



EFL Newsletter

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Justice for Nature

Environmental Foundation (Guarantee) Ltd. is a public interest litigation organisation founded in 1981. Our mission is to conserve and protect Sri Lanka's natural environment through legal and scientific means.



EFL begins a new project on Environmentally Sensitive Areas

EFL's latest science project involves enhancing biodiversity conservation and sustenance of ecosystems services in Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA), a project implemented by the Ministry of

Mahaweli Development and Environment and supported by UNDP- Sri Lanka. This project is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Click on the button below to know what the project is about and to what extent EFL lends its expertise.

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Developing a trilingual report on Tools and Guidelines for Watershed Management

EFL science team is also involved in

compiling a document titled “Tools and Guidelines for Watershed Management in South-Western region of Sri Lanka for increased climate resilience, with a special focus on tea grown areas”, together with IUCN Sri Lanka, funded by the International Labour Organization.



The document aims to provide guidance and recommendations to accommodate existing land use, planning of land conversions and sustainable cultivation methods in tea grown areas to increase resilience to climate change impacts.

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EFL presents at the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC) at Eugene, Oregon in USA

EFL Head of Legal, Anushka Gunawardena, presented at the Public Interest Environmental Law

Conference (PIELC) on the 1st of March 2019 at the University of Oregon, USA. On the panel, Anushka spoke on 'Recent Developments in Human Rights and the Environment.' During her presentation, she focused on the South Asian judicial interpretation to environmental cases while discussing the Galle Face Green case from Sri Lanka and the Niyamgiri hills case from India.

PIELC is the premier annual gathering for environmentalists worldwide and is considered world's biggest public interest environmental law conference. The Conference historically unites more than 3,000 activists, attorneys, students, scientists, and concerned citizens from over 50 countries around the globe to share their experience and expertise.

Second Green Conversations on Deforestation



Green Conversations is a fast-track event format organised by EFL, creating an interactive platform to connect and exchange ideas between established environmentalists, organisations and the general public to find solutions to pressing environmental issues. Continuing as a

series from November 2018, starting with sustainable consumption, Green Conversations will continue to address different environmental topics aligning with the UN Sustainable Goals.

The second event of the series was held on 28 February at Hatch, Colombo, focusing particularly on deforestation. This event was sponsored by Nations Trust Bank.

Click on the button below to access the event page.

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Other News

- EFL actively took part in the international symposium of 'Global Dialogue on Wildlife Trafficking 2019', jointly organised by the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC), University of Colombo, CITES CoP18 Secretariat and EFL. The symposium marks the first ever global conference held in Sri Lanka on wildlife trafficking.
- As a certified member, EFL had its first stall at Good Market selling its merchandise and partnering with an event organised by NGage Goodvocay in relation climate strike activities taking place globally in March 2019.
- On 16 March 2019, EFL's legal team delivered a guest lecture to the MSc students in Environmental Sciences at the University of Colombo. The presentation highlighted significant environmental cases while giving insight into the National Environment Act.



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