provisions approved for Moragahakanda Kaluganga project to achieve the following objectives.

Objectives

- Declaration of a buffer zone around Kaluganga and the proposed Moragahakanda reservoir and minimization of human activities there.
- Construction of wildlife barriers to minimize human-elephant conflict (electric fence, digging of ditches etc.)
- Development of wildlife habitats in the project area to minimize human-elephant conflict.
- Development of eco-tourism activities in the project area.
- Improvement of infrastructure facilities in wildlife reservations in the project area.

Allocated Provision for 2013 - Rs. 41.19 mn.

Financial Progress - Rs. 38.28mn.

Physical Progress

- Procurement of equipment for construction of 136 km electric fences of which 121 km long constructions completed.
- 20 Notice Boards repaired.
- Repairs were effected in respect of 04 wildlife circuit bungalows.
- Under-growth of either side roads in reservation areas upto 22 km were removed.
- 03 tanks in Wasgamuwa National Park were restored.

**Financial and Physical Progress of Other Programmes Implemented by
the Dept. of Wildlife Conservation (as at 31.12.2013)**

Serial No	Programmes	Provision Rs. Mn.	Financial Progress Rs. Mn.	Physical Progress
1.	Establishment of reservation area network  Name Board at Madu Rd. Sanctuary  Name Board at Chundikulam Sanctuary	5.0	4.98	- Establishment of 600 border marking poles in the Somawathiya NP., 75 in Maduganga Sanctuary and establishment of borders upto 5 km. - Completed the fixing of 127 name boards in reservation areas. - Nine (09) Name Boards are being rehabilitated.
2.	Development of Eco Tourism  Minneriya National Park  Wildlife circuit bungalow at Eggaloia	10.00	10.58	- Completed the procurement of house furniture required for wildlife circuit bungalow, Chundikulam. - Construction of 06 wildlife circuit bungalows one observation tower in Villuwa, improvement of facilities in 02 tourist centers, and construction of turtle conservation center in Kumana NP have been completed - Project of booking of circuit bungalows through Internet is now in progress

Serial No	Programmes	Provision Rs. Mn.	Financial Progress Rs. Mn.	Physical Progress
3.	People Expansion Programme  Live fence  Promotion of handicrafts under "Kantha Saviya" Programme	1.50	1.15	• Successfully completed 02 Sramadana campaign with the participated of people around reservation areas, 03 progress review programmes of Community Based Organizations, 03 self employment promotion training programmes and the exhibition programme under "Kantha Saviya". • Planting of 3000 thousand mangrove plants in the Kumana National Park with the Participation of people and conducting of 02 self employment training programmes animal at enhancing living standard of the people around reservation areas have been successfully completed • 04 programmes were conducted on the establishment and maintenance of live fence with the participation of rural people and work on 11 Km distance completed • One agriculture well has been constructed in Kaudulla. Mushroom cultivation identified by Gona-gamara micro plan was successfully completed • Preparation of micro plan for Elapathagama village in Wilpathuwa completed

Serial No	Programmes	Provision Rs. Mn.	Financial Progress Rs. Mn.	Physical Progress
4.	Conservation of endangered animal species  Wildlife treatments 	2.50	2.39	- Medical treatment for animals that become orphaned wounded or subject to various accidents and retaining them until they are being released to their natural habitats. 20 cages in various sizes have been built for this purpose. - Animal retaining center has been build for treatment of animals subject to various illness in Horagolla National Park - Purchased animal catching equipments - Construction of sail bund in Udawalawa Ethathurusevana
5.	Improvement of Information & Communication System  	4.00	3.15	60 batteries were purchased for aerial phone at Head Office and Field Offices. - Provision of anti virus software to 100 computers under for computerizing of the issuing of tickets at National Parks and maintenance , improvement of computer network and Aerial communication Network. 10 new computer have been purchased.
6.	Rehabilitation of road network  	20.00	13.59	- Improvements have been effected for 15 km long road network in Kumana and Udawalawa National Parks and development of 68 km long road network have been completed - Construction of 5 Km long road network in wasgamuwa and Wilpattu National parks is now in progress

Serial No	Programmes	Provision Rs. Mn.	Financial Progress Rs. Mn.	Physical Progress
7.	Rehabilitation of Reservoirs and Water pits 	2.00	6.52	- One tank has been rehabilitated in the Wilpattu National Park and 19 tanks rehabilitated in other reservations 09 tanks and 15 water fits have been constructed
8.	Repairing of Buildings  Construction of wildlife administrative building at Vavuniya	25.33	20.93	- Finalized the repairing of 31 buildings including a administrative buildings and official quarters in reservation areas. - One water supply system established
9.	Procurement of furniture and office equipment  Furniture purchased wildlife circuit bungalow	5.64	5.64	01 table, 10 computers, 05 calculators, 04 fridges, 02 photocopy machines, 01 Television and 03 multimedia projectors were purchased for use in Head Office and Field offices. - Purchase of other office furniture including tables, chairs and file racks/ cupboards for clerks

Serial No	Programmes	Provision Rs. Mn.	Financial Progress Rs. Mn.	Physical Progress
10.	Habitat / Enrichment  Habitat enrichment at Lunugamvehera National Park	35.00	30.06	- Under habitat enrichment of Udawalawa and Lunugamvehera National Parks, high density Lantana in 84 ha. And invading plants in 77 ha. were removed. In addition in those National parks maintenance activities were carried in 38 ha and 27 ha. Respectively 89 ha. Of grass lands in the yala National Parks were maintained 08 tanks have been rehabilitated while rehabilitation in 02 tanks is in progress, In addition 20 small water fifts (In Wilpattuwa, Delft island & Kudumbigala) have been rehabilitated - Grass lands in 100 ha. Wilpattu National Park were meceintained through fire management While 52.5 has of grass lands cleared 30 Km long fire strips were cut
11.	Purchasing of Machinery & Equipment	4.1	2.78	- Purchased 01 Solar Power system for Kuman National Park and 02 Water Pumps for Gal Oya and Wasgamuwa National Parks. - Purchased a boat for Kalpitiya Marine Park

Serial No	Programmes	Provision Rs. Mn.	Financial Progress Rs. Mn.	Physical Progress
12.	Training & Research   Training on the use of fire arms STF, Mahaoya	1.30	0.62	- Organized 01 workshop on GPS Technology for wild-life officials for identification of butter flies and 01 workshop for identification of inland fish. - Completed training programmes held for circuit Bungalow Keepers 04 Research Committees were held while the Department is conducting 10 researches - Preparation of a National Plan for minimizing Human elephant conflict has been complement
13.	Implementation of Programmes on Conservation Education.	4.70	4.07	- Conducted 10 programmes on education for commemoration of World Environment Day, Biodiversity Day and Wetland day. - Conducted 04 education programmes on Poson and Esala festivals. - Finalized 77 education programmes and 15 demonstration programmes for school children, state officials and the general public. - Sramadana Campaigns were held in August and September in parallel to yala Programme 40 radio programmes titled “Wanantare Katandare” were broadcasted by the SLBC while contributions made for publication of the News Paper named “Wanadivi Saviya” by the Ministry of Wildlife Conservation.

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				2000 copies of Wildlife Magazine 2012 have been printed and distributed. 03 short commentaries on Wet Land Day, Bio Diversity Day and on electric fence constructed for preventing wild-elephant from entering villages.
14.	Law enforcement and protection 	5.00	3.90	- Purchase of 5000 bullets for fire arms and printing of gazette notification on sea animals (750 copies) were completed. - One training programme on the use of fire arms and 01 programme on wildlife law were held. 02 workshops were held to educate 50 officers of the Dept. on law enforcement through GPS and Starlight Photographs
15.	Maintaining the Wildlife Research Training Centre  National Wildlife Research & Training Centre, Giritala	9.00	11.16	02 Senior and Junior certificate courses on wildlife management were conducted at National Wildlife Research Training Centre, Giritala aimed at skill development of wildlife officers. 08 short-term programmes for educating state officials and departmental officers were conducted.
16.	Vehicle Repairs	7.50	5.13	Repairs to 05 vehicles attached the department and field offices have been completed while some other repairs are continuing.

Wildlife Conservation Fund

Wildlife Conservation Fund has been established in terms of provisions under Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance Act. Its objective is to utilize part of the income received from wildlife conservation activities for Wildlife Conservation. This fund consists of a part of the income received from tourists, fine imposed on wildlife related offences and income received for providing various services by the Department and various kind of donations.

Progress of Wildlife Conservation Fund (as at 31.12.2013)

Source of Funding	Estimate (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	(%)
Wildlife Conservation Fund	799.40	412.00	51

Income from Wildlife Conservation Fund (as at 31.12.2013)

Month	Income (Rs. Mn.)
January	78.43
February	91.00
March	81.88
April	57.53
May	32.11
June	32.94
July	86.15
August	138.79
September	60.31
October	70.07
November	77.96
December	108.77
Total	915.94

Tourist Arrivals to National Parks upto 31.12.2013

National Park	Local	Foreign
Yala	236,700	142,714
Horton Plain	170,966	48,827
Udawalawa	70,927	41,487
Wasgamuwa	20,402	934
Minneriya	46,511	34,065
Boondala	9,124	6,947
Horagolla	6,737	9
Kaudulla	20,539	15,775
Lunugamwehera	4,101	740
Galoya	2,626	165
Kumana	14,027	3,105
Angamedilla	1,358	0
Galwesland	1,730	154
Wilpattu	37,705	8,846
Maduruoya	1,084	29
Lahugala	243	59
Pigeon Islands	38,978	12,886
Hikkaduwa	26,817	5,968
Ethaturu Sevana– Udawalawa	125,588	16,074
Welipara Sanctuary	8,494	2,443
Total	844,657	341,227

Overall Financial Progress (as at 31.12.2013)

Category of Expenditure	Estimate (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	%
Capital Expenditure	642.9	469.74	73
Recurrent Expenditure	531.6	527.08	99
Total	1,174.5	996.82	85

Serial No.	Programme	Provision (Rs. Mn.)	Progress
			Financial (Rs. Mn.)
1	Establishment of reservation area network	5.00	4.98
2	Development of eco tourism activities	10.00	10.58
3	People expansion programme	1.50	1.15
4	Conservation of endangered species	2.50	2.39
5	Improvement of information communication Systems	4.00	3.15
6	Rehabilitation and development of road system of reservation areas.	20.00	13.59
7	Development of water sources in reservation areas	2.00	6.52
8	Construction and rehabilitation of buildings	25.33	20.93
9	Erection of electric fence	100.32	110.91
10	Habitat enrichment in reservations	35.00	30.06
11	Procurement of furniture & office equipment	5.64	5.64
12	Procurement of machinery & equipment	4.1	2.78
13	Repair of vehicles	7.50	5.13
14	Training & research activities	1.30	0.62
15	Conservation education & review	4.70	4.07
16	Enforcement of Law & protection	5.00	3.90
17	Maintenance of national wildlife research training centre	9.00	11.16
18	Establishment of wild elephant conservation park at Horowpathana	300.00	133.86
19	Deyata Kirula development programme	100.00	98.32
Total		642.90	469.74



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Objectives

- Conservation and development of environmental and economic values of natural heritages in Sri Lanka.
- Dissemination of wildlife and environmental education activities.
- Assisting wildlife conservation activities in Sri Lanka.
- Take necessary action to effect community development activities in reservation areas.
- Introduce wildlife/ environmental laws wherever necessary.
- Organizing and maintenance of eco tourism facilities and communications.
- Promotion of national and international understanding on natural and cultural values in Sri Lanka.

Administration

The Wildlife Trust is administrated by Board of Trustees consisting of 10 members. The Director General, Department of Wildlife Conservation is the ex – officio Chairman while the Secretary in charge of the subject of Wildlife, the General of Wildlife Conservation, a representative from the Ceylon Tourist Board, a representative from the Central Environmental Authority, two representatives from Non - Governmental Organizations and another two individuals from the private sector business circle function as its members.

Income Generation of the Wildlife Trust

The Wildlife Trust has to generate income for all its activities. At present 04 main sources of income have been identified.

- Investment of funds
- Hiring of facilities at Randenigala Training Centre
- Eco - tourism activities
- Marketing (Communication items etc.)

Development of conservation services are closely related with the annual income increases of the Wildlife Trust.

Programmes and Services of Wildlife Trust

The Wildlife Trust spends about 50% of its annual income for maintaining various conservation services which are as follows;

- **Community Education Programmes**

This includes education programmes, workshops, observation tours, one - day education sessions, 03 day week - end residential courses and six - month certificate courses on wildlife. In addition various education programmes are also organized.

- **School Based Education Programmes and Environmental Activities**

This is prioritized programme of the Wildlife Trust. In this exercise priority will be given to schools located near wildlife zones with much valued bio - diversity. These programmes are organized as short - time practical activities by mobilizing interested teachers and pupils of schools located near those zones.

- **Development of Abilities of the Community Organizations**

These activities include improvement of social adaptation aimed at promoting increased understanding among communities living in and around wildlife reservations.

- **Research Activities**

Assisting in research activities at various level in the relevant fields (with practical tendency) such as graduate and post graduate level and assisting in projects of students in advance level.

- **Communication and News Related Project**

This project includes publication bureau, exhibition unit and other related functions. At present the Wildlife Trust maintains 07 information communication and sale points successfully.

Income & Expenditure as at 31.12.2013

Month	Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs)
January	1,044,959.63	869,349.21
February	1,183,661.75	836,609.71
March	782,229.00	1,081,885.30
April	1,008,655.63	936,249.49
May	888,346.25	937,180.71
June	742,417.13	750,174.15
July	1,399,897.75	903,035.41
August	1,190,237.25	1,011,528.99
September	1,932,810.25	690,875.47
October	1,205,754.00	1,382,496.76
November	1,828,396.08	849,875.15
December	927,473.20	2,235,588.39
Total	14,134,837.92	12,484,848.74