



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.

Legal Projects



Identify gaps and opportunities in national policies related to rural development to mainstream disaster resilience

The recurring droughts and floods in Sri Lanka over the past few years have caused severe damage to the livelihood of the poor and vulnerable communities threatening the sustainability of the support efforts. Therefore, introducing the right climate resilience measures are mandatory for establishing strategies to improve the quality of life among the communities vulnerable to climate disaster and increasing job opportunities.

This project, initiated by the International Labour Organisation (ILO)- Sri Lanka, intends

to strengthen disaster resilience in flood affected communities in selected districts in the Southwest and drought affected communities in the Northern Province.

EFL is tasked to conduct a survey of the existing legal and administrative framework to identify the relevant laws, policies and action plans that are broadly relevant for proactive prevention, mitigation and adaptation under the thematic areas; climate change, disaster management and livelihood development.

EFL successfully completes the following research projects



Surface Water Quality Assessment of Kelani River

Kelani river water quality study involved conducting five sampling sessions along a selected stretch of the river. The selected section of the river was chosen to cover the Kitulgala area where many recreational facilities are located. The results will determine the current status of the selected stretch of the water body, identify hot spot areas of faecal pollution, and identify potential pollution sources to develop a mechanism for enforcement of the law and execution.

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Formulating Sri Lanka's 6th National Report for Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

The Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment has initiated actions to prepare the 6th National Report of Sri Lanka under the direct modality funding of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). EFL is assigned with the task of preparing the report. The validated results have been submitted to the CBD and the updated biodiversity profile will be published once reviewed by the publication committee at the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment.

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Advocacy through events and workshops



Green Conversations 3 was another success!

Another successful edition of Green Conversations was concluded last month. This time, the theme was climate change. The event comprised several speakers from various backgrounds with vast expertise on the subject where many were involved in climate adaptation and resilience projects. Green Conversations is a fast-track interactive platform bringing together experts and enthusiasts in one platform to find solutions to protect the environment. The event series is sponsored by Nations Trust Bank and EFL would like to warmly welcome Pulse who joined the series this time as the online media partner. Find out how the event unfolded via the button below.

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[Event video](#)



Design thinking workshop with Thuru

EFL's collaborator, Thuru, hosted a design thinking rapid prototyping workshop together with EFL to find solutions via technology to deforestation. Thuru's CoFounder Heminda Jayaweera conducted the workshop while EFL organised the workshop and lent their expertise. The workshop was a consequence of the second Green Conversations held by EFL on deforestation.



Workshop on air pollution on World Environment Day

On World Environment Day 2019, EFL conducted a workshop on this year's theme 'air pollution', to all employees of Transworld Group- Sri Lanka. The workshop included an overview of the topic, to what extent it is prevalent in Sri Lanka and its legal frame. The participants wore masks while conducting group activities to realise the importance of having clean air to breath.

Other News

- EFL commenced a new collaboration with TNL Radio with a segment titled 'Seansplains' to be aired on the Morning Show once a month every month. The segment is dedicated to raising awareness about environmental issues persisting in Sri Lanka and the series began with the topic of plastic pollution.
- EFL is now a proud outreach partner to Climate Launchpad, the world's largest & smartest green business ideas competition taking place in Sri Lanka for the first time. The competition aims to tackle climate change by helping entrepreneurs anywhere on the globe to build successful startups with great impact.



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