



EFL Newsletter

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Dear Subscribers,

August is a special month for EFL since we celebrate our birthday! Founded on the 3rd of August 1981, EFL has come a long way to be known as a pioneer environmental litigation firm. Over the last two months, EFL has also had significant achievements through our legal cases. Thus, this issue primarily focuses on our legal accomplishments.

-Editor's Note-



Happy 37th birthday EFL!

Environmental Foundation (Guarantee) Ltd. (EFL) is one of the pioneer conservation and environmental public interest litigation organisations in Sri Lanka.

Established on the 3rd of August 1981, EFL has legally supported environmental conservation and protection in Sri Lanka, with more than 250 court cases filed. We have handled over 2500 complaints and carried out much needed scientific research and investigations, to address environmental degradation and support aggrieved communities in the

country.

Our mission is to conserve and protect Sri Lanka's natural environment through legal & scientific means.

As a non-profit institution, EFL is well reputed for its legal work and known for its balanced approach, transparency and neutrality in environmental matters.

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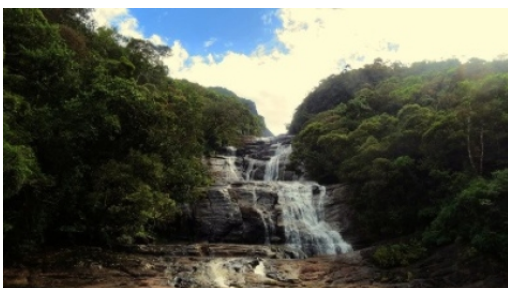
Illegal Tourism on Sallitivu Islet

On the 29th of March 2018, EFL filed a writ application, CA (Writ) 143/2018, against an illegal eco-tourism project taking place on Sallitivu islet. EFL instituted this case in public interest due to the islet's significance of being ecologically sensitive.



The case was supported on the 3rd of July 2018. Click on the link below to know what happened on the day.

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Unlawful mini hydro power plant project in Eli Hatha

The beautiful Eli Hatha, or the 'Seven Falls' waterfall, is situated within a Peak Wilderness Nature Reserve in Sri

Lanka. An alleged unlawful construction of a mini hydro project was taking place at the seventh waterfall called Dothulu Ella, where rigorous harm to the environment has been caused. Thus, EFL filed a writ application on the

04th of December 2015, and it was supported on the 21st of June 2018.

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Ehetuwewa illegal forest clearing and the subsequent erection of an electric fence

EFL was granted Special Leave to Appeal by the Supreme Court in the Ehetuwewa forest cleaning case (SC (Spl) LA 289/2017). This



case relates to the illegal forest clearing and the subsequent erection of an electric fence within the immediate vicinity of the Nakolagane Purana Raja Maha Viharaja in Ehetuwewa.

EFL, along with 2 villagers from Ehetuwewa, challenged the illegal electric fence instituted by the temple obstructing a habitual home-range elephant corridor, escalating one of the biggest problems in the area; the human-elephant conflict. Due to this fence, elephants are obstructed by using this habitual pathway to access the nearby water tanks. As a result, herds consisting of 50-100 individual elephants are seen blocking the main Ehetuwewa road, bringing them into direct contact with the villagers and vehicles passing by.

The Supreme Court of Sri Lanka ordered the Court of Appeal to re-hear this case. Mr. Ananda Lal Nanayakkara appeared on behalf of the petitioners.

Through this litigation, EFL hopes to prevent further aggravation of the existing human-elephant conflict in Ehetuwewa.

Other News

- EFL continues to actively take part in preparing Sri Lanka's sixth National Report for Convention on Biological

Diversity (CBD) funded by UNDP.

- As part of a measure to raise awareness among youth, EFL held student awareness sessions for AOD and APIIT students.
- EFL is active again on Instagram. Follow us and view interesting posts about our work by clicking on the icon below.



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