



EFL Newsletter

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Dear Subscribers,

We hope you enjoyed reading our last Newsletter. EFL has had busy two months since and with this issue, we are excited to share some of the significant projects we've been part of so far.

-Editor's Note-



Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD project)

On our previous issue, we informed about EFL's contribution formulating the 6th National Report of Sri Lanka and its involvement in evaluating the status of the country's biodiversity.

The second session of the Biodiversity Experts' workshop for Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), was held on the 14th & 15th of May, to prepare the 6th National Report funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

EFL, along with other experts in fields of flora and lesser known taxa, was consulted to gain information on changes following the published National Red List 2012 of Sri Lanka.

The session focused on areas such as the proposed changes to the ecological zones, identification of important habitats within the zones for key taxa, evaluation of threats and discussion on conservation interventions required for effective biodiversity conservation.

Access the full article on our website

<http://efl.lk/portfolio-posts/convention-biodiversity-cbd-6th-national-report/>



EFL Fights Against Coal Through Legal Measures

Since the beginning of Sri Lanka's coal issue, EFL has been actively involved in minimising its impact through legal measures. One instance, was its influence on shutting down the Sampur Coal power plant.

With the rising concerns about the Norochcholai coal power plant and the Least Cost Long Term Power Generation Plan, EFL is fighting back in courts to alleviate and cease further harm brought by coal to generate power in Sri Lanka.

Case 1- With CA (Writ) 346/17 filed on the 24th of January 2018, EFL intervened in the writ application filed by two union members challenging the legality of the Least Cost Long Term Power Generation Plan. EFL instituted its intervention in public interest to give due recognition to the government policy on fuel diversity, taking into consideration the

environmental and social costs catering to the energy requirements of Sri Lanka. The case is next scheduled for support on the 31st July 2018.

Case 2- SC (FR) 282/16 is against the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant, evaluating the environmental and social impact of the power plant with independent energy and environmental experts. The next date for mention will be on the 25th of July.

Read more via <http://efl.lk/portfolio-posts/norochcholai-coal-power-plant/>

Other News

- EFL is delighted to introduce its latest strategic partner ICCC (International Conference on Climate Change)
- On the 2nd of June, EFL carried out a beach cleanup event at Crow Island Beach. The event was the beginning of EFL's move toward building a nationwide campaign against plastic pollution.
- EFL also conducted student lectures at St. Thomas College and Matthedeniya Maha Vidyalaya and will conduct another at Visakha Vidyalaya in relation to the UN Environment Day under the theme 'beat plastic pollution threatening marine life and human health'.
- Another component of EFL's pledge against reducing single use plastic was creating an awareness video for the general public. Access our YouTube account to watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8VzF9IMErM>
- Help us fund our projects with your donations. Donate by following the link <http://efl.lk/donation/>



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