



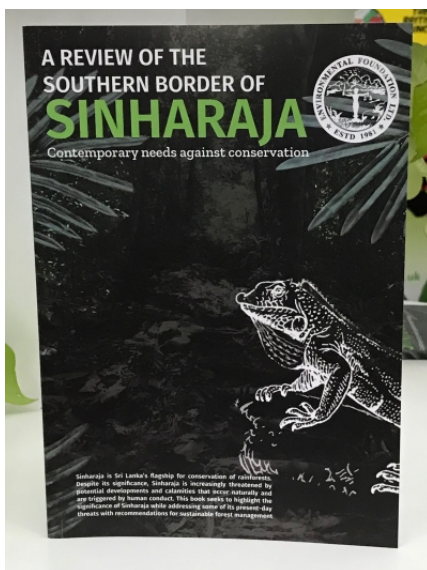
EFL Newsletter

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Dear Subscribers,

This festive season, EFL has a lot to celebrate and they are mostly to do with the success of our recent events. As the final newsletter for this year, we take you down the memory lane to show how EFL fared in 2018. EFL also sends seasonal greetings to all our subscribers and wishes you all a very happy New Year!!

-Editor's Note-



EFL launches 'A Review of the Southern Border of Sinharaja'

EFL added another publication to its collection called 'A Review of the Southern Border of Sinharaja' with a book launch event held on 7 December 2018.

This book elaborates a study conducted to assess the present status of the southern borders of the Sinharaja Forest Reserve, the gaps in conservation and current practices, with emphasis on the lack of a veritable buffer zone as an underlying reason for the threats posed to the southern borders of Sinharaja.

The book is now available to purchase for Rs.750 at EFL premises. Students receive a concession! For those interested, please reserve a copy via mail@efl.lk

Click on the button below to know more about the book and the event.



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Green Conversations- A platform for environmentalists

Green Conversations is a fast moving event format introduced by EFL, bringing together established environmentalists,

organisations and the general public to create a space to connect and exchange ideas in one platform.



For its very first event, the theme was sustainable consumption. The event was warmly received by the public and it has already generated some great results!

Click on the button below to know how the event unfolded.



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A look back at 2018



Legal matters- 13 court cases to combat environmental injustice

From fighting illegal forest clearing and the subsequent building of an electric fence in Ehetuwewa, to halting an illegal construction in Sallitivu islet rich in biodiversity and fighting against an unlawful mini-hydro project in Peak Wilderness were some of the highlights of EFL litigation filed under public interest this year. Thus, EFL has carried out 13 cases in 2018.

Click below to know all about them in detail.

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EFL conserves the environment through scientific research and projects

The highlight of EFL's scientific research in 2018 would be the involvement in preparing the 6th National Report (NR) for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

Currently, Sri Lanka is in the process of preparing the 6th NR to CBD. The Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment has initiated the preparation process under the Biodiversity Secretariat funded by UNDP. EFL has been tasked with the preparation of the document.

Apart from this, EFL also works with the International Labour Organisation (ILO)- Sri Lanka on developing a tri-lingual guideline report on watershed management and carries out surface water quality assessment in Kelani River in Kitulgala.

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Press releases of 2018 to raise awareness

From raising awareness about significant decisions given on EFL court cases to covering EFL events carried out for various purposes and conducting a media briefing for state media on how environmental matters should be reported, EFL has had a busy year with the press, raising awareness about what we do. Find out about EFL work covered by the press this year by clicking on the button below.



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Other News

- EFL conducted an interactive awareness session on deforestation with the children of French International School-Colombo. Find out what was discussed by clicking on the link below. <https://efl.lk/awareness-session-with-french-international-school-of-colombo/>
- EFL Chairperson Eric Wikramanayake, PhD, took part in the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP14) as part of the UN Biodiversity Conference 2018. Dr. Wikramanayake presented a project by EFL on 'Integrated Spatial Planning and Analysis to Prioritise Biodiversity Conservation in Sri Lanka'. See the full project <https://efl.lk/portfolio/integrated-spatial-planning-and-analysis-to-prioritize-biodiversity-conservation-in-sri-lanka/>
- EFL Projects and Science Officer Zaineb Akbarally spoke at the UNDP Social Good Summit on human elephant conflict and how cultivating bee farms can potentially become a solution.





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