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Chapter 01

1.1 Introduction

The "Ministry of Environment" was established as per the special revised gazette notification No. 2289/43 dated 22.07.2022 issued by His Excellency the President. The Ministry of Environment is entrusted with the formulation and implementation of programs to combat environmental pollution, taking necessary steps to develop national and international cooperation for the protection of the environment for present and future generations and formulation of policies and laws and implementation of strategies to create sustainable development. At present Hon Minister Keheliya Rabukwella is giving leadership to the Ministry of Environment.

Ministry of Environment provides leadership to creation of Sustainable Environment with minimal environmental changes and low carbon usage by implementing priority activities such as policy formulation in accordance with the environment, implementation of projects under National Budget, Public Investment and National Development Program.

Due to the current oppressive situation of the economy of Sri Lanka, it has faced many changes in the economic, social and political structure and it has also caused many environmental changes. Therefore, it is expected to act under the guidance and leadership of the Hon. Minister to build the institutional, legal and technical framework of the entire Government Mechanism led by the Ministry of Environment and affiliated institutions for the management of the environment and natural resources of the country, while minimizing the effects on the environment and maintaining the balance in relation to the rapid economic trends and the use of natural resources.



5th Asia Pacific Environment Ministers Conference – Colombo

The Environment Ministry along with Central Environment Authority, Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, Limited GSMB Technical Services Pvt. Ltd. and Sri Lanka Climate Fund (Pvt.) Limited are working together to reduce the impact on the environment due to the acceleration of the economic development process in the country and the change in the way of life of the people. By strengthening the institutional, legal and technical framework of the entire government mechanism, it performs a special task to build the living conditions of the people in a sustainable and and thrifty manner.

This report is expected to present detailed information about the development and conservation work carried out in the year 2023 by the institutions operating under the Ministry of Environment, all departments and projects of the Ministry.

1.2 Vision and Mission of the Ministry

Vision

“A Sustainably Developed Sri Lanka”

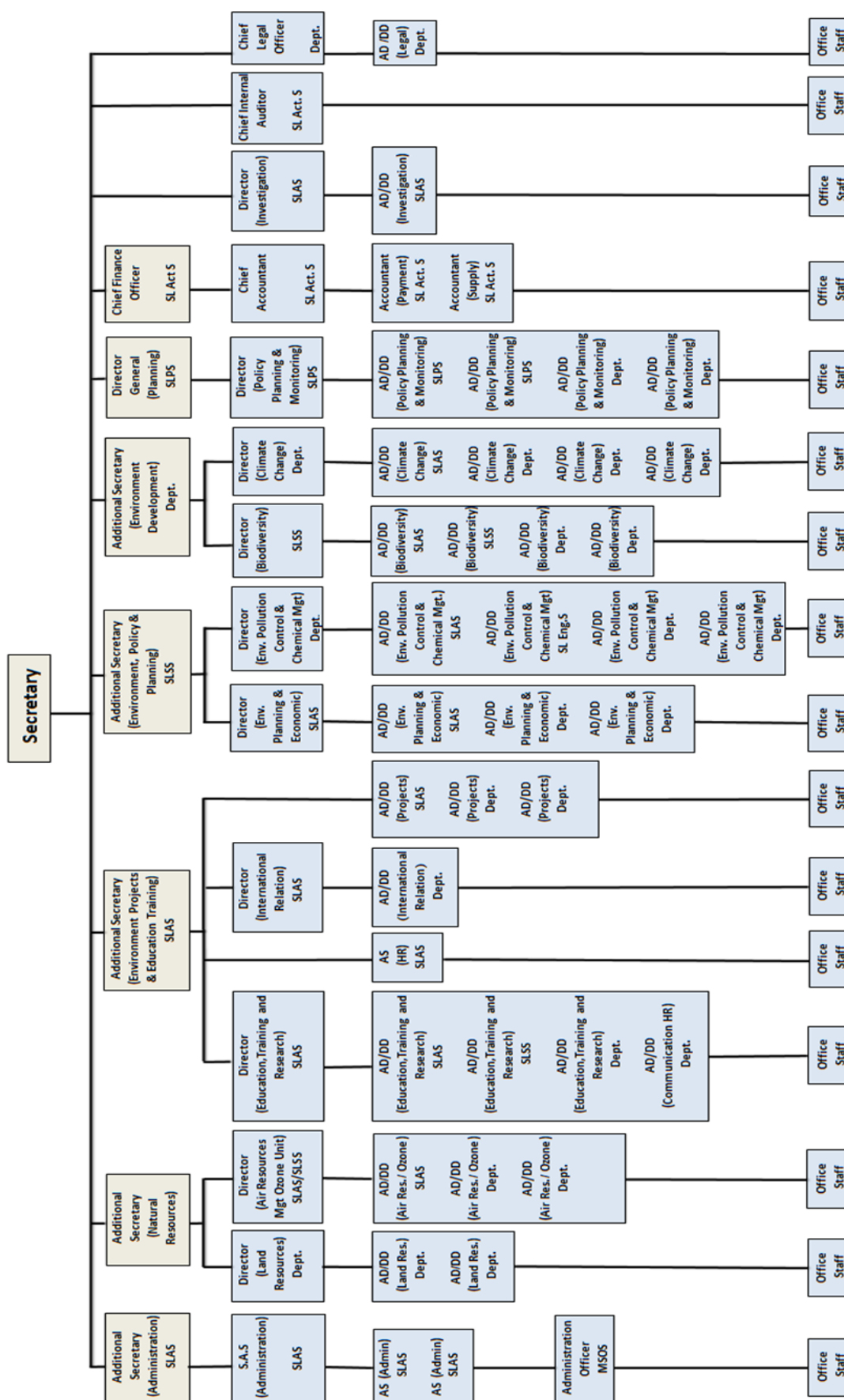
Mission

To provide leadership for sustainable environmental management by ensuring environmental protection through sustainable natural resource management.

1.3 Major Functions of the Ministry of Environment

- ⇒ Formulate, implement, monitor and examine policies, programs and projects within the scope of the Ministry of Environment and other institutions based on national policies implemented by the government.
- ⇒ Providing public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and public-friendly manner.
- ⇒ Reforming all service systems and procedures using modern management techniques and technology, thereby ensuring that the functions of the Ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.
- ⇒ Formulation of policies and plans for environmental conservation and sustainable management.
- ⇒ Taking necessary steps to develop national and international cooperation to protect the environment for present and future generations
- ⇒ Formulate and implement programs to combat environmental pollution.
- ⇒ Formulation of policies, legislation and implementation of strategies to establish a sustainable development with minimum environmental changes and minimum carbon use economy.
- ⇒ To create a positive attitude among people about the importance of sustainable environment concept.
- ⇒ Issuance of Environmental Viability Permits and review of the same process.
- ⇒ Confirming the fulfillment of the international obligations to be fulfilled by Sri Lanka in accordance with the multilateral environmental conventions that Sri Lanka has signed.
- ⇒ All other subject-related functions assigned to the institutions listed under the purview of the Ministry.

1.4 Organizational Chart – Ministry of Environment



1.5 Departments/Institutions under Ministry :

- Central Environmental Authority
- Geological Survey and Minus Bureau
- GSMB Technical Service (Pvt) Ltd
- Sri Lanka Climate Fund (PVT) Ltd

1.6 Funds under Ministry / Department / Institution

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1.7 Information on foreign funded projects (if any)

a) Name of the Project	1. Project on Managing together Integrating Community Centered, Ecosystem – Base Approaches in to Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors.
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b) Donor Agency	Global Environment Facility (GEF)
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c) Estimated Cost of the Project	635.9 (Rs. Mn)
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d) Project Duration	2021 - 2024
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a) Name of the Project	2. Implementation of the Montreal Protocol in Sri Lanka
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b) Donor Agency	Multi Lateral Fund (MLF)
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c) Estimated Cost of the Project	35 (Rs. Mn) (2023)
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d) Project Duration	Annual Program
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a) Name of the Project	3. Environmentally Sound Management and disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls(PCBs) wastes and PCB contaminated Equipment.
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b) Donor Agency	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
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c) Estimated Cost of the Project	685.10 (Rs. Mn)
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d) Project Duration	2015 –2023
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a) Name of the Project	4.Project on Healthy Landscapes Managing Agricultural Landscape in Socio - Ecologically Sensitive Areas to Promote Food Security, Wellbeing and Ecosystem health .
b) Donor Agency	Global Environment Facility (GEF)
c) Estimated Cost of the Project	383 (Rs. Mn)
d) Project Duration	2021-2023
a) Name of the Project	5.Marine Litter and Micro Plastics: Promoting the Environmentally Sound Management of Plastic Waste and Achieving the Prevention and Minimization of the Generation of Plastic Waste.
b) Donor Agency	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
c) Estimated Cost of the Project	10.37 (Rs Mn)
d) Project Duration	2021 - 2023
a) Name of the Project	6.Capacity Building on Environmentally Sound Management of Single use Plastic and its Waste in Asia Pacific Countries.
b) Donor Agency	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
c) Estimated Cost of the Project	5.4 (Rs Mn)
d) Project Duration	2021 - 2023
a) Name of the Project	7.Strengthening National Capacity for Phasing out Mercury Added Products and Environmentally Sound Management of Waste Consisting of, Contaminated with and containing Mercury in Sri Lanka.
b) Donor Agency	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
c) Estimated Cost of the Project	32.15 (Rs Mn)
d) Project Duration	2021 - 2024
a) Name of the Project	8.Strengthening National Level Institutional and Professional Capacities of Country parties Towards Enhanced UNCCD Monitoring and Reporting- GEF 7 EA Umbrella IV
b) Donor Agency	Global Environment Facility (GEF)
c) Estimated Cost of the Project	29.49 (Rs. Mn)
d) Project Duration	2023 -2025

a) Name of the Project	9.Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) for Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) Sector
b) Donor Agency	Global Environment Facility (GEF)
c) Estimated Cost of the Project	8.5 (Rs. Mn)
d) Project Duration	2023 - 2024

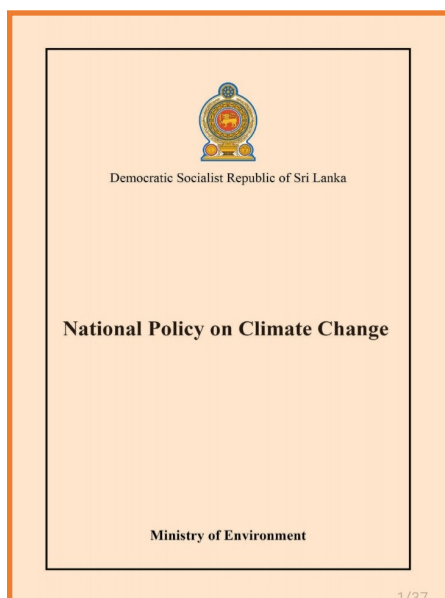
a) Name of the Project	10.GEF Support to UNCCD 2018 National Reporting Progress
b) Donor Agency	Global Environment Facility (GEF)
c) Estimated Cost of the Project	11.5 (Rs. Mn)
d) Project Duration	2019 - 2023

02 Chapter – Progress

2.1 Progress of programs implemented by each division of the Ministry of Environment

2.1.1 Environmental Policy analysis and Action plans

Formulation of National Climate Change Policy



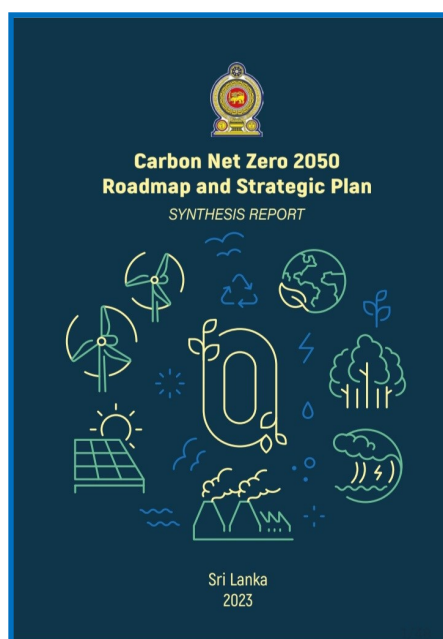
In view of Sri Lanka's emerging climate risks, changing national priorities, new global developments and climate-related programmes, mechanisms and benefits, the National Climate Change Policy published in 2012 was updated by the Ministry of Environment to meet the needs of the times and for that the Cabinet Approval was granted in November 2023. In this way, adaptation to climate change, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, loading of losses and gains due to climate change, as well as contributing to international goals through activities in all sectors to reach the nationally determined contribution targets of Sri Lanka, are at risk due to climate change in Sri Lanka. The opportunity will be provided to contribute to the welfare of the community as well as the sustainable development of the country.

Update of National Minerals Policy

The National Mineral Policy was updated by the Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau to address many issues such as covering the gaps in the existing mineral policy, exploring mineral resources in the ocean region belonging to Sri Lanka, adding value in mineral exports, improving mineral-related processing industries, managing mineral resources and the environment sustainably, and addressing issues related to land ownership arising during mineral extraction.

Formulation of Sri Lanka Road Map for Net Zero Carbon by 2050

The draft Sri Lanka 2050 Carbon Net Zero Roadmap and Strategic Plan was approved by Cabinet on 27 November 2023 and the Carbon Net Zero Roadmap and Strategic Plan has been published on the website of the Climate Change Secretariat. This roadmap and strategic plan will be reviewed and updated every 5 years.



National Policy on Environmentally Sensitive Areas

This Policy suggests augmenting nature-based solutions to enhance the integrity of conservation, resilience to climate change, and wise use of natural capital in ensuring sustainable development in Sri Lanka. This National Policy on Environmentally Sensitive Areas in Sri Lanka has been launched on 16th November 2023 at the Ministry of Environment.



2.1.2 Conservation of Biodiversity in Sri Lanka



Opening of Renovated Popham Arboretum as an Eco Tourism Destination for the Nature Lovers, 20 July 2023, Dambulla

Considering the importance of the Popham Arboretum, the Ministry of Environment identified this site as one of the site to be developed for promoting ecotourism mainly targeted for foreign tourists. Accordingly, Ministry of Environment provided funds to National Institute of Fundamental Studies to develop NIFS- Popham Arboretum as an Ecotourism Destination. Na-

tional Institute of Fundamental Studies (NIFS) completed the work and re-opened the site as an Eco Tourism Destination. After the completion of the development work, it was re-opened for local and foreign eco-tourists on 20.07.2023.

Seagrass Drone Mapping Workshop



In parallel to the World Seagrass Day Celebration, two day seagrass drone mapping workshop was organized by the Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Sri Lankan Airlines, Department of Wildlife Conservation, Blue Resource Trust and some other key stakeholder agencies on 2nd & 3rd March 2023.

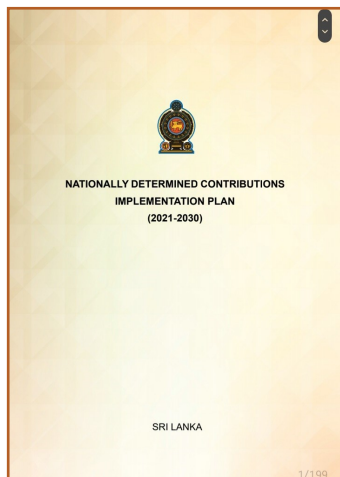
In correspondent to the International Biodiversity Day Celebration, a training workshop was conducted on identification of mangrove species, demonstration of how to use the National Guidelines for the restoration of Mangrove Ecosystems of Sri Lanka and legal aspects of Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystems in Sri Lanka on 23rd May 2023 for relevant Government Officials in Mannar District in collaboration with the Forest Department. About 60 relevant stakeholder officials participated in this workshop.

Mangrove Restoration Program – Around Malwatu Oya estuary

Mangrove restoration programme was carried out at “Silavathura” in Mannar district with the participation of the Department of Forestry, Sri Lanka Navy and the community on 21 July 2023.

2.1.3 Overcoming the Challenges of Climate Change

Preparation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) Plan and implementation



The updated Nationally Determined Contribution Implementation Plan was prepared with stakeholder participation. The plan is a means of making progress by providing project ideas for investment opportunities. So far the report on GHG calculations for the year

2021-2022 has been compiled. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for 2021-2022 have been progressed for each sector.

Preparation of Provincial Climate Change Adaptation Plans

Provincial Adaptation Plan (PAPs) have been prepared under the National Adaptation Plan Readiness Support (NAP Readiness) Project by identifying challenges and specific climatic conditions of each province and build their resilience. First second and third provincial level consultations have been completed in all provinces. The draft provincial Adaptation Plans are ready for all 9 provinces and ready for validation and thereafter for implementation with all provincial level responsible authorities.

Mainstreaming climate change into provincial development planning

Provincial climate board (PCB) and provincial climate units (PCUs), have been established in all 9 provinces in order to mainstream climate change into provincial development planning and implementation of national and provincial level climate programmes. The provincial climate board is functioning to take decisions related to climate change, and the provincial chief secretary is the head of this com-

-mittee and other relevant local government officials are the other committee members. Further development of a roadmap to mainstream and integrate of climate change into provincial development planning, establishment of a provincial climate information data base, GIS and vulnerability assessment capacity building programmes for provincial level officers have been conducted covering all 9 provinces.

Development of Project Concept Papers for Green Climate Fund (GCF) funding

The NDA is promoting the development of sound project proposals to obtain funds from the GCF. Accordingly,

- No objection letter was issued for the FAO (Fisheries Sector) and ready for submission to GCF.
- Reviews from project evaluation committee was informed to the concept note on Solar Energy and E mobility Projects by UNDP.
- NDA Core - Group comments were obtained for the Health & Tourism sector concept note development
- Project Ideas Prioritization Workshop" was held.

Capacity-building workshops on concept paper writing

The objectives of the training are to identify and develop GCF funding proposals, engage with potential members of the project development working group, and scope for potential project ideas that may be developed into GCF concept notes.

4 proposals developed by the project proposal development team are to be reviewed by consultants.

A workshop was conducted to mainstream gender policy development for GCF project formulation.

A gender mainstreaming workshop was also conducted to formulate GCF projects. A workshop on GCF Environment and Social Protection was held for the nominated Direct Access Institutions, and a national workshop called 'Vision Setting Workshop on Climate-Smart Green Growth Strategy for Sri Lanka' was held.

2.1.4 Air Resources Management

Convening the National Steering Committee and its Technical Committee meetings for Air Resource Management.

At the meeting held on 11.01.2023, policy decisions were made in the areas of controlling emissions from stationary and indoor sources, air quality monitoring, and raising awareness and building capacity for air quality management.

Project to create a sustainable and efficient e-mobility system in Sri Lanka

International commitments on climate change, including the Paris Agreement, mandate zero greenhouse gas emissions and minimal emissions from mobility. The transport sector currently contributes approximately one-fourth of energy-related carbon dioxide emissions, a figure projected to increase to one-third by 2050. This projection suggests that the global vehicle fleet will double by 2050, primarily in low- and middle-income countries .

The approvals of the National Planning Department, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Attorney General's Department related to the project have been obtained, and the relevant agreement is to be signed after securing the necessary cabinet approval for the implementation of the project.

Project on capacity development to improve evidence-based strategies and policies on air quality management in the Colombo Metropolitan Area

Three automated air quality monitoring centers have been stationed in the cities of Colombo, Kandy, and Battaramulla to determine the air quality in Sri Lanka,. These devices provide data on PM10, PM2.5, NOx, SOx, CO, and O3 in the air.

It has been discovered that PM10 and PM2.5 levels in the circulating air in some urban areas of Sri Lanka are higher than the standard values on some days.

Taking this into account, the French government has proposed a capacity development project aimed at enhancing evidence-based strategies and policies for air quality management in the Colombo Metropolitan Area. The tripartite agreement to carry out the project was signed on March 30, 2023, at the Ministry of Environment.

Conducting the project inception meetings with the main stakeholders, such as the Department of External Resources, Department of National Planning, the Ministry of Transport, the Road Development Authority and Analyzing data and following up

on air quality monitoring activities conducted by the Central Environment Authority and the National Building Research

Institute, including automatic, mobile, and passive sampling methods. Also, meetings were held with Ministries and related data providers for performance evaluation of passive and micro-sensors (passive tubes and micro-sensors) and air emission inventory.



2.1.5 Environment Planning and Economic

Green Public Procurement Programme

Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the main stakeholders including Ministry of Finance and National Procurement Commission formulated the National Policy on Green Procurement and received the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers on 24.07.2023 to implement the policy. Ministry of Environment in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) has rolled out the implementation. A market readiness analysis and public sector survey have been conceptualized and it has been arranged to be held in 2024.

Implementation of National framework on Eco Labeling

Taking into consideration the facts such as the diversity of labeling and certification schemes and green washing potential, The National Framework for Eco labelling of Sri Lanka was developed and validated by Ministry of Environment with the main stakeholders including SLAB and SLSI. The Framework was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on 21.11.2022 and Ministry of Environment in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) has taken action to the implement the Framework in 2023. The National Steering Committee (NSC) and the Multi-stakeholder Technical Committee (MSTC) of the Framework were established.

Eco products & Green Jobs promotion Programme

Awareness programs and capacity building programs were conducted in the year 2022 and 2023 to collect information about environmentally friendly producers and those engaged in green jobs across the island to the development officers (MOE) working at the divisional secretariats.

For the promotion of environmentally friendly products, an agreement was signed on November 1st to develop an online database for environmentally friendly product manufacturers in between SLYCAN trust international organization and MOE. The series of awareness workshops were inaugurated on 21st of December 2023 and the first programme was held at the Divisional Secretariat of Central Nuwaragam-palatha, Anuradhapura District, with the aim of identifying eco-friendly producers and awareness creation to further develop their industries.

The second workshop was successfully conducted at the Trincomalee Municipal Council auditorium for the environment friendly manufacturers and development officers of the Trincomalee district.

Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation and Sustenance of Ecosystem services in Environmentally Sensitive Areas Programme



102 ESAs have been identified based on this faunal analysis as the first preliminary action. Twelve grid cell clusters representing different bioclimatic zones of Sri Lanka were selected. Out of these eight environmentally Sensitive areas were identified and prepared fact sheets with an emphasis on the Malwathuoya basin, for the pilot delimitation of the ESAs as clusters of Grama Niladhari Divisions (GNDs), for ground level implementation.

Implementation of the Article 6 of the Paris Agreement in the country

Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)

Signed the Agreement on “Joint Crediting Mechanism for the low carbon growth partnership” between Japan and Sri Lanka on 10 October 2022. At present, the Joint Committee on Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) has been established with the approval of the Cabinet. Conducted several discussions with the project proponents to aware of the JCM procedure.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sri Lanka and Singapore for collaboration under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

Signed the MOU between Sri Lanka and Singapore on 22 August 2023.

Conformed to obtain the Transfer Readiness Assistance (TRA) for implementation of the article 6 of the Paris Agreement in collaboration with the UNDP and GGGI .



Preparation of the Carbon Trading Framework of Sri Lanka

For this, established the expert committee to prepare the Carbon Trading Framework and conducted two meetings of the expert committee with the facilitation of UNDP. Also the Drafted the National Carbon Trading Framework.

2.1.6 Environment Pollution Control and Chemical Management

2023 Green University Program 2023

On October 30th, 2023, an awareness program was organized at the Auditorium of the Ministry of Environment, The program aimed to educate the staff of both state and private universities on the Green University concept.

Awareness program on the concept of “Green Schools”

Under this, Ananda Vidyalaya Colombo is planned to be developed as a "green school" and this is intended to be implemented as a pilot project and to promote the green concept in urban schools.

Accordingly, an awareness program was held on 03.01.2023 . In the awareness program lectures were held on the concept of green schools, carbon footprints and water footprints and the contribution of the Central Environment Authority to this concept.

Project on “Controlling Pollution and Improving of Quality in Water Associated with the Diyavanna Oya”

A committee meeting of the task force of the project to control water pollution and improve the condition of Diyavanna Oya flowing near the Parliament of Sri Lanka was held on 14.03.2023, and the Central Environment Authority, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation and Water Resources Board Institutions reported progress.

Launching of the Public Awareness Campaign on Plastic Waste Management

The severity of plastic overuse in Sri Lanka, the Ministry of Environment took proactive measures to address this issue and developed communication materials aimed at educating the general public and fostering behavioral changes regarding plastic waste management. The Ministry received financial support for this initiative from the PLEASE project of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP), funded by the World Bank. The official launch of this communication materials to the media held on November 7, 2023.



Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP – 5) – Minamata Convention on Mercury

Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on Minamata Convention was held from 30th October to 3rd November 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland. The Ministry of Environment conducted 2 Side Event in virtual mode on 13th October 2023, based on the findings of the study on Mercury usage in Small Scale Jewelry Manufacturing Sector in Sri Lanka.

The Knowledge Lab Event was taken place at the venue of Minamata COP -5 on 2nd November 2023 and presented the findings of the research carried out under Hepatoprotective activity of Mercury containing “Lokanatha Rasa” ayurvedic drug.

2.1.7 Conservation of Land Resources

National Conference on Sustainable Nitrogen Management

The first National Symposium on Sustainable Nitrogen Management was jointly organized by the Ministry of Environment and the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka with the goal of reducing the country's nitrogen waste half by 2030. This event was held on 22nd-23rd June 2023 at the Grand Monarch Hotel, Thalawathugoda. An interactive session for preparing of action plan for sustainable nitrogen management was also held on the second day of the symposium.

Another programme was held in Anuradhapura, which was organized by the Healthy Landscape Project under the Ministry of Environment. Tree planting programme was conducted at the Kudakanumulla Primary school. A awareness programme was held for 100 teachers, Instructors and Principles of the selected schools in Thirappane Divisional secretariat for the world erath day.

National Drought Relief Plan 2020- Appraisal Workshop

The National Workshop on Reviewing the Drought Plan 2020", organized by the Ministry of Environment and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was held on 15 November 2023. Identifying the role of each institution in drought management, find out the projects that are already being implemented by various stakeholder institutions in relation to the National Drought Plan and the challenges in their implementation and policy and institutional arrangements related to drought management were the main objectives of the workshop.

Program on Sustainable Nitrogen Management held in conjunction with the 05th Conference of Asia-Pacific Environment Ministers

A Side event on Sustainable Nitrogen Management was conducted in coincide with the Fifth Forum of the Asia-Pacific Environment Ministers held from 03rd-06th October 2023. Ms. Rokeya Khaton, the Director General of the South Asia Co-Operative Environment Programme (SACEP), Professor Mark Sutton and local and foreign experts who are working on Sustainable Nitrogen Management were present at the event. Actions taken by different countries related to the Sustainable Nitrogen Management as well as their future plans were presented at this side event.



2.1.8 Environmental Education and Awareness

Organizing tree planting Programs



An underutilized fruit plants were planted in the ministry premises by Hon. Patricia Scotland, Head of the Commonwealth Secretariat and Former United Nations Secretary General H.E.Ban ki Moon to Mark the visit to Sri Lanka in the premises of Sobadam Piyasa,

And also commemorative gifts were also presented by the Ministry.

Establishment of 650 plant nurseries for the Conservation of Environment through Promotion of Green Entrepreneurship

Beneficiaries of this program were selected of the District Secretaries among low-income families from the Divisional Secretaries for establishment of the nurseries based on it needs of the districts. Three hundred thousand rupees were granted for each beneficiary to develop their nurseries. And the necessary training for the selected beneficiaries were been provided by the Ministry of Environment together with other relevant institutions. Under this Programme, 336 green entrepreneurs were being benefited.

Awareness Programs on Biodiversity

An awareness workshop was conducted in collaboration with North Central Provincial Education Department. This workshop specially focused on the importance of conservation of threatened fauna species. Altogether 221 school students and teachers participated in this awareness programme in Anuradhapura District.

Two hour “Ayubowan” Program was conducted at Jathika Rupavahiniya. Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, experts, official of the Forest Department and representatives of the private sector participated.

Mangrove awareness and tree planting programs

A mangrove tree planting program was held at Kalpitiya on 14th July 2023 with an awareness workshop for the Sri Lanka Navy. Technical assistance given by the Ministry of Environment and organized by the Dilmah Company.

Another program was conducted at Talathuduwa Aranya Senasana near Koggala Lagoon and 75 schools and 25 foreign volunteers participated. This programme was organized by the Colombo Supreme Lions Club and the technical assistance was given by the Ministry of Environment. Mangrove plants were provided by

the Wildlife and Marine Resources Conservation Organization.

An Awareness Programme on Biodiversity related Traditional Knowledge

An awareness programme on conservation of biodiversity related Traditional Knowledge (TK) and their sustainable use was held on 21.12.2023 at the Auditorium of the Ministry of Environment.

Media Workshop targeting at Youth on Biodiversity Conservation and Digital Marketing This program held on 17th and 18th March 2023 at Anuradhapura with selected youth groups.

Awareness and prepare conservation plans at village level

Community Conservation Experts at Trial Landscapes were made aware to prepare conservation plans at village level. Formation of village level Committees, stakeholder identification, knowledge sharing with the government agencies have been practiced

Awareness programme on Environmental Sensitive Areas

Two-day residential awareness programme was conducted for government officials on 18 & 19 December 2023 at Mannar regarding the importance of Environmental Sensitive Areas (ESAs).

Awareness Programs related to Air Quality Management



In conjunction with the celebration of International Blue Sky and Clean Air Day same awareness programs were conducted through

the road side emission testing programs in Matara, Kurunegala, Gampaha and Kandy districts., with the aim of educating school children about the importance of reducing air pollution, the different activities were carried out to represent all the schools with the cooperation of the Ministry of Education.

With the financial contribution of the National Ozone Unit, conducted a series of awareness programs with the participation of about 120 school children from C M S Maha Vidyalaya - Kotte, Helena Wijewardena Vidyalaya - Kelaniya, and Vihara Maha Devi Girls Vidyalaya - Kiribathgoda."

17one-day and three-day training workshops were conducted for technicians on handling flammable and toxic refrigerants and equipment containing them in the field of refrigeration and air conditioning.

10one-day and three-day capacity building workshops were conducted on good servicing practices of commercial industrial refrigeration systems, central air conditioning systems and handling of flammable/toxic refrigerants and equipment.

Conducted 03 workshops on upgrading of Refrigerant Reclaiming Centers.

Conducted 03 workshops for technicians in Board of Investment to introduce Kigali Amendment, ensure good servicing practices who are involved in RAC and MAC sector and handling of flammable/toxic refrigerant and equipment. Furthermore, 2 awareness workshops were held for the officials in charge of the zones of the Board of Investment about the implementation of the Montreal Protocol, Kigali Amendment and the national commitment and the policy and legal regulations and technical changes.

Conducted 09 awareness workshops on good servicing practices for end users who are using refrigerators and air conditioners and empower the women for Government officials

National Ozone Unit under the Environment Authority, trained by the National Ozone Unit,

conducted 15 awareness workshops for school students, government employees and the public to spread awareness about the safety of the ozone layer.

Awareness programs were held for school students in Kaluaggala, Rajagiriya, Kelaniya, Kiribathgoda and Naligama areas on the protection of the ozone layer

An awareness program was conducted for 100 technicians working in informal refrigeration and air conditioning and mobile air conditioning sector.

An awareness workshop was held jointly by the Department of Import and Export Control, Sri Lanka Customs and the Ministry of Environment for Customs House agents of HFC importers. A two-day training workshop was conducted to train Sri Lanka Customs officers as trainers.

A workshop was held to inform HFC importers about the implementation of the Quota system from 2024 as per the Kigali Amendment.

Second Workshop 'Earth Easy Ozone Friends' and Camp on Curriculum Development of Ozone Friends Badge organized by Girl Guides Association. The 'Earth Easy Ozone Friends' camp was held in June to introduce the Ozone Friends program to 100 Girl Guides.

2.1.9 International Environmental Relations

Bilateral and Multilateral Environment

Agreements

Signed the Host Country Agreement between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and visit of Mr. Ban Ki-moon President and Chair of Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) 7th February 2023.

Arrangements have been made in relation to the accomplishing following agreements.

- Memorandum of Understanding on Carbon credit Collaboration with the Government of Singapore.
- Agreement for Cooperation on climate change between the Government of the Republic of Korea and Government of Sri Lanka.
- Bilateral Agreement between Sri Lanka and Maldives on Environment, Climate Change and Technology Transfer.
- Memorandum of Understanding of Technical Cooperation between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Columbia.
- Agreement between the Government of Kyrgyz Republic and the Government of Sri Lanka on cooperation in the field of Environment.
- Agreement between Russia and Government of Sri Lanka on Nuclear Energy for peaceful purpose
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Sri Lanka on Mineral Resources Sector.
- Memorandum of Understanding on Promoting Investment Cooperation in Green Development between Sri Lanka and China
- Bilateral Cooperation on the joint crediting Mechanism for the Low carbon Growth Partnership between Japan and Sri Lanka.



Signing of the Host Country Agreement between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Global Green Promotion Institute (GGGI).

Visit of Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC is the 6th Commonwealth Secretary-General 3rd February 2023



6th Commonwealth Secretary General's visit to Sri Lanka

Fifth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific

The 5th Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities hold on 3rd October 2023 to 5th October 2023 at Shangri – La Colombo. 39 Member Countries were participated in person and virtual platform.



Asia Pacific Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum, Asia Pacific Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment, Senior Officials Meeting (plenary), Ministerial Segment (plenary), Exhibition, Side events, Bilateral meetings hold at the same premises and Field visits were hold on 6th October 2023. Many agencies and Ministries provided their fullest support to make this event successful.

2.1.10 Commemorations of Environment Days

Celebration of World Seagrass Day

(1 March 2023)

The 1st of March was declared as the World Seagrass Day at the 74th Plenary meeting of the UN General Assembly held on 23rd May 2022. In this respect, Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Wildlife Conservation, Blue Resource Trust in collaboration with other key stakeholder agencies organized the national event to celebrate the 1st World Seagrass Day on 1st March 2023 at the Ministry of Environment. A special commemorative stamp cover was issued at this national event to memorialize the 1st World Seagrass Day.



Commemoration of World Earth Day

(22 April 2023)

The theme of this year's Earth Day was "Invest in Our Planet". Simultaneously, an awareness program was held for school students and ministry officials. Here, awareness lectures were presented regarding the importance of Earth Day and the protection of natural resources for future generations.

Celebration of International Biological Diversity Day

(22 May 2023)

The theme of this year's International Biodiversity Day celebration was "From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity". On this day The Ministry of Environment released 30,000

captive-bred juveniles of the endangered freshwater fish, Thambalaya, back into their native habitats in the Malwathu Oya basin and Thumbikulama Tank.

Commemoration of World Environment Day

(5 June 2023)

The World Environment Day is celebrated every year by the Ministry of Environment. The theme of the World Environment Day 2023 was "Beat Plastic Pollution". In connection with the Environment Day celebrations, a National Environment Week has been declared from 30th May to 05th June 2023.



Celebrating the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

(17 June 2023)

The theme of this year's world day to combat desertification and drought is "Her Land, Her Rights". Accordingly, an exhibition of traditional foods and handicrafts and an awareness program named "Liya Saviya" was held in Anuradhapura Municipal Council premises.

Celebration of the International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem

(26 July 2023)

This year to celebrate this day, a practical workshop was conducted for 200 school children and teachers in the Western Province at the Ministry premises under the theme of "Let's streamline Future Generations to ensure the survival of mangroves to ensure our survival" to educate them on the importance

of mangrove ecosystem, identification of mangrove species, distribution, causes of threats and conservation.

Celebrating the 4th International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies.

(7 September 2023)



Celebrated nationally and internationally for the fourth time, the theme of the year 2023 was "Together for Clean Air". To celebrate this day, conducting an on-site smoke test of randomly selected vehicles on the road in front of the Battaramulla Setshiripaya Premises and distributing leaflets about the importance of maintaining quality air emissions to inform drivers and passengers as well as With the participation of school children, the importance of quality gas was displayed on both sides of the road, leaflets were distributed and the public was informed by informing the pedestrians and providing media coverage.

World Ozone Day
(16 September 2023)



The theme for the year 2023 is ‘Montreal Protocol: Fixing the Ozone Layer and Reducing Climate Change,’. The event was held under

distinguished patronage of the Minister of Environment, and the Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, with participation of other guests at BMICH. Prize distribution was also done for the winners of the “Ozone Photography & Art Contest 2023’. A fruit plant was given to the participants of the Ozone Day Celebration. Simultaneously, T-shirts and eco-friendly tote bags were prepared to carry a message about protection of ozone layer among the people.

Celebration of the International Mountain Day

(11 December 2023)

This year International Mountain Day program was celebrated under the theme of "Restoring Mountain Ecosystem" at the Manewa Mountain which is situated in Environment Sensitive Area in Anuradhapura on 11th December 2023. The program aimed to aware relevant officials and the community regarding the mountain tourism and the archaeological and biological significance of Manewa Mountain. Removal of Invasive Alien Species and planting native species programme was held parallel to the awareness programme on the same day.

2.1.11 Establishment matters

Service confirmations

Island wide Service	01
Management Services Officer	00

Promotions

Island wide Service	03
Combined driver’s service	00
Office Employment service	04
Development Officers	00

Retirements

Management Services Officer	02
Combined driver’s service	01
Departmental Executive	01

Resignations

Development Officers 17

Leave the Post

Development Officers 08

Combined driver's service 00

Loans

Disaster loans 98

Local Holidays Circular No 14/2022 00

Foreign Holidays Circular No 14/2022 08

Preparation of staff identity cards 40

Submitting answers for Parliament questions 06

Submitting Annual Report/
Performance report 04

Issuing concessionary vehicle Permits 30

Cabinet Papers 32

for investigations is 212, 149 were directed to call for reports and 68 were answered, and 17 investigations have been carried out.

2.1.14 Legal Affairs

Activity	Progress
Hearing Statutory appeals under National Environmental Act	26 Decision Given Appeals
Hearing Statutory appeals under Mines and Minerals Act	33 Decision Given Appeals
Provide assistance for ministry related Court cases, Human right cases and Ombudsman cases	89 Court Cases attended
Assist in preparing legal documents (Acts and Regulations) specially in obtaining concurrence and approval from legal draftsman and Attorney General	05 Acts/ Regulations
Preparing agreements related to the Ministry and Line agencies	35 Finalized agreements
Attending Public Complaints	01 Case attended

2.1.12 Internal Audit

The Internal Audit Division has been established to formally strengthen the internal control of the Ministry and its affiliated institutions. Internal Audit Division of the Ministry has planned to release 21 audit reports including audit and management committee meeting reports under the audit plan prepared for the year 2023 (Revised).

Accordingly, all audit activities have been completed and audit reports were issued. Two special investigations have been carried out beyond the audit plan.

2.1.13 Public complaints, appeals and media reports on environmental issues

Regarding the reporting period, according to the institutions, the number of complaints received

2.2 Progress of projects under Ministry of Environment

2.2.1 Project on “Managing Together: Integrating Community –centered Eco-system-based Approaches in to Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors”

The Managing Together Project aims to establish a holistic landscape approach to incorporating biodiversity conservation into planning and implementation in agriculture, tourism and forestry in the Malwathu Oya Basin in Anuradhapura, Mannar, Puttalam and Vavunia selected trial landscape in Sri Lanka. The project provides a valuable opportunity to establish social and environmental safeguards to avoid mistake in tourism development of the country. At district and divisional levels, the project is work with government and civil society across multiple sectors and jurisdictions to "mainstream" biodiversity conservation into natural resources management and land-use planning in three separate parts of the Malwathu Oya Basin - two terrestrial (Ritigala to Mihintale and Giant's Tank/Madhu Road-Wilpattu) and one marine (Gulf of Mannar/Vankalai-Arippu-Silavaturai). Project consists of 4 components. They are,

Enhancement of Rural Economy through Forest Conservation and Promotion of the Ecotourism industry

According to a project proposal submitted by the Divisional Forest Office, Mannar through the Department of Forest, this project was implemented on 20 ha in Silawathura area at Mannar district.



This project is benefited in conservation of biodiversity, mangrove ecosystem and protect the livelihood practices of the community.

Conservation of natural resources and habitats by constructing Sea Breaker

Conservation of natural resources and habitats through the construction of sea barriers.

As sea erosion created many problems considering the necessity of the sea breaker in Vankalai East GN division environment, in that area. By creating a sea breaker, it is expected to support to secure their livelihood activities and increase the living standard of the village people.

Forest Restoration Project

Under this project planting of Eucalyptus species was selected and total of 40 ha was initiated.

Preparation of Detailed Biodiversity assessments

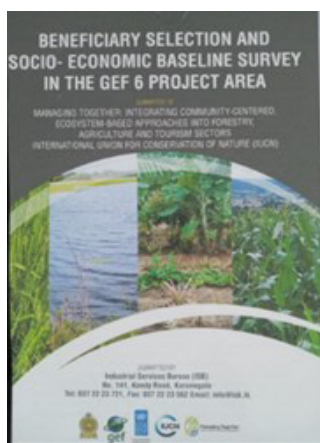
Biodiversity assessment work has been completed in 6 model sites and related reports have been prepared. Currently Mahakandawarawa Bio Diversity Report has been submitted

Agriculture enhancement activities carried out within the Trial Landscape areas

With the aim of supporting the livelihoods and considering the technical input gained from the agriculture consultant team following items have been procured for distribution within the selected areas Conducting Socio Economic Survey in the Trial Landscape (TL) areas. (Fertilizers, seeds, seed trays, soil test kit boxes, dehydrating drip irrigation units).

Conducting Socio-Economic Surveys in Trial Landscapes areas

Socio-economic survey in the TL 1 and TL 2 have been completed and it was carried out by Industrial Service Bureau.



The final survey report has been submitted to IUCN. The project beneficiaries were identified based on self-interview and detailed data base has been developed based on the gender, their family type and education.

Implementation of farmer trainings programme and establishment of farmer associations in the TL areas

Considering the technical outputs received from the agriculture teams and agriculture plans prepared in the field, currently farmer association have been formed and they have selected from Medawachchiya, Mahavilachchiya, Manupa and Kahatagadigiliya Divisional Secretariat areas for the selected agriculture interventions. Farmer training programmes have been conducted for preparation of compost at Thambuttegama, training on micro-irrigation installation, crop planning and market driven production at Cargills to aware on the commercial production level for the market. Furthermore, at the village level, farmer associations were formed and trainings were held with the participation of Agriculture team.



Farmer Trainings at the field Level

Livelihood interventions related to tourism and identification of new tourism sites

Tourism Development Plan and the Implementation Strategy have been finalised for TL 3 area and the Madhu area. These plans have been prepared targeting at the village level tourism related livelihood engagement of the

local Community. Considering the available tourism hotspots within the area new potentials sites have been identified for tourism.

Accordingly following major tourism zones and characters have identified as follows;

- Village economic development through community-based eco adventure-Tourism in mavil conservation tourism zone Madhu.
- Village economic development through community based eco-Tourism in Arippu.
- Village economic development through community based Eco-Adventure Tourism in silawathura kayakkuli tourism zone.
- Village economic development through community based eco-Tourism in Vankalai

In Parallel to the above plans, the existing Tourism Plans for Malwathu area were analysed through consultancy. The analysis on existing plans used for identifying Tourism Potentials and Weaknesses in the area.

Public Information and involvement programs designed under the Project

Following communications related activities have been done under this project

- Initiation of Project Facebook page and Launching of YouTube Channel.
- Segment Target public involved programs, school related programs have been designed.
- Communication Strategy Formulation
- Media Workshop targeting at Youth on Biodiversity Conservation and Digital Marketing

2.2.2 Implementation of Montreal Protocol (MP) in Sri Lanka

The National Ozone Unit was established under the Ministry of Environment in 1994 as the focal point for the more efficient and systematic implementation of the Montreal Protocol obligations for the control of ozone depleting substances in Sri Lanka, and thus the relevant tasks and regulations began to be implemented in Sri Lanka in a very planned manner.

So far, Sri Lanka has also acceded to the Kigali Edition, one of the amendments made to the Montreal Alliance in 2016.

Under this project, discussions were held with the Technical Vocational Education Training Institutes, Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) which are stakeholders in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning sector to further strengthen the identified activities and large scale service providers and mobile operators on the new technology change in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning sector. Several discussions were also held with those involved in the field of air conditioning.

The Project Steering Committee meeting with relevant stakeholders was held at the Ministry on 26/06/2023 to implement the provisions of the Montreal Alliance in Sri Lanka.

Under the HCFC import share system, the quota distribution in the year 2023 has been successfully completed under the effective

mechanism for the control of ozone depleting chemicals and 156,059.09kg was distributed to 19 qualified institutions based on the recommendations of the National Ozone Unit

In the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, National Ozone Unit (NOU) is funded to award National Vocational Training Certificate (NVQ) based on the Knowledge Based Assessment named “Refrigeration Prior Learning (RPL)” to standardize the service and provide proper training to technicians who do not have a recognized certification and formal training in the field of RAC and MAC sector.

NOU along with the National Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) and the Department of Technical Education have provided financial and technical support for 196 technicians in the year 2023. Four technical workshops were conducted to develop the skills of those technicians instantly

Funding was provided to the National Plant Quarantine Service to re-establish the online system to regulate the use of methyl bromine for quarantine and pre-shipment purposes. An awareness program was conducted on minimizing the usage of Methyl Bromide and its national commitments in accordance with the obligations of the Montreal Protocol for the importers and exporters and treatment providers of Methyl Bromide.

2.2.3 Environmentally Sound Management & Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyl's (PCBs) Waste & PCB Contaminated Equipment

Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) is a Persistent Organic Pollutant (POP) which can cause many health problems such as cancer and growth impairment. This chemical was banned globally in the 1970s and is now mainly found in the old transformers of the Ceylon Electricity Board and in welding transformers in bulk transformers. Currently, PCB contamination takes place mainly due to welding

transformer oil belong to welding sector, as the contaminated transformer oil of CEB is being used by welders earlier.

The objective of this project is to identify PCB in the utility and welding sector transformers and develop inventories in order to dispose PCB waste and equipment in an environment friendly manner.

Transformers inventories of welding and utility sectors were prepared and environmentally sound disposal of PCBs was completed in both



sectors. 1069 bulk suppliers of electricity from CEB were identified and preparation of bulk transformer inventory was completed.

Printing of the book on Persistent, Bio-accumulative and Toxic chemicals

(PBTs) for schools, Universities and Vocational Training Institutes is completed. Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Training and Inventory Manuals for Utility and Welding Sectors were developed and printed.

Research to study the presence of dioxins in breast milk was initiated with the collaboration of University of Peradeniya, where sample collection has been completed and is processing to be send to China for laboratory testing. Long term strategy on PCB management is completed.

2.2.4 Healthy Landscapes Managing Agricultural Landscape in Socio - Ecologically Sensitive Areas to Promote Food Security, Wellbeing and Ecosystem health in Sri Lanka.



With the financial support of Healthy Landscape Project a tree planting programme

was conducted on 10.11.2023 in “bulugaha Wewa” catchment belonging to the “Murungahiti Kanda” reserve in the “Palugaswewa” regional secretariat division of

the Anuradhapura District. The objective of the programme was promoting the conservation & Sustainable Management of catchment area of tank cascade systems. This programme was implemented jointly with Forest department & Rajarata University

The International Conference on Eco Health Nexus: Bridging Cascade Ecology & Human Well-Being, organized by the Rajarata University with the financial support of the Healthy Landscape Project, which was held on 20-19.12.2023 at “Golden Mango” hotel.

2.2.5 Marine litter and Micro plastics: promoting the environmentally sound management of plastic wastes and achieving the prevention and minimization of the generation of plastic wastes.

The ‘Marine litter and Micro plastics’ project is being implemented in Sri Lanka by the Ministry of Environment and Institute of Global Environment Strategies (IGES) with the technical assistance of BRS Secretariats / UNEP. The project is funded by Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD).

The project objective is to contribute to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 14.1

by preventing and significantly reducing marine litter and microplastics from land-based activities in the country.

National plastic waste inventory through Material Flow Analysis (MFA) method has been developed by the Ministry of Environment and IGES with the consultancy of University of Peradeniya. The inventory data was validated by the stakeholders.

Best practices and technologies were collected from national and international level for reducing plastic wastes from packaging/ fisheries/ wastewater (Microplastic)/Hospitality sectors and pilot tests were carried out and recommendation has been given for scaling up to implement them in national level.

Pilot project on “Making Galle City Plastic Waste Free” at Galle city representing three sectors related to plastic waste management namely schools, hotels and fishing harbors are conducted by IGES and HELPO Sri Lanka

Plastic free Hotels program

- Actions were taken to move away from single-use plastic products/ items towards reuse models/ reusable alternatives in three pilot hotels in Galle. It is planned to install microplastic filters in two hotels to minimize microplastic waste generated by the hotel washing plant.
- Draft Guideline was prepared for ‘Sustainable Practices to Reduce Plastic Use in Small and Medium Hotel Operators in Sri Lanka’.

Plastic Free Schools program



- The final draft of Teacher Resource Book and Student Activity Book on "Marching with the Next Generation towards a plastic waste-free future in Sri Lanka" was pre-

pared to educate students through action based real-time approach to act towards plastic waste and marine litter reduction. Workshops will be conducted to review the above draft books and prepare the implementation plan.

- Public awareness programs about the effects of plastic waste has been conducted. Student mobile video competition on plastic waste prevention has been conducted.

Plastic free fishing harbor/fishing community

Along with this, a workshop was held with the participation of representatives of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). A training program on "Controlling Transboundary Flow of Plastic Waste" and workshop on "Basel Amendments, Plastic Inventory and Pilot Projects" were conducted.

Four workshops on plastic waste management were conducted at Colombo, Kandy, Galle and Batticaloa for the newly recruited Development officers who work under this Ministry.

The Ministry is collaboratively working with the IUCN to manage Abandoned Lost and Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG).

The Ministry and the consultant, University of Peradeniya have taken steps to establish a packaging consortium with food manufacturers, packaging manufacturers and users to encourage the use of recyclable plastics for single use food packaging with minimum printed area.

Damro pvt ltd has expressed the Ministry their willingness to introduce a microplastic filters to household washing machines to reduce the amount of microplastic discharge to environment .

2.2.6 Capacity Building on Environmentally Sound Management of Single-use Plastic and its Waste in Asia-Pacific Countries

The project was implemented with the co-operation of BCRC China (Basel Convention Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific). The project aimed to prevent & minimize the generation of Single use plastics (SUP) and it was funded by Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD). The consultancy of this project was carried out by University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Baseline study for use of Tetra-pack in Sri Lanka and Study on Compostable packaging materials were completed.

Consumer perception survey was done for the environment friendly products and compostable packaging that enable to promote them. The survey had been done with the help of newly recruited Development Officers under the Ministry.

Short term course (4 days) on “Plastic Waste Management Techniques and Related Entrepreneurship” was conducted in collaboration with the Waste Management Authority - Western Province for the recyclable plastic waste collectors.

2.2.7 Strengthening National Capacity for phasing Out Mercury Added Products and environmentally Sound Management of Waste consisting of, contaminated with and containing Mercury in Sri Lanka

The project is funded by the Specific International Program of the Minamata Convention and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The objective of the project is to support to implement the Minamata Convention in Sri Lanka, through developing national capacity to dispose waste containing, consisting and contaminated with mercury in an environmentally friendly manner.

A series of surveys carried out on mercury containing products and processes available in market under the Industry, Health, Education sectors. Lists of mercury free alternatives available locally or internationally with regard to Industry, Education, Health and Household sectors were prepared and a cost benefit analysis was carried out to identify feasible alternatives. The report of mercury free alternatives makes recommendation to fulfil the obligations of the Minamata Convention related to the product and processes in the above sectors and proposed policy directives necessary to fulfil the recommendations made.

Showcase of alternatives for mercury containing equipment is one of the activities identified under this project. The ‘*Lady Ridgeway Hospi-*

tal for Children’ was selected for implement this activity. The project facilitated to replace mercury containing sphygmomanometers, mercury thermometers, and CFL bulbs with mercury free alternatives. Accordingly, 120 number aneroid BP apparatus, 200 number of digital thermometers and 1400 number of LED bulbs were purchased for the hospital. Apart from the replacing mercury containing equipment and bulbs, project facilitated to recycle 295.6 kg of discarded CFL bulbs in the hospital.

The National Technical Guideline for Mercury Waste Management has been developed through a series of workshops including validation workshop and wider stakeholder consultation. This guideline adopts a life cycle approach, beginning with the procurement phase and progressing through handling, interim storage, waste separation, and storage, culminating in packaging and labelling for safe transportation of mercury-related materials.

A series of training programmes including three Training of Trainers (TOT) programmes and 17 sector training programmes were conducted.

All the training programmes were conducted based on the training curriculum on Mercury Waste Management prepared under the project. Apart from the training programmes, 25 aware-

ness programmes were conducted for raising the awareness on safe handling of mercury containing equipment and products.

2.2.8 Strengthening National Level institution and professional capacity of country parties towards enhanced UNCCD monitoring and reporting – GEF 7 EA umbrella IV

This project was received under the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to develop national-level technical and technological capacity for the land-related national data system. Therefore, this project is anticipated to support government agencies that are involved with land-related issues, conduct training programs, and purchase technical equipment to generate data.

This project has already started collecting data for reporting on land degradation in Sri Lanka

and establishing a data system. The Department of Land Use Policy Planning generates land use data, information about changes in the land, and the identification and classification of vegetation types. To improve the quality of data in line with the requirements of the UNCCD reporting process, training of officers engaged in this exercise is essential. For this purpose, a two-day residential training workshop on training land use officers from 25 districts of Sri Lanka was held on August 7 and 8, 2023.

2.2.9 Project on Enhanced Transparency Framework for Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use Sector

The project to establish an Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) for Agriculture, Forests and Other Land Use Sector is being implemented by the Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations under a grant from the Global Environment Facility.

According to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, the progress of the activities in relation to climate change undertaken by the conference of parties, the progress of Nationally Determined Contributions of the greenhouse gas inventory and greenhouse gas emission reduction activities, and the capacity development of the institutions related to agriculture, forestry and other land use sector, Data and information needed in reporting the progress of climate change adaptation measures.

In this regards, training workshops were conducted on the calculation of greenhouse gases

emissions and removals by the project to educate the stakeholders and develop the technical knowledge of the relevant institutions. Awareness programme was also given for the preparation of an Enhanced Transparency Framework.

Number of capacity building programmes and training programmes were held for the stakeholder to collect and verify data and information in line with the Nationally Determined Contributions to ensure transparency in reporting the progress of climate change adaptation activities of AFOLU sector in Sri Lanka. Further, a technical working group was established with the participation of stakeholders to develop an AFOLU Monitoring, Reporting and Verification system. This activity is being implemented with the stakeholders.

The training and workshops will be conducted by the consultants with wider technical knowledge of this sector.

2.2.10 GEF Support to UNCCD 2018 National Reporting Process –Umbrella II

As the operational focal point for the UNCCD reporting process, the Land Resources Division of the Ministry of Environment reports the status of land-related information in Sri Lanka to the United Nations Convention on Combat Desertification. This project was funded by the national reporting process of the United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification under the Global Environmental Facility. This reporting project provides a platform to share national-level data for the UNCCD reporting process. A number of gov-

ernment as well as non-governmental agencies have been identified for generating land-related data for this purpose. For this reporting, data has been collected under three categories: soil organic carbon data, land productivity data, and land cover data. Based on these data, soil organic carbon data maps, land productivity maps, and land cover maps of Sri Lanka have been prepared. Further, a data system based on data has been installed in the Ministry. All data records have been completed and reported to the UNCCD.

2.3 Progress of the Institutions under the Ministry of Environment

2.3.1 Central Environmental Authority

Environmental Pollution Control Activities

The Environmental Pollution License procedure is implemented by Provincial & District offices of the Central Environment Authority.

EPL Category	Total No of Industries	Number of EPL issued industries
"A"	882	668
"B"	14,424	10,887
"C"	12,126	9,999

- The Sri Lanka Board of Investment has granted environmental protection licenses for 932 industries and 07 investment board zones have been given environmental protection licenses.
- According to compliance monitoring plans prepared for , 417 'A' category industries, 2167 'B' category industries, and 1767 'C' category industries were monitored.
- 8 meetings of the expert committee have been held to provide technical advice in locating medium-scale industries, and by providing technical guidance, 31 project proposals have been indicated and related technical guidance has been made.
- Initiated registration procedure to streamline the gully bowser service providers and 99 gully bowser service providers were registered.
- 28 laboratories and 55 consultants were registered with Central Environment Authority and 02 awareness programs were carried out to aware registered laboratories and consultants with the aim of obtaining quality service.
- In addition, environmental recommendations were issued for 663 new industrial establishments to control emissions and dis-

charges. Also, environmental recommendations were issued for 890 industries.

- In order to investigate and monitor the spread of algae in Diyawanna Oya, 47 point sources located in the catchment area of Parliament Lake were monitored, and 02 awareness programs were implemented for industries and government agencies located in the vicinity of Diyawanna Oya.

Water Quality Monitoring Activities

Following water bodies were monitored by CEA laboratories.

Laboratory	Name of the water body	Number of monitoring locations
Central Laboratory	Kelani River	17
	Ma Oya	08
	Bolgoda lake	06
	Diyawanna Oya	08
Eastern Provincial Laboratory	Kanthale tank	05
	Mahaweli downstream	08
North Central Provincial Laboratory	Nuwara wewa	06
	Tissa wewa	04
Gampaha District Laboratory	Attanagalu Oya	06
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Laboratory	Kalu ganga	12
Central Provincial Laboratory	Greogry lake	07
	Kandy lake	05
	Mahaweli upper stream	08
Uva Provincial Laboratory	Badulu Oya	07
	Kumbukkan Oya	03
	Menik Ganga	05
Southern Provincial Laboratory	Nilwala Ganga	08
North Western Provincial Laboratory	Kurunegala Tank	04
	Wennaruwa Tank	03
	Mee Oya	06
	Deduru Oya	08
	Kala Oya	04

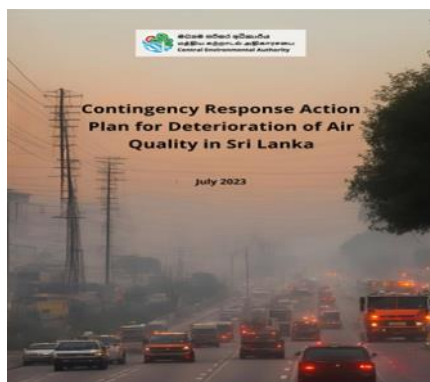
Air Resource Management & Monitoring Activities

1. Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program

The two real-time automatic air quality monitoring stations established in Battaramulla and Kandy city will measure PM10 (particles with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 microns), PM2.5 (particles with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 2.5 microns), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulfur dioxide in the ambient atmosphere. (SO₂), carbon monoxide (CO) and ozone (O₃) and meteorological parameters are measured.

The National Air Quality Index (AQI-SL) was prepared with the support of the stakeholder government agencies that work on air quality management in Sri Lanka. The aim is to establish a comprehensive air quality index taking into account international standards as well as local regulations.

Prepared the Contingency Response Action Plan for Deterioration of Air Quality in Sri Lanka (CRAP-DAQ-SL)



2. Checking compliance and issuing compliance monitoring reports

The Central Environmental Authority measures air quality and noise levels in granting environmental protection permits.

3. Improvement of Indoor Air Quality Programme

The 04 awareness programs were conducted in collaboration with Ministry of Health in the Colombo, Kalutara, Hambantota and Gampaha districts. Collected data was analyzed and the report was drafted to publish.

4. Implementation of the project on Strengthening of the Capacity of Sri Lankan Authorities on Air Quality Management ('AirParif').

This two-year project has launched in September 2023 and extends until September 2025.

Environmental Impact Assessment Activities

Description	Number of Pro-
Approved projects under EIA Category	01
Approved Supplemental Initial Environmental Examination	01
Approved projects under IEE Category	691
Extension of Approved projects EIA/IEE	03
Referred to other Project Approving Agencies (PAA)	19
Technical assistance for EIA/IEE projects in other designated (PAA)	28
Resolving EIA issues and other related issues	03
Monitoring EIA/IEE approved projects	28

The final EIA regulations have been submitted to the Legal Draftsman Department through the Ministry of Environment.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Activities

Recommendations were given to the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing after carrying out the SEA of the project of storm Water Drainage Management Plan for selected areas in Colombo metropolitan area and to revise the master plan of Solid Waste Management in Western province.

Natural Resource Management (NRM) Activities

362 of water source reservations located in 177ha Tea Estates in Haliela Divisional Secretariat Division were declared by the Extra Ordinary the 11th EPA providing legal protection for ensuring sustainable existence of them.

In conjunction with the national program of World Wetlands Day, awareness programs were conducted for school children and general public under the theme "Time for Wetlands Restoration".



Also, a photo competition and “One Minute to Wetlands” video competition were conducted with the aim of developing positive attitudes towards wetland conservation.

Waste Management Activities

The Northern Provincial Office organized an e-waste collection program and the total amount of e-waste collected was 5 tons.

22 Environmental Recommendations were issued for collectors of Non-hazardous/ Non-contaminated recyclable waste from ships during the year 2023 and out of these 17 Environmental Recommendations have been renewed for the year 2024.

Implementation of Hazardous Waste Regulations

Type of Convention/ License	Number
Implementation of Regulations on Hazardous Waste Management	
Number of issued Scheduled Waste Management License (SWML)	581
Implementation of Basel Convention	
Number of Basel TEC meetings held	05
Number of import approvals granted to import waste items (Raw materials)	54
Number of issued import clearances	477
Number of issued export consents	115
Number of issued transit consents	40
Number of issued transshipments	20
Implementation of Rotterdam Convention	
Number of Technical Advisory Committee Meetings for Industrial Chemicals (TACMIC) held	02
Number of issued import approvals for chemical	329
Number of import approvals granted to import white Asbestos	79

Regulation and Law Enforcement

Regulation 2341/30 was published on 19.07.2023, to prohibit the use of following plastic products with effect from 1st of October

2023.) Single Use Drinking Straws & Stirrers, Single Use food containers (Polystyrene), plates, cups, spoons, forks and knives. Garlands, String hopper trays.

To promote PET recycling and reduce waste generation from PET water bottles, production of bottles from colored polyethylene terephthalate (PET) from October 1, 2023, use of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polythene or any other as an additional seal for bottles The use of non-degradable material was prohibited.

In the year 2023, the Green park Integrated Waste Management Center has been managed an amount of 2733120 waste. In collaboration with USAID to provide better public service in the solid waste management sector, evaluation guides were developed for the rating system for local governments.

Progress of Investigation Activities

A total of 7,236 raids were conducted during the year 2023 and 81% progress was reported in the implementation of regulations on waste minimization and proper disposal, and 122 regulatory issues were detected.

Awareness campaigns on the regulation

Shop keepers and people were informed about the existing rules and regulations for proper management of plastic in Colombo Fort and Pettah area with the support of Sri Lanka Police and the students at the Ocean University.

Survey of public awareness of Gazette Notification No. 2034/36 issued under the National Environment Act A survey was conducted.

Environmental Promotion Activities

In the year 2023, 7,450 posters, 20,548 leaflets, 225 nature magazines, 3,426 news letters and 2,496 booklets have been distributed among the people about environmental pollution caused by plastic.

Together with the provincial offices of the CEA, 59 educational programs were carried out for school children and other target groups in at the Atthidiya, Kundasale, Rumassala, and Randeniya-Kegalle Natural Field Centers.

Awareness Programs

- During the year 2023, 6 educational programs were conducted for 4 universities.
- One awareness program for World Ozone Day and 3 programs for the World clean-up Day
- Community participation programs such as distribution of pamphlets and clean-up programs were conducted to create public awareness regarding waste disposal during cultural events.
- Awareness programs were held in 25 districts under the theme of World Environment Day 2023 "Beat Plastic Pollution".
- The 2021/2022 Presidential Environmental Awards was held annually to encourage government and non-government organizations.
- Nine 'Sobaketha' Radio programs were broadcasted in the SLBC.
- In the year 2023, one environmental newsletter (5,000 copies) and a Sobaketha magazine (1,000 copies) were published.
- To celebrate the World Wetlands Day, the provincial and district officials of the Central Environment Authority conducted 23 programs including awareness programs, observation tours, charity programs and tree planting programs related to wetlands located in the districts.
- 9 programs were conducted under the theme of Building Biodiversity in celebration of International Biodiversity Day.
- A set of guidelines were prepared to implement regulation on Control of Bill Boards and Hoardings with all the stakeholder agencies.

Tree planting programmes

- Tree planting programs were conducted at Central Expressway-Mirigama inter-change, and Colombo – Katunayake Expressway,

Peliyoda.

- A tree planting program was conducted to celebrate Mountain Day at Delgasloanda Kundasale.
- 4 Nelly plantation programs were conducted under the COP-28 programme.

Nine teacher training programs were conducted under the **training programs** and 612 teachers were trained covering nine provinces.

25 leadership training programs were conducted within 25 districts and 1,930 environmental pioneer leaders were trained.

Eight youth community programs were conducted and 527 students were trained covering eight districts.

One 'e-Newsletter' was published by coordinating 23 districts. .

Presidential Medal Awarding Ceremony



As a major part of the Eco Pilot Programme, the President's Medal Award Ceremony was held on May 11, 2023 and the medal winners were presented with gifts.

16th Environmental Pioneer National camp was held on 2023 December 20th to 23rd at the National Institute of Education, Maharagama.

03 training programs were conducted for the teachers of 19 National Colleges of Education for the Green Leader Program.

Spatial distribution of ecosystem services in the Hanthana EPA were completed during the year 2023.

Handling of Complaints by CEA

In the year 2023, out of 2,962 complaints received by this authority, 2,017 complaints were received through the hotline service. Out of the complaints received, 334 complaints were forwarded to the police stations and then investigated and followed up.

Progress of Enforcement of Laws, Orders and Regulations

Actions necessary to amend the National Environmental Act

- Gazette Notification No. 2335/21 dated 09.06.2023 - Hali Ela Water Source reserva-

tions declared as EPA

- Gazette Notification No. 2338/29 dated 27.06.2023 - Amendment of Gazette Notification No. 2211/51 dated 2021/01/21
- Gazette Notification No. 2341/30 dated 19.07.2023 - Prohibited single use plastic regulation
- Gazette Notification No. 2353/55 dated 12.10.2023 - PET Water Bottle Regulation
- Gazette Notification No. 2358/65 dated 17.11.2023 - Amendment of Muthurajawela EPA gazette notification

2.3.2 Geological Survey and Mines Bureau

The progress of Geology Division is explained under four categories.

1. Implementation of Action Plan-Related Activities under the Bureau's Financial Allocations.
2. Client-Responsive Projects and Mineral Sample Exports.
3. Other Activities which include short field tours ,meeting ,training programmes and the publications made by the Bureau.
4. Petrological laboratory and Chemical laboratory

Action plan Activities (Funds of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau)

Action plan activities of the Geological Division for the year 2023 were put into action under Three Main Action Fields.

1. MPA – 1: Mapping, Generation of Geo-scientific Information (Geo-data) and Data Dissemination
2. MPA-2: Mineral Surveys, Geophysical Surveys and Resource Assessment
3. MPA-3: Research & Development Earth Properties and Seismic Activity Monitoring

I. Mapping, Generation of Geo-scientific In-

formation (Geo-data) and Data Dissemination

(a) Updating Geo-tourist Map

The Geo-tourist Map, published in 2004, experienced high demand from local and foreign tourists interested in visiting geological, geomorphological, or geo-archaeological sites. In 2023, plans were made to update the map, including additional locations not featured in the earlier version, accompanied by enhanced illustrations. Compilation of the updated map was successfully completed by the year's end.

(b) 1:50,000 Quaternary Mapping

Quadrangle maps of Kalpitiya (No. 29) and Wilpattuwa (No. 24) were completed under this project.

(c) 1: 50,000 Soil Geochemical Mapping

This project, Sheet No. 06 - Vavuniya-Trincomalee has been completed at 1:50,000 scale and is currently being printed.

Chemical Analyses Done for Geochemical Map Preparation

Analytical work and data compilation for 635 soil samples collected at a scale of 1:50,000 for Sheet No. 19 - Aluthgama-Galle has been

for Sheet No. 19 - Aluthgama-Galle has been finalised in preparation for the Geochemical map.

Sheet No. 09 at 1:50,000 scale – Soil samples collected from Katiraveli, Vakaneri and Kalkuda areas for Katiraveli-Kalkuda have completed basic sample preparation and digestion.

MPA-1 Detailed Geochemical Surveys - Avisawella

17 water samples and 368 soil samples have been taken in Avisawella Industrial Zone and its surrounding area.

(d) The "Minerals Year Book - 2023"

Data analysis for the 2023 Mineral Year report is in progress.

(e) Provincial Mineral Maps

Compilation of the Eastern Province Mineral Maps was completed and submitted to the Editorial Board by the end of 2023. Compilation of the Provincial Mineral Map for the North West Province is in progress after completion of the field work.

II. Mineral Surveys, Geophysical Surveys and Resource Assessment

(a) Graphite , Quartz , Limestone

For graphite surveys, the Directorate developed an integrated survey method for shallow graphite targets, combining Very Low Frequency (VLF) systems with Induced Polarization (IP) and Self Potential (SP) techniques. New regulations were introduced to address land ownership issues hindering graphite exploration and securing rights for landowners. Norms were developed to address the demand for vein quartz in raw and grit, allowing for domestic value addition while allowing export. Directorate completed surveys of limestone occurrence in Mannar district for potential mine development as raw material for Portland cement production.

III. Research & Development Earth Properties and Seismic Activity Monitoring

1. An updated map incorporating data collected by GSMB since 2012 has been suc-

cessfully completed.

2. Client-Responsive Projects and Mineral Sample Exports

In the year 2023, mineral samples have been exported under 05 projects/fields.

3. Short Field Visits, Meetings, Capacity Building Training, Exhibitions, and Awareness Programs, etc

21 short field surveys related to the year 2023 have been conducted.

Workshops, seminars, awareness and training programmes

- A one-day training workshop was conducted at the 2023 Seismic Observatory for students of the University of Peradeniya.
- Conducted educational workshop programs on Disaster Risk Management and Earthquake Risk and Monitoring Mechanisms in Sri Lanka.
- Technical training was conducted for waveform station operators at the joint IMS and International Accelerometer Input (IDA) stations at the Test Center, Seibersdorf, Austria from 4 to 8 December 2023.
- In the year 2023, 07 workshops and training programs have been organized with various parties.

4. Petrology and Chemical Laboratory Analysis

• Chemical Analyses Carried Out for Outside Clients

Analytical laboratory performed chemical analyzes for external clients to process 542 samples consisting of various materials such as limestone, quartz, dolomite, graphite, feldspar, soil, sand, cement, mica, mineral sand, clay, water, dissolved rock, metal.

• Petrology Laboratory

In the year 2023, 1000 samples including rock, sand, soil and mineral sand were successfully analyzed.

• Analyzes performed for the Magistrates Court, Sri Lanka Customs and other government agencies

In the year 2023, 13 analyzes have been done involving the Magistrate Court and Police Stations.

Geological Survey & Mines Bureau - Mines Division)

Summary Performance (Financial and physical) - Year 2023

	Annual Target & Allocation		Physical and Financial achieved		Progress (%)	
	Physical target	Financial target (Rs. Mn)	Physical target achieved	Financial target achieved (Rs. Mn)	Physical	Financial
License Issuing						
Exploration License	50	75	18	58.40	36.00	77.87
Industrial Mining License A	85	8.5	77	10.27	90.59	120.82
Industrial Mining License B	125	5.63	62	3.19	49.60	56.75
Industrial Mining License C	1900	19	1380	14.83	72.63	78.07
Industrial Mining License D	500	2.5	461	2.37	92.20	95.03
Artisanal Mining License A	1200	6	884	4.39	73.67	73.25
Artisanal Mining License B	1600	3.2	1349	2.72	84.31	84.89
Trading License A	10	0.15	27	0.42	270	280
Trading License B	3000	24	3537	26.53	117.90	110.54
Trading License C	1	0.002	-		-	0
Transport License	1333000	333.25	708077	166.62	53.12	49.99
Export License	700	5.25	515	3.86	73.57	73.57
Royalty	-	5826	-	4278.25	-	73.43
Inspection Charges	-	418	-	205	-	49.04
Conducting Test Blasts (No.)	245	14.4	126	8.07	51.43	56.04

Expert Engineering Service

Activity	Estimated Target (No.)	Target Achieved (No.)	Progress (%)
Evaluation for IML/A & IML/B Aggregate project	145	87	60

Mining Project Survey

Activity	Estimated Target (No.)	Target Achieved (No.)	Progress (%)
Quantitative assessment of minerals in Aggregate.	50	13	26

Financial Performance – Year 2023

	Description	Target Income of the Year 2023 (Rs.Mn)	Progress as at 31.12.2023 (Rs.Mn)	Annual Progress%
1	Royalty Income	5,846	4,002	68
2	Licence Income	482	288	60
3	Inspection Income	418	209	50
4	Projects and Laboratory Services	23	35	153
5	Other	720	933	130
	Total	7,489	5,467	73

2.3.3 GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd

1. Mining Industry Activities

- Blasting Monitoring
- Cracks Surveys
- GPS Surveys
- Noise Level Measurement and Control Plan
- Dust Measurement
- Vibration Monitoring
- Economical Viable Report Preparation
- Technical Officer Services
- Project Proposal Report in Mining Field

2. Geology Industry Activities

- Drone Surveys
- Geophysical Investigation
- Topographical Surveys

- Slope Stabilizing & Ground Improvement
- Geotechnical Investigations
- Environmental Studies
- Mineral Exploration

3. Sand Mining Project

- Manampitiya

4. Stock Yards

- New Town
- Yakkala
- Higurakgoda
- Minneriya
- Madrigiriya
- Habarana
- Kegalle
- Ambathale

Progress of GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd from 01st January 2023 to 31st December

Component	Item	Main Activities	Target of 2023 Rs. Mn.	Financial	Budgeted amount from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023	Amount achieved from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023	%
Sand Mining Projects	1.1	Manampitiya	1131.01	F	1131.01	1046.40	93%
Sand sales/storage yards	1.2	New Town	9.74	F	9.74	9.17	94%
	1.3	Hingurakgoda	1.75	F	1.75	1.77	101%
	1.4	Madrigiriya	2.20	F	2.20	2.23	101%
	1.5	Minneriya	1.60	F	1.60	1.62	101%
	1.6	Yakkala	5.61	F	5.61	5.12	91%
	1.7	Habarana	3.25	F	3.25	3.29	101%
	1.8	Kegalle	0.46	F	0.46	0.38	84%
	1.9	Ambathale	3.69	F	3.69	3.44	101%
Geology Division	1.10	Geological Projects	11.49	F	11.49	11.02	96%
Mining Division	1.11	Mining Projects	51.11	F	51.11	51.77	101%
Other Income	1.12	Fixed Deposits Interest Income	70.52	F	70.52	73.31	105%
	1.13	Other Income	20.10	F	20.10	1.15	74%
Total			1312.53		1312.53	1,225.54	93%

2.3.4 Sri Lanka Climate Fund (Pvt) Ltd

Sri Lanka Climate Fund (Private) Company , is a government company registered under the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 under Company No. PV 63781 on 09 April 2008. The special gazette was issued on 25 September 2020 under the purview of the Ministry of Environment. . Initially known as Sri Lanka Industrial Institute (Pvt.) Ltd., with the aim of expanding the scope and contribution to environmental projects, from 29th January 2016 it will be changed to Sri Lanka Deshguna Institute (Pvt.) Company.

Product & Services

SLCS renders its sustainability services by providing projects and advices.

Greenhouse Gas Verification

Sri Lanka Climate Fund awards ISO 14064–1 2018 and ISO 14067 2018 certificates of compliance locally as well as internationally to government and private sector organizations. The certificates are awarded after verifying the greenhouse gas emissions calculated by those institutions. Sri Lanka Accreditation Board has authorized the company for the aforementioned verification process.

Event Carbon Footprint Verification

Our GHG Verification initiative involves assessing and verifying the carbon footprint generated during events, functions, and special days. By quantifying these emissions, we aim to implement effective measures to minimize our environmental impact and contribute to a more sustainable future.

Sri Lanka Carbon Crediting Scheme (SLCCS)

Sri Lanka Carbon Credit Scheme is the National Greenhouse Gas Project Validation and Verification Program administered by the Sri Lanka Climate Fund under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Environment's Climate

Change Division. The scheme registers eligible carbon management projects operating in Sri Lanka and issues quality-verified Sri Lankan Certified Emission Reductions (SCER) to interested parties.

Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

Sri Lanka Climate Fund encourages and facilitates investors to use the Clean Development Mechanism to reduce Sri Lanka's greenhouse gas emissions through the use of renewable energy.

Provides Facilities for the validation and verification process for project registration and issuance of Certified Emission Reductions (CER) under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Also, the Sri Lanka Climate Fund prepares the Project Design Document (PDD) and the Monitoring Report (MR).

Water Footprint

Sri Lanka Climate Fund we understand the importance of water management and we are actively engaged in assessing and addressing our water footprints, considering the overall impact of human activities on water resources. By raising awareness of our water footprint, we aim to foster a sustainable culture and create positive change.

Net Zero Energy Certification

The Net Zero Energy concept is energy use where energy conservation efficiency and 100% on-site renewable generation are achieved through the use of energy. The Energy Assurance System is a concept developed by the Sri Lanka Climate Fund with the aim of reducing carbon emissions, encouraging and promoting energy efficiency technology at the corporate level.

Climate Positive Certification

Climate Positive Certification leads to sustaining strong economic growth and achieving long-term well-being through significant emissions reductions. By certifying the annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions of products, services and organizations, it has been possible to offset their greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, in order to obtain Climate Positive Certification, the company has provided an opportunity to verify their annual greenhouse gas emissions by focusing annually on the emissions of their operational activities and to sell the excess amount.

Consultancy Services

Sri Lanka Climate Fund provides guidance and leadership to clients to make decisions to build a low carbon economy. It also provides consultancy services to register for the National Green Reporting System.

Science Based Targets initiative

Sri Lanka Climate fund is providing consultancy for setting SBTi for organizations. SBT Initia-

tives provide a methodical and science-driven approach for companies to set emission reduction targets aligned with the latest climate science. These targets are designed to be in harmony with the global effort to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, as outlined in the Paris Agreement.

The Sri Lanka Climate Fund manages various environmental and climate change related projects and funds. The Sri Lanka Climate Fund also acts as a guide for national climate resilience.

It also plays a unique role in supporting the programs carried out by the Sri Lankan government and the private sector against climate challenges.



Sri Lanka Climate Fund (Pvt) Limited - Project Progress

No	Project	Progress
Greenhouse Gas Statement Verification		
01	Emjay International Private Ltd (KGL, TLD, TAL PAN, Total -2020)	Completed
02	Emjay International Private Ltd (KGL, TLD, TAL PAN, Total -2021)	Completed
03	Emjay International Private Ltd (KGL, TLD, TAL PAN, Total -2022)	Completed
04	National Development Bank 2022	Completed
05	MAS Capital (Pvt)Ltd - Strechline (Pvt) Ltd	Completed
06	MAS Capital (Pvt)Ltd - Trischel Fabric (Pvt)Ltd	Completed
07	Hatton National Bank	Completed
08	Ceylinco Life Insurance	Completed
09	Global Sea Foods (Pvt) Ltd.	Completed
10	Board PAC (Pvt) Ltd.	Completed
11	Commercial Bank of Ceylon	Completed
12	Cargills Quality	Completed
13	Textrip (Pvt)Ltd	Completed
14	Dilmaha Ceylon PLC Organizational Level Verification	Completed
15	Dilmaha Ceylon PLC Product Level Verification	Completed
16	Hayleys Fabric & South Asia Textile Limited	Completed
17	Hayleys Fabric Annual Report	Completed
18	Korean SPA Packaging (Pvt)Ltd	Completed
19	Kelani Valley Plantations PLC	Completed
20	Bank of Ceylon	Completed

21	Salike UK	Completed
22	EB Creasy Company & PLC	Completed
23	Thalawakale Plantations PLC	Completed
24	KSPA Packaging (Pvt) Ltd	Completed
25	Atire (Pvt) Ltd	Completed
26	RECY Plus (Pvt) Ltd	Completed
27	Maliban Group of Companies	Completed
28	Citizen Development Bank	Completed
29	Talawakelle Green Event	Completed
30	LOLC Finance PLC	Completed
31	MAS Capital (Pvt) Ltd	Completed
32	Emjay International (Pvt)Ltd	Completed
33	Arinma Holdings PLC	Completed
34	Sri Lanka Insurance Cooperation	Completed
35	Ananda College	Completed
36	Ethimale Plantations PLC	Completed
37	Hayleys Advantis PLC	Completed
38	Noritake Porcelain (Pvt)Ltd	Completed
39	KSPA Packaging (Korean SPA Packaging (pvt) Ltd)	Completed
40	Carbon Neutral Certification at the ESG strategy launch: Advantis	Completed
41	Horana Plantations PLC	Completed
42	Unidill Packaging PLC	Completed
43	Korean SPA Accessories (Pvt) Limited	Completed
44	Lankem Ceylon PLC - Robbialac Paints: Emulsion paint & Carbo-no Paint	Completed
45	Atire (Private) Limited	Completed
46	Kelani Valley Plantations PLC 2022/2023	Completed
47	RECYplus (Private) Limited	Completed
48	Dipped Products PLC	Completed
49	Bogawantalawa Organization level 2022	Completed
50	Bogawantalawa Product level 2022	Completed
51	Commercial Bank 2022	Completed
52	Amazon Trading (Pvt)Ltd 2019	Completed
53	Amazon Trading (Pvt)Ltd 2020	Completed
54	Amazon Trading (Pvt)Ltd 2021	Completed
Projects ongoing Greenhouse Gas Statement Verification		
01	Emjay International (Pvt) Ltd	Assessment Stage
02	DFCC Bank	Assessment Stage
03	Diesel & Mortor Engineering (Pvt) Ltd	Assessment Stage
04	Aliance Finance PLC	Assessment Stage
05	MAS Holdings – Strechline (Pvt) Ltd	Assessment Stage
06	MAS Holdings – Trischel Fabric (Pvt) Ltd	Assessment Stage
07	Ceylinco Life 2023	Agreement Stage
08	Bairaha Farm PLC	Agreement Stage
09	Alumex (Pvt)Ltd	Agreement Stage
10	National Development Bank (NDB)	Agreement Stage
11	Forbes Walkers (Pvt) Ltd	Proposal & Quotation Stage
12	Agromet Asia (Pvt) Ltd	Proposal & Quotation Stage
13	Headstar (Pvt)Ltd	Proposal & Quotation Stage
14	InQube Apperal (Pvt) Ltd	Proposal & Quotation Stage

15	JB Apperal (Pvt) Ltd	Proposal & Quotation Stage
16	LOLC Finance PLC	Proposal & Quotation Stage
17	LOLC Technologies PLC	Proposal & Quotation Stage
18	LOLC Ceylon Root Sri Lanka	Proposal & Quotation Stage
19	Walters Bay Tea (Pvt) Ltd	Proposal & Quotation Stage
20	University of Colombo	Proposal & Quotation Stage
Clean Development Mechanism - Registration of small scale hydropower plants in Sri Lanka under the Clean Development Mechanism		
01	Hapugahakumbura Walawa Small Scale Hydro Power Project	Ongoing Process
02	Maskeliya Oya Small Scale Hydro Power Project	Ongoing Process
03	Bulatawaththa Small Scale Hydro Power Project	Ongoing Process
04	Ranawalaoya Small Scale Hydro Power Project	Ongoing Process
05	Dambulu Oya Small Scale Hydro Power Project	Ongoing Process
06	Moragaha Oya Small Scale Hydro Power Project	Ongoing Process
07	Gomale Oya Small Scale Hydro Power Project	Ongoing Process
Sri Lanka Carbon Crediting Scheme (SLCCS)		
01	HPL Solar PV Bundle Project	Completed
02	Maduru Oya Left Bank Main Canal at 24+140 Drop 9 Mini Hydro-power Project	Completed
03	Maduru Oya Left Bank Canal Sluice Small Hydropower Project	Completed
04	Tokenize Amazon Project	Completed
05	Thalawakelle Tea Estates Grid Connected Solar PV Bundle Project	Completed
Sri Lanka Carbon Crediting Scheme ongoing progress		
01	Happy Fish Grid-connected Solar PV Bundle	Validation
02	Embilipitiya Reforestation Project	Validation Agreement – pending
03	KSPA Grid Connected Rooftop Solar PV Project	Proposal Submission
04	Melwa Solar PV Bundle Project	Proposal Submission
05	5 MW Torad Biomass Power Project	Proposal Submission
06	LOLC Finance PLC Reforestation Project	Proposal Submission
07	Taprobane Seafoods Rooftop Solar Project	Proposal Submission
08	Horana Plantation Hydro Bundle Project	Initial Discussion
09	Norlanka Solar Project	Initial Discussion
10	CDB Solar Project	Initial Discussion
11	Sampath Bank Solar Project	Initial Discussion
12	Tropicoir Lanka Solar Energy Project Solar PV Bundle Project	Initial Discussion
13	Growrite Solar Energy Project Solar Project	Initial Discussion
Ongoing progress on projects under Project Management		
01	Nestle Diary Farms Data Collection Program I	Initial Discussion
02	Nestle Diary Farms Data Collection Program II	Initial Discussion
03	Lalan We Eliya Reforestration Project	Initial Discussion
Water Footprint Verification Projects		
01	Hayleys Fabric PLC and South Asia Textile	Completed
02	Ananda College Water Foot Print	Completed
SBTi Project Consultancy		
01	Heyleys Fabric PLC	Ongoing Process

Chapter 03- Overall Financial Performance for the year ended 31st December 2023

3.1 Statement of financial performance

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Statement of Financial Performance for the period ended 31st December 2023

Revised Budget Allocations 2023 Rs.	Note	Actual	
		Current Year Rs.	Previous Year Rs.
-	Revenue Receipts	-	-
-	Income Tax	1	-
-	Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	2	-
-	Taxes on International Trade	3	-
-	Non Tax Revenue & Others	4	-
-	Total Revenue Receipts (A)	-	-
-	Non-Revenue Receipts	-	-
-	Treasury Imprests	708,235,737	552,051,348
-	Deposits	293,904,904	73,528,443
-	Advance Accounts	15,025,942	12,527,976
-	Other Main Ledger Receipts	-	-
-	Total Non Revenue Receipts (B)	1,017,166,583	638,107,767
	Total Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts C = (A)+(B)	1,017,166,583	638,107,767
	Remittance to the Treasury (D)	4,363,360	755,829
-	Net Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts E = (C)-(D)	1,012,803,223	637,351,938
	Less: Expenditure		
-	Recurrent Expenditure		

503,500,000	Wages, Salaries & Other Employment Benefits	5	450,793,700	285,044,932	ACA-2(ii)
220,000,000	Other Goods & Services	6	192,764,878	107,567,434	
840,000,000	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7	827,499,936	830,005,914	
-	Interest Payments	8	-	-	
100,000	Other Recurrent Expenditure	9	67,500	45,000	
1,563,600,000	Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)		1,471,126,014	1,222,663,279	
Capital Expenditure					
13,100,000	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital Assets	10	1,713,250	136,077	ACA-2(ii)
	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	-	215,855	
65,000,000	Capital Transfers	12	24,600,000	11,600,000	
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-	-	
2,000,000	Capacity Building	14	255,583	385,997	
588,900,000	Other Capital Expenditure	15	298,216,215	275,800,180	
669,000,000	Total Capital Expenditure (G)		324,785,048	288,138,108	
	Deposit Payments		289,841,980	83,575,933	ACA-4
	Advance Payments		18,349,871	12,483,100	ACA-5
	Other Main Ledger Payments		-	-	
	Total Main Ledger Expenditure (H)		308,191,851	96,059,033	
	Total Expenditure I = (F+G+H)		2,104,102,913	1,606,860,420	
2,232,600,000	Balance as at 31st December J = (E-I)		(1,091,299,690)	(969,508,483)	
	Balance as per the Imprest Reconciliation Statement		(1,091,299,690)	(969,508,483)	ACA-7
	Imprest Balance as at 31st December				ACA-8

3.2 Statement of financial position

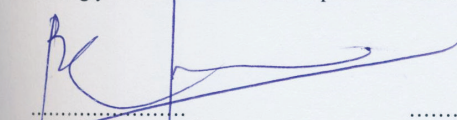
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Statement of Financial Position As at 31st December 2023

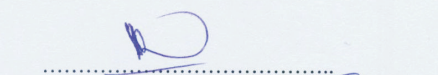
		Actual	
	Note	Current Year	Previous Year
		Rs	Rs
<u>Non-Financial Assets</u>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	1,612,562,068	1,602,789,753
<u>Financial Assets</u>			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	31,837,118	28,513,189
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	-	-
Total Assets		1,644,399,186	1,631,302,942
<u>Net Assets / Equity</u>			
Net Worth to Treasury		(5,634,425)	(4,895,429)
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		1,612,562,068	1,602,789,753
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	37,471,542	33,408,618
Unsettled Imprest Balance	ACA-3	-	-
Total Liabilities		1,644,399,186	1,631,302,942

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from 07 to 43 and Annexures to accounts presented in pages from 44 to 74 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles whereas most appropriate Accounting Policies are used as disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

We hereby certify that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Reporting Entity and carried out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of internal control system for the financial control and accordingly make alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.


 Chief Accounting Officer
 Name :
 Designation :
 Date : 28/12/2024

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 Accounting Officer
 Name :
 Designation :
 Date :


 Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Accountant/
 Director (Finance)/ Commissioner (Finance)
 Name :
 Date : 28/12/2024

B.K. Praoath Chandrakerthi, Attorney-At-Law
 Secretary
 Ministry of Environment

M.S. Pathirama
 Chief Financial Officer
 Ministry of Environment

**Statement of Cash Flows
for the Period ended 31st December 2023**

	Actual	
	Current Year Rs.	Previous Year Rs.
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>		
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses	-	-
Profit	-	-
Non-Revenue Receipts	-	-
Revenue Collected on behalf of Other Revenue Heads	32,363,230	28,567,152
Imprest Received	708,235,737	552,051,348
Recoveries from Advance	13,771,330	13,689,263
Deposit Received	293,904,904	73,528,443
Total Cash generated from Operations (A)	1,048,275,202	667,836,206
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Personal Emoluments & Operating Payments	479,973,841	291,917,819
Subsidies & Transfer Payments	23,499,936	26,762,347
Expenditure incurred on behalf of Other Heads	2,332,468	138,028,247
Imprest Settlement to Treasury	4,363,360	755,829
Advance Payments	13,205,224	12,997,354
Deposit Payments	289,841,980	83,575,933
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (B)	813,216,808	554,037,529
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES(C)=(A)-(B)	235,058,394	113,798,677
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u>		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	-	-
Recoveries from On Lending	-	-

Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (D)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Purchase or Construction of Physical Assets & Acquisition of Other Investment	235,058,394	113,798,677
Total Cash disbursed for Investing Activities (E)	235,058,394	113,798,677
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES (F)=(D)-(E)	(235,058,394)	(113,798,677)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING & INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES (G) = (C) + (F)	-	-
<u>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</u>		
Local Borrowings	-	
Foreign Borrowings	-	
Grants Received	-	
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (H)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (I)	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J)=(H)-(I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (K) = (G) + (J)	-	-
Opening Cash Balance as at 01st January	-	
Closing Cash Balance as at 31st December	-	

3.4 Notes to the Financial Statements

3.5 Performance of the Revenue Collection

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Revenue Code	Description of the Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate		Collected Revenue	
		Original	Final	Amount (Rs.)	as a % of Final Revenue Estimate
-	-	-	-	--	-

3.6 Performance of the Utilization of Allocation

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Type of Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Allocation
	Original	Final		
Recurrent	1,563,600,000	1,563,600,000	1,471,126,014	94.09%
Capital	659,000,000	669,000,000	324,785,048	48.5%

3.7 In terms of F.R.208 grant of allocations for expenditure to this Department/ District/Secretariat/Provincial Council as an agent of the other Ministries/ Departments

Serial No	Allocation Recieved from Which Ministry/ Department	Purpose of the Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Allocation
			Original	Final		
1	Ministry Public Servicers, Provincial Councils and Local Government	-	-	-	-	-
2	President Office	-	-	-	-	-

3.8 Performance of the Reporting of Non- Financial Assets

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Assets Code	Code Description	Balance as per Board of Survey Report as at 31.12.2023	Balance as per financial position Report as at 31.12.2023	Yet to be Accounted	Reporting Progress as a%
9151	Building and Structures				
9152	Machinery and Equipment	562,575,856.98	562,575,856.98		
9153	Land	33,604,220.00	33,604,220.00		
9154	Intangible Assets				
9155	Biological Assets				
9160	Work in Progress	1,016,381,991.07	1,016,381,991.07		
9180	Lease Assets				

3.9 Auditor General's Report



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தேசிய கணக்காய்வு அலுவலகம்
NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE



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පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය

ශීර්ෂය 160 - පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශයේ 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳව 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 11(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව විගණකාධිපති සම්පිණ්ඩන වාර්තාව.

1. මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන

1.1 තත්ත්වගණනය කළ මතය

ශීර්ෂය 160 - පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශයේ 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට මූල්‍ය තත්ත්වය පිළිබඳ ප්‍රකාශය, එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධන ප්‍රකාශය හා මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශනය සහ ප්‍රමාණාත්මක ගිණුම්කරණ ප්‍රතිපත්තිවලට අදාළ තොරතුරු ද ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවලට අදාළ සටහන්වලින් සමන්විත 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ විධිවිධාන සමඟ සංයෝජිතව කියවිය යුතු ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154(1) ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ ඇතුළත් විධිවිධාන ප්‍රකාර මාගේ විධානය යටතේ විගණනය කරන ලදී. 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 11(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කරනු ලබන මෙම මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳව මාගේ අදහස් දැක්වීම් හා නිරීක්ෂණයන් මෙම වාර්තාවේ සඳහන් වේ. 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 11(2) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී වෙත වාර්ෂික විස්තරාත්මක කළමනාකරණ විගණන වාර්තාව 2024 මැයි 29 දින නිකුත් කරන ලදී. ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154(6) ව්‍යවස්ථාව සමඟ සංයෝජිතව කියවිය යුතු 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 10 වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ඉදිරිපත් කළ යුතු විගණකාධිපති වාර්තාව යථා කාලයේදී පාර්ලිමේන්තුව වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කරනු ලැබේ.

මෙම වාර්තාවේ 1.6 ඡේදයේ දක්වා ඇති කරුණුවලින් වන බලපෑම හැර, මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවලින් 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශයේ මූල්‍ය තත්ත්වය සහ එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා එහි මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධනය හා මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය පොදුවේ පිළිගත් ගිණුම්කරණ මූලධර්මවලට අනුකූලව සත්‍ය හා සාධාරණ තත්ත්වයක් පිළිබිඹු කරන බව මා දරන්නා වූ මතය වේ.

1.2 තත්ත්වගණනය කළ මතය සඳහා පදනම

මෙම වාර්තාවේ 1.6 ඡේදයේ දක්වා ඇති කරුණු මත පදනම්ව මාගේ මතය තත්ත්වගණනය කරනු ලැබේ. ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිතීන්ට (ශ්‍රී.ලං.වි.ප්‍ර) අනුකූලව මා විගණනය සිදු කරන ලදී. මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සම්බන්ධයෙන් මාගේ වගකීම, විගණකගේ වගකීම යන වගන්තියේ තවදුරටත් විස්තර කර ඇත. මාගේ මතය සඳහා පදනමක් සැපයීම උදෙසා මා විසින් ලබා ගෙන ඇති විගණන සාක්ෂි ප්‍රමාණවත් සහ උචිත බව මාගේ විශ්වාසයයි.

1.3 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සම්බන්ධයෙන් ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ හා ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ වගකීම

පොදුවේ පිළිගත් ගිණුම්කරණ මූලධර්මවලට අනුකූලව හා 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 38 වගන්තියේ සඳහන් විධිවිධානවලට අනුකූලව සත්‍ය හා සාධාරණ තත්ත්වයක් පිළිබිඹු කෙරෙන පරිදි මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීම හා වංචා සහ වැරදි හේතුවෙන් ඇති විය හැකි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් තොරව මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීමට හැකි වනු පිණිස අවශ්‍යවන අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනය තීරණය කිරීම ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ වගකීම වේ.

2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 16(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් වාර්ෂික හා කාලීන මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීමට හැකිවන පරිදි ස්වකීය ආදායම්, වියදම්, වත්කම් හා බැරකම් පිළිබඳ නිසි පරිදි පොත්පත් හා වාර්තා පවත්වා ගෙන යා යුතුය.

ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 38(1)(ඇ) උප වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව අමාත්‍යාංශයේ මූල්‍ය පාලනය සඳහා සඵලදායී අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන පද්ධතියක් සකස් කර පවත්වා ගෙන යනු ලබන බවට ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී සහතික විය යුතු අතර එම පද්ධතියේ සඵලදායීත්වය පිළිබඳව කලින් කල සමාලෝචනයක් සිදු කර ඒ අනුව පද්ධතිය ඵලදායී ලෙස කරගෙන යාමට අවශ්‍ය වෙනස්කම් සිදු කරනු ලැබිය යුතුය.

1.4 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන විගණනය පිළිබඳ විගණකගේ වගකීම

සමස්ථයක් ලෙස මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන, වංචා හා වැරදි හේතුවෙන් ඇතිවන ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් තොර බවට සාධාරණ තහවුරුවක් ලබාදීම සහ මාගේ මතය ඇතුළත් විගණන වාර්තාව නිකුත් කිරීම මාගේ අරමුණ වේ. සාධාරණ සහතිකවීම උසස් මට්ටමේ සහතිකවීමක් වන නමුත්, ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිති ප්‍රකාරව විගණනය සිදු කිරීමේදී එය සෑම විටම ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන් අනාවරණය කර ගන්නා බවට වන තහවුරු කිරීමක් නොවනු ඇත. වංචා සහ වැරදි තනි හෝ සාමූහික ලෙස බලපෑම නිසා ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන් ඇති විය හැකි අතර, එහි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක භාවය මෙම මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පදනම් කර ගනිමින් පරිශීලකයන් විසින් ගනු ලබන ආර්ථික තීරණ කෙරෙහි වන බලපෑම මත රඳා පවතී.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිති ප්‍රකාරව විගණනයේ කොටසක් ලෙස මා විසින් විගණනයේදී වෘත්තීය විනිශ්චය සහ වෘත්තීය සැකමුසුබවින් යුතුව ක්‍රියා කරන ලදී. මා විසින් තවදුරටත්,

- ස්‍රකාශ කරන ලද විගණන මතයට පදනමක් සපයා ගැනීමේදී වංචා හෝ වැරදි හේතුවෙන් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඇති විය හැකි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන් ඇතිවීමේ අවදානම් හඳුනාගැනීම හා තක්සේරු කිරීම සඳහා අවස්ථාවෝචිතව උචිත විගණන පරිපාටි සැලසුම් කර ක්‍රියාත්මක කරන ලදී. වරදවා දැක්වීම් හේතුවෙන් සිදුවන ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් සිදුවන බලපෑමට වඩා වංචාවකින් සිදුවන්නා වූ බලපෑම ප්‍රබල වන්නේ ඒවා දුස්සන්ධානයෙන්, ව්‍යාජ ලේඛන සැකසීමෙන්, වෙනනාන්විත මහඟුරීමෙන්, වරදවා දැක්වීමෙන් හෝ අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයන් මග හැරීමෙන් වැනි හේතු නිසා වන බැවිනි.
- අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයේ සඵලදායීත්වය පිළිබඳව මතයක් ප්‍රකාශ කිරීමේ අදහසින් නොවුවද, අවස්ථාවෝචිතව උචිත විගණන පරිපාටි සැලසුම් කිරීම පිණිස අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනය පිළිබඳව අවබෝධයක් ලබා ගන්නා ලදී.
- හෙළිදරව් කිරීම් ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ව්‍යුහය සහ අන්තර්ගතය සඳහා පාදක වූ ගනුදෙනු හා සිද්ධීන් උචිත හා සාධාරණ අයුරින් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඇතුළත් බව ඇගයීම.
- මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ව්‍යුහය හා අන්තර්ගතය සඳහා පාදක වූ ගනුදෙනු හා සිද්ධීන් උචිත හා සාධාරණව ඇතුළත් වී ඇති බව සහ හෙළිදරව් කිරීම් ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල සමස්ථ ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම අගයන ලදී.

මාගේ විගණනය තුළදී හඳුනාගත් වැදගත් විගණන සොයාගැනීම්, ප්‍රධාන අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන දුර්වලතා හා අනෙකුත් කරුණු පිළිබඳව ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී ඇතුළත් කරමි.

1.5 වෙනත් නෛතික අවශ්‍යතා පිළිබඳ වාර්තාව

2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 6(1)(ඇ) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව පහත සඳහන් කරුණු මා ප්‍රකාශ කරමි.

- (අ) ඉකුත් වර්ෂයට අදාළ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳ මා විසින් කර තිබුණු පහත සඳහන් නිර්දේශ ක්‍රියාත්මක කර නොතිබුණි.

ඉකුත් වර්ෂයට අදාළ වාර්තාවේ ජේද යොමුව	ක්‍රියාත්මක කර නොතිබුණු නිර්දේශය	මෙම වාර්තාවේ ජේද යොමුව
1.6.1. (අ) (ii)	පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය පවත්වා ගෙන යනු ලබන සොබාදම් පියස ගොඩනැගිල්ල පිහිටි ඉඩම නිත්‍යානුකූලව පවරා ගැනීමට හා ඉඩමේ තක්සේරු අගය වූ රු.261,000,000 ක් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන වල හෙළිදරව් කිරීමට කටයුතු කළ යුතුය.	1.6.1.(අ)

1.6 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳ අදහස් දැක්වීම

1.6.1 මූල්‍ය නොවන වත්කම්

- (අ) පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය පවත්වා ගෙන යනු ලබන සොබාදම් පියස ගොඩනැගිල්ල පිහිටි ඉඩමේ තක්සේරු වටිනාකම වූ රු.261,000,000 ක් මූල්‍ය නොවන වත්කම් යටතේ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන තුළ අනාවරණය කිරීමට හා ඉඩම නිත්‍යානුකූලව පවරා ගැනීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.
- (ආ) අමාත්‍යාංශයේ 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට මූල්‍ය නොවන වත්කම් අගය තුළ 2023 නොවැම්බර් 09 දින අපහරණය කර තිබූ වාහනයක් සහ 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දින වන විට වෙනත් ආයතන වෙත පවරා දී තිබුණු වාහන 10 කට අදාළ රු. 27,790,000 ක වටිනාකමද ඇතුළත්ව තිබුණි.
- (ඇ) වර්තමානයේදී පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් භාවිතා කරනු ලබන රු.12,400,000 ක් වටිනා වාහන 03 ක් පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය නමට පවරා ගැනීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණු අතර එම අගයන් 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට මූල්‍ය නොවන වත්කම් අගය තුළ ද ඇතුළත් කර නොතිබුණි.
- (ඈ) අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් මූල්‍ය නොවන වත්කම් වල 2023 ජනවාරි 01 දිනට දක්වා ඇති අනෙකුත් යන්ත්‍ර හා උපකරණ සහ ඉඩම් යන වත්කම් කාණ්ඩ වල ආරම්භක ශේෂ වටිනාකම ඉකුත් වර්ෂයේ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන මගින් ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබූ 2022 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට ශේෂය සමඟ සැසඳීමේදී පිළිවෙලින් රු.2,060,536 ක් හා රු.3,791,283 ක වෙනසක් පැවති බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

2. මූල්‍ය සමාලෝචනය

2.1 වියදම් කළමනාකරණය

(අ) 2023 වර්ෂය සඳහා ව්‍යාපෘති 02 ක් වෙනුවෙන් ප්‍රතිපාදනය කරන ලද මුදල වූ රු.122,070,000 න් සියයට හැටකට වැඩි මුදල් ප්‍රමාණයක් වියදම් නොකොට ඉතිරි වී ඇති අවස්ථා නිරීක්ෂණය විය. විස්තරය පහතින් දැක්වේ.

වැය විෂය	විස්තරය	ඉදිරි ප්‍රතිපාදනය (රු.)	ඉතිරිය (රු.)	ප්‍රතිශතය
i. 160-1-1-1302	යන්ත්‍ර සහ යන්ත්‍රෝපකරණ නඩත්තුව	500,000	342,270	68%
ii. 160-1-2-2507-148	කෘෂිකර්මාන්ත, වනාන්තර හා වෙනත් ඉඩම් පරිහරණ ක්ෂේත්‍ර සඳහා ඉහළ විනිවිදභාවයකින් යුත් රාමුවක් සකස් කිරීමේ ව්‍යාපෘතිය එකතුව	<u>121,570,000</u> <u>122,070,000</u>	<u>112,105,204</u> <u>112,447,474</u>	92%

(ආ) මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 66 යටතේ ප්‍රතිපාදන වශයෙන් රු.17,400,000 ක් ලබා ගෙන එම ප්‍රතිපාදනයෙන් රු. 2,414,013 ක මුදල් ප්‍රමාණයක් වියදම් නොකොට ඉතිරි වී ඇති බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය. විස්තර පහතින් දැක්වේ.

වැය විෂය	විස්තරය	මු.රෙ. මාරුකිරීම් වටිනාකම (රු.)	ඉතිරිය (රු.)	ඉතිරිය මු.රෙ. මාරුකිරීම් වටිනාකමේ ප්‍රතිශතයක් ලෙස (%)
i. 160-1-1-1003	වෙනත් දීමනා	3,900,000	470,907	12%
ii. 160-1-1-1102	විදේශ ගමන් වියදම්	1,500,000	583,068	38%
iii. 160-1-1-1301	වාහන නඩත්තු	4,000,000	388,312	9%
iv. 160-1-2-1102	විදේශ ගමන් වියදම්	8,000,000	971,726	12%
v. 160-1-2-3-118	අමාත්‍යාංශයේ වාර්ෂික වැඩසටහන්	45,000,000	3,015,527	6%
vi. 160-1-2-3-140	සමුද්‍රීය අපද්‍රව්‍ය සහ ක්ෂුද්‍ර ජලාස්ථික් අපද්‍රව්‍ය පරිසර හිතකාමී කළමනාකරණය එකතුව	<u>5,000,000</u> <u>67,400,000</u>	<u>1,400,000</u> <u>6,829,540</u>	28%

- (ඇ) පරිසර සංරක්ෂණ ජාතික වැඩසටහන් ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම සඳහා සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේදී වාර්ෂික අයවැය ගත ප්‍රතිපාදන ලෙස රු. මිලියන 150 ක් වෙන් කර තිබුණු අතර එම ප්‍රතිපාදනයෙන් රු. මිලියන 45 ක් මුදල් රෙගුලාසි යටතේ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ වාර්ෂික වැඩසටහන් සඳහා වූ ප්‍රතිපාදන යටතට මාරු කර එම මුදල 2023 වර්ෂයේ පැවති ආසියා ශාන්තිකරයේ අමාත්‍යවරුන්ගේ හා පරිසර බලධාරීන්ගේ සංසඳයේ 5 වැනි සැසිය සඳහා භාවිතා කර තිබුණි. එසේම ඉතිරි ප්‍රතිපාදන වලින් රු. මිලියන 4.1 ක් පමණ පරිසර සංරක්ෂණ ජාතික වැඩසටහන සඳහා වැය කර තිබූ අතර පරිසර සංරක්ෂණ කටයුතු සඳහා සෘජුව බලනොපාන කටයුත්තක් වූ ආසියා ශාන්තිකරයේ අමාත්‍යවරුන්ගේ හා පරිසර බලධාරීන්ගේ සංසඳයේ 5 වැනි සැසිය සඳහා ඉහත වැඩසටහන සඳහා වෙන්කරන ලද අයවැය ප්‍රතිපාදන වලින් සියයට 30 ක් පමණ වැයකර තිබූ බව විගණනයේදී නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

2.2 බැරකම් හා බැඳීම්වලට එළඹීම

- (අ) අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් 2023 වර්ෂයට අදාළව ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබූ බැරකම් පිළිබඳ ප්‍රකාශනයේ මුළු එකතුව රු.19,511,266 ක් වුවද භාණ්ඩාගාර මූලික (CIGAS) මගින් ලබාගත් බැඳීම් හා බැරකම් වාර්තාව (SA-92) අනුව ශේෂය 11,485,100 ක් වූ අතර ඒ අනුව අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට බැඳීම් හා බැරකම් අගයන් නිවැරදිව හඳුනාගෙන නොතිබුණු බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

2.3 නීති, රීති හා රෙගුලාසිවලට අනුකූල නොවීම

නීති, රීති හා රෙගුලාසිවලට
යොමුව

අනුකූල නොවීම

- (අ) ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික
සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ මුදල්
රෙගුලාසි සංග්‍රහය

- (i) මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 104 (1)
(4)

භාතිය සිදු වූ දිනයේ සිට මාස 03 ක් ඇතුළත පූර්ණ වාර්තාවක් ඉදිරිපත් කළ යුතු වුවත්, අමාත්‍යාංශය සතු වාහන 02 ක් අනතුරට ලක් වී වර්ෂ දෙකකට අධික කාලයක් ගතවී තිබුණ ද 2024 මාර්තු 21 දින වන විටත් ඒ අනුව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

- (ආ) භාණ්ඩාගාර චක්‍රලේඛ

2017 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනැති
අංක 2/2017 දරන
භාණ්ඩාගාර චක්‍රලේඛය

2018 ජුනි 30 දිනට පෙර රජයේ සෑම ආයතනයක් විසින්ම භාවිතා කරන රජයට අයත් සෑම වාහනයක්ම එම ආයතනය නමින් ලියාපදිංචි කළ යුතුව තිබුණද පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය භාවිතා කරන වාහන 03 ක් අමාත්‍යාංශය නමින් පවරා ගැනීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

3 මෙහෙයුම් සමාලෝචනය

3.1 විදේශ ආධාර ව්‍යාපෘති

(අ) ව්‍යාපෘති වල කාර්යසාධනය

I. දේශගුණ විපර්යාස අවම කිරීමේ ක්‍රියාකාරී සහයෝගීතා ව්‍යාපෘතිය

- (i) දේශගුණ විපර්යාස අවම කිරීමේ ක්‍රියාකාරී සහයෝගීතා ව්‍යාපෘතිය යටතේ ජාතික දේශගුණ විපර්යාස සඳහා වූ දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලකරණ පද්ධතිය ස්ථාපිත කිරීමට අදාළව රු. 31,000,000 ක මුළු පිරිවැයක් දරා තිබුණ අතර අදාළ උපදේශන සමාගමින් ලබා ගත් රු.3,100,000 වටිනා කාර්යසාධන බැඳුම්කරය 2024 අප්‍රේල් 12 දින කල් ඉකුත් වීමට නියමිතව පැවතියද අපේක්ෂිත අරමුණු ඉටුකර ගත හැකි පරිදි එම දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලකරණ පද්ධතිය ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය කාර්යසාධන මට්ටමක් ළඟා කර ගත හැකි ආකාරයට කටයුතු සිදු කර නොමැති බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- (ii) ජාතික දේශගුණ විපර්යාස සඳහා වූ දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලකරණ පද්ධතිය නඩත්තු කිරීම සඳහා පළමු වර්ෂය (2022) හා දෙවන වර්ෂය (2023) ට අදාළව රු.1,860,000 ක නඩත්තු පිරිවැයක් දරා තිබුණ ද විගණිත දිනය වන 2023 නොවැම්බර් 09 දින වන විටත් දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලකරණ පද්ධතිය අපේක්ෂිත පරිදි ක්‍රියාත්මක තත්වයේ නොතිබුණු බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- (iii) දේශගුණ විපර්යාස ලේකම් කාර්යාලය විසින් ජාතික දේශගුණ විපර්යාස සඳහා වන දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලය ස්ථාපිත කිරීමට අදාළව දත්ත ලබාදෙන පාර්ශවකාර ආයතන සමඟ අවබෝධතා ගිවිසුම් වලට එළඹ තිබූ අතර දත්ත සැපයුම්කාර ආයතන 55 ක් හඳුනා ගෙන තිබුණද ආයතන 08 ක් සමඟ පමණක් අවබෝධතා ගිවිසුම් අත්සන් කර තිබුණි.
- (iv) දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලකරණ පද්ධතිය සඳහා දත්ත සපයන ආයතන සමඟ අවබෝධතා ගිවිසුම් ඇති කර ගැනීමට පෙර අදාළ ආයතන වෙත පරිගණක යන්ත්‍ර ලබා දී තිබුණි.
- (v) 2021 වර්ෂයේදී අත්සන් කරන ලද අවබෝධතා ගිවිසුම් 04 ක් විගණිත දින වන විට කල්ඉකුත් වී තිබුණි.
- (vi) අවබෝධතා ගිවිසුමේ 2 වන වගන්තිය යටතේ “d” යන කරුණෙන් පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් දත්ත සපයනු ලබන ආයතන වෙත දත්ත ජාලය සඳහා ප්‍රවේශය ලබා දිය යුතු බවට දක්වා තිබුණ ද දත්ත පද්ධතිය වෙත දත්ත සම්ප්‍රේශණය සඳහා අදාළ පාර්ශවකාර ආයතන වෙත අවසර ප්‍රවේශය(Authorization Access) ලබා දී නොතිබුණි.
- (vii) අවබෝධතා ගිවිසුමේ 2 වගන්තියේ “e” කරුණ අනුව දත්ත සපයන ආයතනය විසින් නිවැරදි, විශ්වසනීය හා පිළිගත හැකි දත්ත ජාතික දේශගුණ විපර්යාස සඳහා වූ දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලය සඳහා යොමු කරන බවට තහවුරු කළ යුතු බව දක්වා තිබුණද අදාළ ආයතන විසින් විගණිත දින දක්වාම දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලය වෙත දත්ත යොමුකර නොතිබුණි.
- (viii) අවබෝධතා ගිවිසුමේ 6 වන වගන්තිය අනුව දත්ත සපයන ආයතනය සමග අත්සන් කරන ලද ගිවිසුම කාලානුරූපීව සමාලෝචනය කර අවශ්‍ය වෙනස්කම් සිදු කර ගත යුතු වුවද විගණිත දිනය වන විටත් පාර්ශවකාර ආයතනය සම්බන්ධීකරණය කර ගනිමින් අවශ්‍යතා සමාලෝචනය කර නිසි පරිදි ගිවිසුම් යාවත්කාලීන කිරීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

- (ix) 2021 නොවැම්බර් 19 දින පැවති රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභාවේදී මෙම ව්‍යාපෘතියේ ප්‍රගතිය සතුටුදායක මට්ටමක නොපවතින බව කාරක සභාව සඳහන් කර තිබුණු අතර අදාළ අංශ සමඟ මනා සම්බන්ධීකරණයක් ඇතිකර ගනිමින් දත්ත පද්ධතිය යාවත්කාලීන කිරීමේ ක්‍රමවේදයක් පැවතිය යුතු බව හා මෙම පද්ධතිය දිගින් දිගටම පසුපරම් කිරීමේ අවශ්‍යතාවයද අවධාරණය කර තිබුණ ද අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් ඒ සඳහා අවශ්‍ය ක්‍රියාමාර්ග ගෙන නොමැති බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- (x) උක්ත රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභාවේදී ජාතික දේශගුණ විපර්යාස දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාල පද්ධතිය යාවත්කාලීන කර රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභාව දැනුවත් කරන ලෙසට අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීට නිර්දේශ කර තිබුණ ද විගණන දිනය වන විටත් දත්ත පද්ධතිය යාවත්කාලීන කර රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභාව දැනුවත් කිරීමට කටයුතු කර නොමැති බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

II. සුවදායී භූමි දර්ශ ව්‍යාපෘතිය

- (i) සුවදායී භූමි දර්ශ ව්‍යාපෘතිය යටතේ කුම්බිකුලම වැව ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීමට අදාළව 2022 ජනවාරි 26 දින පළාත්වැව ප්‍රාදේශීය සම්බන්ධීකරණ රැස්වීමේදී සාකච්ඡා කර ඇති අතර වන සංරක්ෂණ හා වනජීවී සංරක්ෂණ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ නිලධාරීන් විසින් වන ජීවීන්ගේ ප්‍රයෝජනය සඳහා මෙම වැව සොරොව්වක් රහිතව ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණයට වාචිකව එකඟතාවය ලබාදී තිබුණි. ඒ අනුව මෙම වැව සොරොව්වක් රහිතව ඉදිකිරීමට එකඟතාවය ලැබී තිබුණ ද සුවදායී භූමි දර්ශ ව්‍යාපෘතිය යටතේ කුම්බිකුලම වැවෙහි රු.1,541,477 ක් වැයකර සොරොව්වක් ඉදිකර ඇති බව 2023 අගෝස්තු 14 දින සිදුකරන ලද භෞතික විගණන පරීක්ෂාව අනුව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- (ii) රුපියල් මිලියන 51.56 ක පමණ පිරිවැයක් දරා වගා කටයුතු සඳහා ජලය ලබා ගැනීමේ අරමුණින් කුම්බිකුලම වැව ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කර තිබුණ ද එම වැව මගින් වගා කටයුතු සඳහා ජලය මුදා හැරීමේ හැකියාවක් නොමැති බව නිරීක්ෂණය වූ අතර වැවෙහි වාන් ජලය එල්ලංගාවේ පහළ පිහිටි වැව් කරා ගලා යාමට හැකිවන පරිදි ඇළ මාර්ග පිළිසකර කිරීමට ද කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.
- (iii) 2009 අංක 65 දරන කැළෑ සංශෝධන පනතේ 7.1 (ඔ) අනුව යම් පාරක් තැනීම, දැනටමත් තනන ලද යම් පාරක් වෙනස් කිරීම, එසේ තනන ලද පාරක් භාවිතා කිරීම ආදී ක්‍රියා රක්ෂිත වනයක තහනම් ක්‍රියා ලෙස දක්වා තිබුණ ද සුවදායී භූමි දර්ශ ව්‍යාපෘතියේ පිරිවැය ඇස්තමේන්තුව අනුව රු. 2,107,933 ක පිරිවැයක් දරා පිටිසුම් මාර්ගයක් සකස් කර තිබුණු අතර මෙම ව්‍යාපෘති ප්‍රදේශය කුම්බිකුලම රක්ෂිතයට අයත්වීම තුළ එය කැළෑ පනතට පටහැනි ක්‍රියාවක් බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- (iv) කුම්බිකුලම වැව ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණයට අදාළ ගිවිසුමේ නිමැවුම් ලෙස අක්කර 200 ක කුඹුරු ප්‍රතිස්ථාපනය සහ පරිසර පද්ධතිය ප්‍රතිස්ථාපනය ද දක්වා තිබුණ ද 2013 අගෝස්තු 01 දිනැති හා අංක 1821/34 දරන ගැසට් පත්‍රය මගින් කුම්බිකුලම වැව සහ ඒ ආශ්‍රිත ප්‍රදේශ කිහිපයක් සහිත මුළු බිම් ප්‍රමාණය හෙක්ටයාර් 2744 ක් පමණ කුම්බිකුලම රක්ෂිත වනාන්තරයට අයත් ලෙස නම්කර තිබුණු බැවින් එම වැව යටතේ කුඹුරු ප්‍රතිස්ථාපනය කළ නොහැකි බව නිරීක්ෂණය වූ අතර උක්ත ගිවිසුමේ නීත්‍යානුකූලව ළඟකර ගත නොහැකි නිමැවුම් දක්වා ඇති බව ද නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

(ආ) ව්‍යාපෘති වල වත්කම් උන උපයෝජනය/ නිෂ්ක්‍රීයව පැවැතීම

- (i) දේශගුණ විපර්යාස අවම කිරීමේ ක්‍රියාකාරී සහයෝගීතා ව්‍යාපෘතිය මඟින් සංවර්ධනය කර ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට යෝජනා වූ ජාතික දේශගුණ විපර්යාස සඳහා වූ දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලකරණ පද්ධතිය (National Climate Change Data Sharing Network) සඳහා දත්ත සපයනු ලබන පාර්ශවකාර ආයතන වෙත ලබා දීම සඳහා රු. 12,446,500 ක් (VAT රහිත) වැයකර ඩෙස්ක්ටොප් පරිගණක යන්ත්‍ර 55 ක් 2020 දෙසැම්බර් 30 දින මිලදී ගෙන තිබුණ අතර මෙම පරිගණක යන්ත්‍ර පාර්ශවකාර ආයතන 55ක් වෙත මිලදී ගත් දිනයේ සිට මාස 14 කට පසුව ලබා දී තිබුණි. විගණනයේදී නියැදි පරීක්ෂාවට භාජනය කරන ලද පාර්ශවකාර ආයතන 27 ක් අතුරින් පාර්ශවකාර ආයතන 20 ක් විසින්ම මෙම ඩෙස්ක්ටොප් පරිගණක යන්ත්‍ර ජාතික දේශගුණ විපර්යාස සඳහා වූ දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලය වෙත දත්ත සම්ප්‍රේශණය කිරීමට හෝ ඊට අදාළ දත්ත සැකසීම සඳහා භාවිතා කර නොතිබුණ අතර එක් පාර්ශවකාර ආයතනයක් පරිගණක යන්ත්‍රය භාවිතා නොකර ඇසුරුම් තුළට තබාගෙන පැවති අතර අදාළ පරිගණකය එම ආයතනය සඳහා අවශ්‍ය නොවන බව ද සඳහන් කරන ලදී. ඒ අනුව අවශ්‍යතාවය නිසි පරිදි හඳුනා ගැනීමෙන් තොරව පරිගණක යන්ත්‍ර බෙදාහැර තිබුණු බව නිරීක්ෂණය වූ අතර මෙම පරිගණක යන්ත්‍ර මිලදී ගැනීම මඟින් ළඟා කර ගැනීමට අපේක්ෂිත අරමුණු ළඟා කරගෙන නොතිබුණු බවද නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- (ii) දේශගුණ විපර්යාස අවම කිරීමේ ක්‍රියාකාරී සහයෝගීතා ව්‍යාපෘතිය මඟින් සංවර්ධනය කර ක්‍රියාත්මක කරනු ලබන ජාතික දේශගුණ විපර්යාස සඳහා වූ දත්ත හුවමාරු ජාලකරණ පද්ධතිය (National Climate Change Data Sharing Network) සඳහා ඉහත පරිදි ඩෙස්ක්ටොප් පරිගණක යන්ත්‍ර 55 ක් මිලදී ගන්නා අවස්ථාවේදීම රු. 1,065,000 (VAT රහිත) ක පිරිවැයක් දරා ලැප්ටොප් පරිගණක යන්ත්‍ර 05 ක් 2020 නොවැම්බර් 10 දින මිලදී ගෙන තිබුණු අතර 2023 ඔක්තෝබර් 12 දින සිදු කරන ලද භෞතික විගණන පරීක්ෂාවේදී මෙම ලැප්ටොප් පරිගණක යන්ත්‍ර 05 අතුරින් යන්ත්‍ර 02 ක් අමාත්‍යාංශයේ මූල්‍ය අංශය වෙත ලබා දී ඇති බව නිරීක්ෂණය වූ අතර තවත් යන්ත්‍ර 03 ක් දේශගුණ විපර්යාස අංශයේ නිෂ්කාර්යව පවතින බවද නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

3.2 ප්‍රසම්පාදනයන්

- (අ) ආසියා ශාන්තිකරයේ අමාත්‍යවරුන්ගේ හා පරිසර බලධාරීන්ගේ සංසදයේ 5 වැනි සැසිය සඳහා සහභාගී වූ නිලධාරීන්ට ආහාර සැපයීමට 2023 සැප්තැම්බර් 21 දින ආයතන 03 වෙතින් මිල ගණන් කැඳවා තිබුණ අතර මිල ගණන් 2023 සැප්තැම්බර් 27 දින ප.ව. 2.00 ට පෙර පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය වෙත යොමු කරන ලෙස දක්වා තිබුණි. මෙම මිල කැඳවීම සඳහා ආයතන 03 විසින් ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබූ මිල ගණන් පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලංසු විවෘත කිරීමේ කමිටු සාමාජිකයන් විසින් විවෘත කළ බවට එම මිල ගණන් තුළ දින මුද්‍රා තබා අත්සන් කර නොතිබුණ අතර ඊට අදාළ ලංසු විවෘත කිරීමේ කමිටු වාර්තාවක් ද නොමැති බව ලිපිගොනු පරීක්ෂාවේ දී නිරීක්ෂණය විය. ඒ අනුව ලංසු විවෘත කිරීමේ ක්‍රමවේදයේ නිරවද්‍යතාවය විගණනයේ දී තහවුරු නොවීය. මෙම ප්‍රසම්පාදනයට අදාළ තාක්ෂණික ඇගයීම් කමිටු වාර්තාව ප්‍රසම්පාදන මාර්ගෝපදේශයේ 2.11.3 ප්‍රකාරව විධිමත් ආකෘතියකින් ඉදිරිපත් කර නොතිබුණ අතර තාක්ෂණික ඇගයීම් කමිටු නිර්දේශ ඉදිරිපත්කර තිබුණේ අංක හා දින රහිත ලිපියක් මඟින් බව ද නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

- (ආ) 2023 සැප්තැම්බර් 27 දින ඉහත ප්‍රසම්පාදනය සඳහා ප්‍රසම්පාදන කමිටු තීරණය ලබා දී තිබුණ අතර එහි දී Lavinia Bakers වෙතින් සේවාව ලබා ගැනීමටත් එක් ආහාර වේලක් සඳහා ආහාර පැකට් 200 ක් ලෙස මුළු ආහාර පැකට් 3,712 ක් ලබා දෙන ලෙස ඉල්ලීම් කර ඇතත් අවශ්‍යතාවය පදනම් කර ගනිමින් අවශ්‍ය ආහාර පැකට් ප්‍රමාණය ඇණවුම් කිරීමටත් එම ප්‍රමාණය ඉක්මවා යන්නේ නම් නැවත ප්‍රසම්පාදන කමිටුවේ අනුමැතියට යටත්ව ලබා ගැනීමටත් අනුමැතිය ලබා දී තිබුණි. නමුත් මෙම සමුළුව සඳහා ආහාර පැකට් 8,423 ක් එනම් ඉහත මිල ගණන් කැඳවා තිබූ ආහාර පැකට් 3,712 ට අමතරව ආහාර පැකට් 4,711 ක් මිල දී ගෙන තිබුණි. මේ අනුව මිල දී ගැනීමට අනුමැතිය ලබා දුන් ප්‍රමාණයට වඩා සියයට 127 ක ආහාර පැකට් ප්‍රමාණයක් මිල දී ගෙන තිබුණ බව විගණනයේ දී නිරීක්ෂණය විය. ඉහත කරුණ අනුව මෙම සමුළුව සඳහා අවශ්‍ය ආහාර සැපයීම වෙනුවෙන් රු.2,422,000 ක් වෙන් කර තිබුණ ද මේ සඳහා රු.4,443,970 ක මුදලක් ගෙවා තිබූ අතර ආහාර සැපයීම සඳහා රු.2,021,970 ක් අපේක්ෂිත මුදල ඉක්මා ගෙවා තිබූ බව විගණනයේ දී තවදුරටත් නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- (ඇ) ආහාර සැපයීම සඳහා තෝරාගත් Lavinia Bakers යන ආයතනය වෙත ඒ සඳහා ගෙවිය යුතු මුදල වූ රු.4,443,970 ක මුදල සඳහා වූ වෙක්පත Testa Bake House (Pvt) Ltd යන ආයතනයේ ඩී.ඒ.ඩී. රත්නීන් යන අයගේ පෞද්ගලික නමට ලබාදෙන ලෙස Lavinia Bakers ආයතනය විසින් ඉල්ලීමක් සිදු කර තිබුණු අතර ඒ අනුව අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් ඩී.ඒ.ඩී. රත්නීන් යන පුද්ගල නාමයට වෙක්පත ලබා දී තිබුණි. ඉහත කරුණු අනුව ආහාර සැපයීමට සේවාව ලබා දුන් Lavinia Bakers ආයතනය නමින් වෙක්පත් ලබා නොදී රු.4,443,970 ක මුදලක් සඳහා ඩී.ඒ.ඩී. රත්නීන් යන පුද්ගල නාමයකට මුදල් ලබා දීමට අමාත්‍යාංශය කටයුතු කර ඇති බව විගණනයේ දී නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

3.3 වත්කම් කළමනාකරණය

- (අ) පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය සතු වාහන අතුරින් ධාවනය කළ නොහැකි තත්ත්වයේ පවතින වාහන 08 ක් අමාත්‍යාංශ පරිශ්‍රයේ සහ ගරාජ්වල ගාල් කර ඇති අතර මෙම වාහන වර්ෂ 03 ත් 09 ත් අතර කාලපරාසයක් එලෙස ගාල් කර පැවතියදී ද අලුත්වැඩියා කටයුතු සිදු කිරීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.
- (ආ) 2022 ජනවාරි 25 දිනැති අංක 04/2022 දරණ වත්කම් කළමනාකරණ චක්‍රලේඛයේ 02 (අ) ඡේදයට අනුව 2020 අගෝස්තු 31 දින වන විට කොමිස්ට්‍රෝලර් ජනරාල් කාර්යාලයට වාර්තා කරන ලද ධාවන තත්ත්වයේ නොපවතින අලුත් වැඩියා කිරීම එලදායි නොවන වාහන අපහරණය සිදුකර නොමැති නම් වත්කම් කළමනාකරණ චක්‍රලේඛයේ අංක 05/2020 හි 02 (අ) මඟින් ලබා දී ඇති උපදෙස් පරිදි එවැනි වාහන අපහරණය කිරීමේ ක්‍රියාවලිය සම්පූර්ණ කිරීමට වහාම කටයුතු කළ යුතු වුවත් අමාත්‍යාංශය සතු වාහන 02 ක් 2020 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දින අපහරණය කිරීමට නිර්දේශ කර තිබුණද ඉහත චක්‍රලේඛ ප්‍රකාරව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි. කොමිස්ට්‍රෝලර් ජනරාල්ගේ 2023 මාර්තු 09 දිනැති හා අංක CGO/ASM/Environment/General/21-1 දරන ලිපිය මඟින් තවත් වාහනයක් අපහරණය කිරීමට අනුමැතිය ලබා දී තිබුණ ද අමාත්‍යාංශය විගණන දින දක්වාම ඒ අනුව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

(ඇ) පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශයේ අමාත්‍ය කාර්ය මණ්ඩලය සඳහා අනුයුක්ත කර තිබූ වාහන නැවත භාරදෙන අවස්ථාවේදී සිදු කළ නිරීක්ෂණයන් පහත දැක්වේ.

- මොටර් රථයේ බඳ වටා තැලීම් සිටීම
- ටෙල් ලාම්පු, රිවස් ලාම්පු, බ්‍රේක් ලාම්පු කැඩී තිබීම
- ඉදිරි පස ව්‍යාජ අංක තහඩු සවි කිරීම
- මොටර් රථයේ බඳ , වහලය හා වෙනත් ස්ථානවල සිටීම හා තැලීම් සහ ඩැෂ්බෝර්ඩය පුපුරා කැඩී යාම
- ඒසි කවුළුවල නොබ අස්ථානගත වීම
- ඉදිරිපස ප්‍රධාන වීදුරුව (windscreen) පිපිරී තිබීම
- වම් පස හා දකුණු පස Tail Light කැඩී තිබීම

ඉහත අලාභයන් පිළිබඳ අදාළ අවස්ථාවේදී අමාත්‍යාංශය දැනුවත් කර නොතිබුණු බැවින් එම අඩුපාඩු අළුත්වැඩියා කර රක්ෂණ ආවරණය මගින් එම අලාභයන් ප්‍රතිපූර්ණය කර ගැනීමට නොහැකි වී තිබුණු බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

(ඌ) 2021 අප්‍රේල් 21 දින නිකුත් කර තිබූ ප්‍රසම්පාදන කාර්යසාධනයේ 38 වන අතිරේකය අනුව ප්‍රසම්පාදන මාර්ගෝපදේශ අංක 9.3.1 (අ) ප්‍රකාරව වාහන අළුත්වැඩියා සහ නඩත්තු කටයුතු සඳහා වන මිල කැඳවීම් ආර්ථික වශයෙන් ඵලදායී ද යන්න සලකා බලා අදාළ වාහන වල දේශීය නියෝජිතයකුන් වෙතින් සිදු කර ගත හැකි බව දක්වා තිබුණි. 2023 වර්ෂයේදී වාහන සේවා කිරීම් වලට අදාළව වාහන ඒජන්තවරුන් හරහා වාහන සේවා කිරීම් සඳහා වාහන 41 කට අදාළව සේවා වාර 81 ක් සඳහා රු. 6,360,496 ක මුළු පිරිවැයක් දරා තිබුණ අතර මෙහිදී අදාළ සේවා කිරීම් සඳහා දැරූ පිරිවැය ආර්ථික වශයෙන් ඵලදායීද යන්න විගණනයේදී තහවුරු නොවීය.

3.4 අනාර්ථික ගනුදෙනු

2013 වර්ෂයේදී අනතුරකට ලක්ව තිබූ වාහනයක් වර්ෂ 10 කට අධික කාලයක් අළුත්වැඩියා වියදම පියවීමට නොහැකිව පෞද්ගලික ගරාජයක රඳවා තිබුණු අතර 2023 වර්ෂයේදී මෙම වාහනය රු.1,800,000 කට අපහරණය කර තිබුණි. මෙම අනතුර සම්බන්ධයෙන් මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 104(4) යටතේ පරීක්ෂණය සිදු කර අළුත්වැඩියා වියදම අයකරගත යුතු ආකාරය නිවැරදිව තීරණය කර නොතිබූ බැවින් අපහරණය මගින් ලද මුදලින් රු.1,614,105 ක් භාවිතා කරමින් අනතුරු අළුත් වැඩියා කිරීමේ වියදම පියවා ඉතිරි මුදල වූ රු.185,895 ක් පමණක් මහා භාණ්ඩාගාරය වෙත ප්‍රේශණය කර තිබුණි. මේ අනුව රජයට රු.1,614,105 ක අලාභයක් සිදු වී ඇති බව විගණනයේදී අනාවරණය විය.

3.5 කළමනාකරණ දුර්වලතා

(අ) මධ්‍යම පරිසර අධිකාරියේ 2023 වර්ෂයේ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන අනුව ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ අපද්‍රව්‍ය කළමනාකරණ වැඩසටහනට අදාළව රු.14,531,330 ක මුදලක් පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය වෙත ගෙවිය යුතු බව දක්වා තිබුණි. ඒ අනුව මධ්‍යම පරිසර අධිකාරිය විසින් මීට වර්ෂ 10කට පමණ පෙර ක්‍රියාත්මක කර තිබූ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ අපද්‍රව්‍ය කළමනාකරණ ව්‍යාපෘතිය සඳහා ලබා දී තිබූ ප්‍රතිපාදන වලින් නැවත රජයට ගෙවිය යුතුව පවතින රු.14,531,330 ක මුදලක් අයකර ගැනීම සම්බන්ධයෙන් පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් ප්‍රමාණවත් අවධානයක් යොමු කර නොතිබුණ බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.



- (ආ) අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩල පත්‍රිකා අංක 23/1739/622/021 වූ “එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ බුබායි නගරයේ දී පැවැත්වෙන දේශගුණික විපර්යාස පිළිබඳ එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ රාමුගත සම්මුතියේ පාර්ශවකරුවන්ගේ 28 වන සමුළුව ” යන මැයෙන් පරිසර අමාත්‍යවරයා විසින් ඉදිරිපත් කළ 2023 සැප්තැම්බර් මස 07 දිනැති සංදේශය සඳහා මුදල් ,ආර්ථික ස්ථායීකරණ සහ ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්ති අමාත්‍යවරයා විසින් ඉදිරිපත් කළ නිරීක්ෂණ තුළ , “ වියදම් පාලනය සඳහා රාජ්‍ය නිලධාරීන්ගේ විදේශ සංචාර සම්බන්ධයෙන් පනවා ඇති සීමාවන් හේතුවෙන්, ඉහත සමුළුවට සඳහා අත්‍යාවශ්‍යම හා අවම නිලධාරීන් සංඛ්‍යාවක් සහභාගී වීම සුදුසු වේ සහ එම නිලධාරී මණ්ඩලය නිශ්චිත ලෙස නම් කිරීමෙන් අනතුරුව ජනාධිපති ලේකම්ගේ පූර්ව එකඟතාවය සඳහා ඉදිරිපත් කළ යුතුය ” ලෙස දක්වා තිබුණි. එසේ අනුමැතිය ලබාගෙන තිබූ නිලධාරීන්ට අමතරව අමාත්‍යාංශයේ තවත් නිලධාරීන් 06 දෙනෙකු මෙම සමුළුව සඳහා සහභාගී වී ඇති බව නිරීක්ෂණය වූ අතර එම නිලධාරීන් සමුළුවට සහභාගී වීම සඳහා ජනාධිපති ලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ පූර්ව එකඟතාවය ලබාගෙන නොතිබුණ බව ද නිරීක්ෂණය විය. තව ද එම නිලධාරීන් 06 දෙනා අතුරින් නිලධාරීන් තිදෙනෙකු පරිසර සැලසුම් හා ආර්ථික අංශයට අනුයුක්තව කටයුතු කරන අතර එම නිලධාරීන් දේශගුණික විපර්යාස පිළිබඳ එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ රාමුගත සම්මුතියේ සමුළුව සඳහා සහභාගී වීමට තෝරා ගැනීමේ ප්‍රමුඛතා පදනම විගණනයේ දී තහවුරු නොවීය. තවද මුදල් ,ආර්ථික ස්ථායීකරණ සහ ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්ති අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ නිරීක්ෂණ ලෙස “සමුළුව අවසන් වීමෙන් අනතුරුව , ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සඳහා දේශගුණික විපර්යාස පිළිබඳ එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ රාමුගත සම්මුතියේ අපේක්ෂිත ඉලක්ක කරා ළඟාවීමේ ප්‍රගතිය පිළිබඳ වාර්තාවක් අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩලය වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කළ යුතුය ” ලෙස දක්වා තිබුණ ද එවැනි වාර්තාවක් අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩලය වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කර නොතිබුණ බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- (ඇ) පරිසර අමාත්‍යවරයා හා කාර්යමණ්ඩලය වෙත 2023 ඔක්තෝබර් 24 දින අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් වාහන 07 ක් අනුයුක්ත කර තිබුණ නමුත් ඉහත වාහන වලට අමතරව විවිධ අවස්ථා වලදී අමාත්‍යාංශය සතු සංචිත වාහන 04 ක් ද අමාත්‍ය කාර්යමණ්ඩලය විසින් භාවිතයට ගෙන තිබුණි. 2023 ඔක්තෝබර් 24 දින සිට 2024 පෙබරවාරි 03 දින දක්වා වූ කාලපරිච්ඡේදය තුළ මෙම සඳහන් වාහන 04 භාවිතා කර කිලෝමීටර් 16,950 ක් ධාවනය කර තිබුණු අතර මේ සඳහා ඉන්ධන (ඩීසල්) ලීටර් 2,366 ක් අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් ලබා දී තිබුණි. මේ අනුව වතුලේඛ ප්‍රකාරව අමාත්‍යවරයාට සහ අමාත්‍යකාර්යමණ්ඩලයට ලබා ගත හැකිව තිබූ වාහන ප්‍රමාණය ඉක්මවා අනීතික ලෙස ලබාගත් වාහන 04 සඳහා ඉන්ධන ලීටර් 2,366 ක් ලබා දීමට අමාත්‍යාංශය රු. 831,412 ක් වැය කර තිබූ බව විගණනයේදී අනාවරණය විය.
- (ඈ) අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩල පත්‍රිකා අංක 20/1399/301/006 හා 2020 සැප්තැම්බර් 17 දිනැති අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩල තීරණයෙහි ඇති සුදුසුකම් වලට පටහැනිව අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම්වරයා විසින් හිටපු පරිසර අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ උපදේශක ලෙස 2023 නොවැම්බර් 15 දින හිමිනමක් පත් කර තිබුණි. එසේම 2023 නොවැම්බර් 15 දින සිට 2024 පෙබරවාරි 03 දින දක්වා මෙම උපදේශක හිමිනමට උපදේශක දීමනා හා අනෙකුත් දීමනා ලෙස රු. 484,331 ක් ගෙවා තිබුණු බව විගණනයේදී අනාවරණය විය. එම උපදේශක හිමිනමට අදාළ උපදේශක තනතුර සඳහා පත්වීම් ලිපිය 2023 නොවැම්බර් 15 දින අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම්වරයා විසින් ලබා දී තිබුණ නමුත් අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ උපදෙස් පරිදි පෞද්ගලික ලේකම් විසින් එවා ඇති ලිපියකට අනුව පත්වීමේ දිනය 2023 ඔක්තෝබර් 24 දින සිට ක්‍රියාත්මක වන බව අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම්වරයා විසින් නිකුත් කළ උපදේශක හිමිනම පත්කිරීමේ ලිපියෙහි දක්වා තිබුණි. මේ අනුව අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ උපදෙස් අනුව ඉහත පරිදි කටයුතු කිරීම නිසා 2023 ඔක්තෝබර් 24 දින සිට 2023 නොවැම්බර් 15 දින දක්වා වූ විධිමත් පත්වීමේ ලිපියක් නොමැති දින 23 ක කාලයක් සඳහා රු.74,194 ක උපදේශක දීමනා සහ අනෙකුත් දීමනා ලෙස රු.4,452 ක් වූ මුළු එකතුව රු.78,646 ක් අමාත්‍යාංශ අරමුදල් මගින් ගෙවා තිබූ බව විගණනයේදී තවදුරටත් නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

4 මානව සම්පත් කළමනාකරණය

4.1 අනුයුක්ත කාර්ය මණ්ඩලය, තරා කාර්ය මණ්ඩලය

- (අ) 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මට්ටමේ තනතුරු වල පුරප්පාඩු 21 ක් පවතින බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- (ආ) 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට ප්‍රධාන නීති නිලධාරී තනතුර මෙන්ම නීති නිලධාරී තනතුරු 02 ක් වශයෙන් නීති අංශයට අනුමත මුළු තනතුරු සංඛ්‍යාවම පුරප්පාඩු ව පැවතුණි.
- (ඇ) පරිසර අමාත්‍යාංශය සඳහා අවශ්‍යතාවයක් නොමැති ශ්‍රී ලංකා කෘෂිකර්ම සේවයේ I, II හා III ශ්‍රේණි සඳහා අනුමත තනතුරු 05 ක් අමාත්‍යාංශ කාර්යමණ්ඩල තනතුරු ලෙස අනුමත කරවාගෙන තිබුණු අතර 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට එම තනතුරු 05 ම පුරප්පාඩුව පැවතුණි. එම තනතුරු සඳහා ලබා දී ඇති අනුමැතිය සංශෝධනය කරවා ගැනීමට අවශ්‍ය ක්‍රියාමාර්ග ගෙන නොතිබුණි.
- (ඈ) 2023 ජනවාරි 25 දින අමාත්‍යාංශයට සංවර්ධන නිලධාරී තනතුරු 299 ක් සඳහා අනුමැතිය ලබා දී තිබුණ ද එම අනුමත තනතුරු සංඛ්‍යාව ඉක්මවා සංවර්ධන නිලධාරීන් 267 ක් අමාත්‍යාංශයට අනුයුක්ත කර ඇතත් 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට ඒ සඳහා කාර්යමණ්ඩල තනතුරු අනුමත කරගෙන නොතිබුණි.



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Chapter 04 – Performance indicators

4.1 Performance indicators of the Institute (Based on the Action Plan)

Specific Indicators	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%- 90%	75%-89%	50%- 74%
Minimizing the effect of Climate Change		√	
Sustainable Ecosystem and Biodiversity Conservation	√		
Sustainable Pollution Control and Waste Management	√		

*Some activities could not be completed as per cost control circulars

Chapter 05- Performance of the achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

5.1 Indicate the Identified respective Sustainable Developments Goals

Goal / Objective	Indicators of the achievement	Progress of the Achievement to date		
		0 %- 49 %	50%- 74%	75%- 100%
11.6	11.6.2. Annual mean level of (population-weighted) microparticulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) in cities		√	
12.1	SCP policy approved			√
12.4	.12.4.1d Compliance with the Montreal Protocol			√
	Formulation of National Policy on Waste Management			√
	Follow-up on the implementation of the National Policy on Waste Management	√		
	Formulation of Chemical Waste Management Policy and obtaining cabinet approval			√
12.7	Called the public comments to the National Policy on Green			√

	Procurement. Developing the joint cabinet memorandum.			
13.1	Coordination of Planning, Implementation and Monitoring of Adaptation NDCs and NDCs of Loss and Damage Sector, Coordinate with National and International Donor Agencies and other related agencies for developing climate related projects		√	
13.2	Update National Climate Change Policy and Environment Policy			√
	Coordinate the implementation of Theme 3 and theme 8 of NEAP on Actions for Climate Sustainability		√	
	Submission of National Communications(NDCs, TNC) to UNFCCC			√
	Develop a National Climate Change Adaptation Plan		√	
	Submitting project proposals to the Green Climate Fund for Climate Adaptation	√		
	Implementation of project proposals submitted to the Green Climate Fund for Climate Adaptation	√		
	Establishment of a data exchange system for calculating greenhouse gas emissions	√		
13.3	Awareness of relevant Institutions in the nine provinces regarding the National Climate Change Plan		√	
	Initiation of Provincial Adaptation Plan on Climate Change		√	
	Initiation of Establishment of Provincial Units on Climate Change		√	
	Obtaining approval from the Green Climate Fund for the project to prepare the relevant institutions for the implementation of the National Adaptation Plan			√
	Developed knowledge products related to climate change under PMR project			√
	Prepare the relevant institutions for the implementation of NAP		√	
15.1	Formulation of National Policy on conservation and sustainable utilization of Mangrove Ecosystems in Sri Lanka			√
	Preparation and implementation National Strategic Action Plan for Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Mangrove Ecosystems in Sri Lanka 2022-2026			√
	National Guidelines for Restoration of Mangrove Ecosystems of Sri Lanka			√
	Formulation of the national Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Policy of Sri Lanka			√
	Implementation The National Policy on Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Sri Lanka, Strategies and Action Plan.	√		
	Implementing programmes for Mangrove forest restoration under the Forest Department.			√
	Implementing programmes for Mangrove forest restoration under the Forest Department.	√		
	Implementing Project on Managing Together: Integrating Community - centered ecosystem-based Approaches in to Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors		√	
	Prepared National Environment Action Plan 2022-2030.			√

	Formulated national ESA policy			√
15.2	Formulation of National Policy on conservation and sustainable utilization of Mangrove Ecosystems in Sri Lanka			√
	Formulation of the national Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Policy of Sri Lanka			√
	Implementing programmes for Conservations and restoration of Mangrove ecosystems.		√	√
	Project on Managing Together: Integrating Community - centered ecosystem-based Approaches in to Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors.	√		
	Co Management plans for 3 ESAs			√
15.3	Preparation of activities and action plans related to prevention of land degradation			√
	Setting targets for land degradation neutralization in Sri Lanka			√
	Initiation of Sustainable Land Management Programs			√
15.4	Preparation and implementation the National Policy and Strategies on Traditional Knowledge and Practices related to Biodiversity, The national Invasive Alien Species(IAS) Policy of Sri Lanka	√		
	Training and Awareness.		√	
15.5	Red Listing process, Training and awareness 1.Publishing National Red List on Flora 2020			√
	2. Publishing National Red List on Freshwater fishes 2020.			√
	3. Finalized National Red List on Birds 2021.			√
	4. Finalized the assessment of National Red List on mammals 2022.	√		
	5. Started the assessment of National Red List on Reptiles, Butterflies and Odonates 2022.	√		
	Implementation of the National Policy and National Strategic Action Plan and Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Mangrove Ecosystems in Sri Lanka 2022-2026.		√	
	National Guidelines for Restoration of Mangrove Ecosystems of Sri Lanka			√
	Public and general awareness for conserve ESAs (under ESA project)			√
15.6	Formulated National Policy on Access to Biological Materials and Fair and Equitable Benefit Sharing. Strengthening the implementation mechanism			√
15.8	National Policy on Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Sri Lanka, Strategies and Action Plan in place.		√	
	Establishing and maintain the Cell Managers Committee and National Invasive Species Specialist Group (NISSG)			√
	Conducted the awareness creations on Identification, control and management of Invasive Alien Flora and Fauna in Sri Lanka in conjunction with several Divisional Secretariats.		√	

*As per the circular of public expenditure certain activities had to be curtailed

5.2 Briefly explain the achievements and challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals

Achievements	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dambulla Popum Arboretum was re-opened on July 20, 2023 to local and foreign tourists who love the natural environment after being developed as an eco-tourism destination. Taking into account the importance of services provided by seagrass ecosystems, Sri Lanka will hold its first National Seagrass Day celebration on 01 March 2023 after adopting the resolution presented by Sri Lanka to the United Nations General Assembly entitled World Seagrass Day with the co-sponsorship of 24 countries. keeping date Hold its first National Seagrass Day celebration on 01 March 2023 after adoption with sponsorship. In conjunction with the International Biodiversity Day celebration, 30,000 fry of Labeo lankae, an endangered species of fresh water fish native to Sri Lanka, were released into their natural habitats, Malwathu Oya Basin and Thumbikulama Lake. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absence of data on certain species and high cost of research activities and basic surveys required to prepare the National Red Data Register and prepare the conservation status. Research on invasive alien species is costly. Controlling and managing invasive alien species is a challenge because of the high costs involved and the need for ongoing control.

Chapter 06 - Human Resource Profile

06.1 Cadre Management

	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Vacancies / (Excess)**
Senior	65	44	21
Territory	11	10	1
Secondary	367	144	223
Primary	59	52	7
Others (Temporary)	4	3	1

06.2 **Briefly state how the shortage or excess in human resources has been affected to the performance of the institute.

Among resources available in any organization, the most important factor for the performance is the human resource. Therefore, the entire human resource of the Ministry of Environment is positioned according to the requirement of each division.

Overall performance of the ministry depends on performance of each official and allocation of the human resource to each division. Through the given duty lists and work schedules, performance of subordinate officials are measured by staff officials in each division. Accordingly, available limited human resources are utilized effectively for the performance of the organization.

Frequently training needs of the staff are identified and accordingly required training provided for them. Owing to given training their performances will be increased. Through the performance appraisal evaluation and commendations, staffs were motivated and it helped to reach the maximum step of goals, during the given time frame. In addition, opportunity was given to officials to ex-change among divisions of the ministry and it caused to increase their subject knowledge in various sectors.

As mentioned above, proper management of the human resources of the Ministry of Environment, it could be enhanced the performance of the institution.

06.3 Human Resource Development

Name of the Program	No. of staff trained	Duration of the program	Total Investment		Nature of the Program (Abroad/Local)	Output/Knowledge Gained*
			Local	Foreign		
OEWG 1.1 on a science - policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution	1	12/9/2022-30/01/2023			Abroad	
Marine Litter Prevention Conference and PROMISE Sustainability Awards 2023	1	30/05/2023			Abroad	
GEF Asia Regional Workshop	4	10/1/2023-12/1/2023			Abroad	
Thirteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal (OEWG-13)	1	21/02/2023-23/02/2023			Abroad	

2023 Meetings of the Conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	3	1/5/2023-12/5/2023			Abroad	
Meeting on preparation for project completion and technical evaluation for the procurement of the oil filtering plant for Ceylon Electricity Board	1	26/11/2023-28/11/2023			Abroad	
Invitation to the meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on Mercury Waste Thresholds	1	16/02/2023-18/02/2023			Abroad	
CTBTO: On-Site-Inspection (OSI) Regional Introductory Course (RIC-24)	2	15/01/2023 - 21/01/2023			Abroad	
Request for Participation to the JCM Global Partnership Meeting	1	13/02/2023-14/02/2023			Abroad	
Water Environment Administration (Planning & Analysis)	1				online	
Mid-term workshop for the project "Promoting Minamata Convention on Mercury by making the most of Japan's Knowledge and experience"	1	20/02/2023-22/02/2023			Abroad	
5th Greenhouse Gas Inventory System Workshop	1	13/02/2023-16/02/2023			Abroad	
Invitation to participate in the Asia-Pacific regional meeting in preparation for the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	1	14/03/2023-16/03/2023			Abroad	
Third meeting of the Small Intersessional Working Group on the Strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention	1	24/02/2023-25/02/2023			Abroad	
Official Invitation to Regional Capacity Building Training Workshop (in-person) for EST Member Countries on Aichi 2023 Declaration (2021-2030)	1	22/03/2023-24/03/2023			Abroad	
Special Programme 8th Executive Board Meeting	1	15/02/2023-17/02/2023			Abroad	

Nomination for the Global Project Steering Committee and the Global Kick-Off Meeting Eliminating Mercury Skin Lightening Products	1	14/02/2023-15/02/2023			Abroad	
Invitation to the Kigali Implementation Plans (KIPs) Preparation Workshop	2	27/02/2023-3/3/2023			Abroad	
Transformative Futures for water Security Conference	1	15/02/2023-17/02/2023			Abroad	
Invitation to the 18th Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA) Annual Meeting and the WEPA International Workshop	1	8/2/2023-10/02/2302			Abroad	
Final Steering Committee Meeting on PCB Project	7	15/05/2023-17/05/2023			Abroad	
Five days residential training on Strengthening Compliance Enforcement	1	13/02/2023-17/02/2023			Abroad	
The Tenth Session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	1	28/08/2023-2/9/2023			Abroad	
IAEA Interregional Training Course on Environmental Protection Considerations for Embarking Countries	1	1/5/2023-5/5/2023			Abroad	
First face to face meeting of SEAR Expert Group on Environmental Determinants of Health and Climate Change Regional Meeting on Health Impacts of Pollution	1	13/03/2023-16/03/2023			Abroad	
UNCCD NFP Negotiations Training	1	17/03/2023-18/03/2023			Abroad	
Opening of the Online Registration System - United Nations Climate Change Conference	1	5/6/2023-15/06/2023			Abroad	
Second Session of Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to Develop and International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution including the Marine Environment	1	29/05/2023-2/6/2023			Abroad	
Repair and calibration of	2	4/4/2023-			Abroad	

Seismographs		11/4/2023				
5th Global Conference on Biodiversity Finance	1	9/5/2023-11/5/2023			Abroad	
ADB: Workshop on Transforming Policy and Investment through Mainstreaming Natural Capital Assessment and Accounting	1	17/04/2023-19/04/2023			Abroad	
PHINLA Global Waste Management Committee	1	4/5/2023-5/5/2023			Abroad	
Parallel Network Meeting of the South Asia National Ozone Officers and Green Customs Workshop back-to-back with Twinning National Ozone-Customs Officer Workshop on Ozone Depleting Substances/hydrofluorocarbons (ODS/HFC) Trade Control and Reporting	2	21/05/2023-25/05/2023			Abroad	
CTBTO: Linear training programme (2022-2025) for Surrogate Inspectors	1	15/03/2023			Abroad	
3rd Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN-GCR) Workshop for Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Air Quality of the Monsoon Asia Region	3	6/6/2023-7/6/2023			Abroad	
Five-day training cum exposure visit on Integrated Solid Waste Management	2	1/5/2023-5/5/2023			Abroad	
Invitation to nominate two national experts to the Technical Training Workshop on GHG emissions quantification and prioritizing policies; actions and measures in the transport sector	2	9/5/2023-11/5/2023			Abroad	
National Adaptation Plan Implementation Workshop	2	2/5/2023-3/5/2023			Abroad	
Asia - Pacific Carbon Markets Roundtable	1	13/04/2023-14/04/2023			Abroad	
Seminar on Ecological Civilization Green Development for Developing Countries	1	15/05/2023-5/6/2023			Abroad	
Global Workshop on Plastic	1	27/06/2023-			Abroad	

Waste - Strengthening capacities to implement the Basel Convention		28/06/2023				
The 45th meeting of OEWG and the workshop on strengthening of Montreal Protocol	2	3/7/2023-3/7/2023			Abroad	
18th International Conference on Waste Management and Technology (ICWMT) Back-to-Back Regional Forum on Chemicals and Plastics	2	22/05/2023-22/05/2023			Abroad	
Invitation for the Capacity Building Workshop "Support the implementation of national drought plans: Integration National Drought Plans into NAPs"	1	17/05/2023-19/05/2023			Abroad	
Intergovernmental regional consultation for the Asia Pacific Group on minerals and metals management (UNEA resolution 5/12)	1	15/06/2023-16/06/2023			Abroad	
Regional scoping workshop on loss and damage under the Santiago network - Asia Pacific region	2	19/06/2023-21/06/2023			Abroad	
Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) regional capacity-building workshop for East, South and South-East Asia	1	5/9/2023-8/9/2023			Abroad	
Invitation to the Regional Workshop on "Strengthening evidence-based SCP Policies as a vehicle for economic and social transformation"	1	15/06/2023-16/06/2023			Abroad	
UNDP SDG Finance Week	1	12/6/2023-16/6/2023			Abroad	
GEF Asia Constituency Meeting	2	14/06/2023-15/06/2023			Abroad	
ADB: Request for Nominations for the Regional Workshop on Aligning Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Actions in South Asia: Overcoming Challenges and Exploring Opportunities	1	27/06/2023-29/06/2023			Abroad	

Regional training workshop on strengthening leadership in multisectoral coordination for implementation of national action plan on AMR	1	25/07/2023-27/07/2023			Abroad	
Regional Workshop on Strengthening Poison Centres in the South-East Asia Region	1	28/08/2023-31/08/2023			Abroad	
Attendance for Science and Technology Conference: CTBT-2023	1	19/06/2023-23/06/2023			Abroad	
Global Consultation on chemicals and waste Issues of Concern	1	11/7/2023-12/7/2023			Abroad	
Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury	1	5/9/2023-6/9/2023			Abroad	
PSC and NC members for the BOBLME Project	1	12/12/2023-14/12/2023			Abroad	
25th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA25)	1	16/10/2023-20/10/2023			Abroad	
Green Public Procurement and Ecolabel for Circular Economy	3	29/08/2023-30/08/2023			Abroad	
Seminar on China's Green Development Practices	2	22/08/2023-4/9/2023			Abroad	
National expert to the CGE regional hands-on training for the APEE region	1	26/09/2023-26/09/2023			Abroad	
High-Level Segment of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5)	1	28/09/2023-29/09/2023			Abroad	
Adaptation Committee meeting on boosting regional Synergies towards more coordinated and effective adaptation action in Asia - Pacific Korean Global Adaptation Week	1	28/08/2023-29/08/2023			Abroad	
Asia Network Workshop, Tracking progress of the mitigation commitments of the NDCs	1	11/9/2023-13/9/2023			Abroad	

Meeting on Special Studies and Expert Technical Analysis with Waveform Method & Expert meeting on SS and ETA with Radionuclide and Atmospheric Transport Modeling	1	16/10/2023-20/10/2023			Abroad	
Fifth Montevideo Environmental Law Programme Regional Meeting and 3rd ASEAN Environmental Law Conference	1	15/08/2023-18/08/2023			Abroad	
Eighteenth Policy Consultation Forum of the Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth: "Acceleration Collaborative Efforts for Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific"	1	25/10/2023-27/10/2023			Abroad	
Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the workshop on energy efficiency	2	22/10/2023-27/10/2023			Abroad	
Asia Pacific Regional Meeting in preparation for the 2nd ad hoc Open Ended Working Group of the Science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and prevention of pollution	1	20/07/2023-07/09/2023			Abroad	
Intergovernmental consultations on nature-based solutions Second regional and global consultations	1	9/10/2023-13/10/2023			Abroad	
ADB: TA 6627 Regional Capacity-building Workshop on Delivering Climate Change Solutions for South Asia Region	2	12/9/2023-15/9/2023			Abroad	
In collaboration with the Least Developed Countries (LDC) group to the UNFCCC, Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)	1	21/09/2023-22/09/2023			Abroad	
Invitation for Oil Spill Response Workshop	2	18/09/2023-22/09/2023			Abroad	
Regional workshop for Asia Pacific on Assessing the impacts of the implementation of response	1	12/09/2023/-14/09/2023			Abroad	

measures and developing climate policies for just transition and economic diversification						
Think Tank Meeting on Nature-based Solutions for Coastal Adaptation	1	12/09/2023-14/09/2023/			Abroad	
Second meeting of the BIMSTEC Joint working group on Environment and Climate Change (JWG-ECC) and preceded by the capacity building workshop	3	9/10/2023-12/10/2023			Abroad	
5th SWITCH-Asia Annual Meeting	1	9/10/2023-10/10/2023			Abroad	
Seminar on Carbon Peak, Carbon Neutrality and Green Economy for Developing Countries	1	14/09/2023-27/09/2023			Abroad	
Nomination of the participants for Asia-Pacific Quadripartite One Health Workshop	1	5/9/2023-5/9/2023			Abroad	
Technical Training for Waveform Stations Operators of Joint IMS and International Deployment of Accelerometers (IDA) Stations	2	4/12/2023-8/12/2023			Abroad	
CBD Notification 2023-096 - Call for Nominations for the Technical and Legal Expert Workshops to Review Modalities for Modifying the Descriptions of EBSAs and Describing New Areas	1	20/11/2023-27/11/2023			Abroad	
Counter MEASURE II Extension Project "Promotion of Action Against Marine Plastic Litter in Asia"	1	16/10/2023-17/10/2023			Abroad	
2023 Floating Solar Power Pilot Project in South Sri Lanka-Invitational Training Course	1	2/10/2023-7/10/2023			Abroad	
Advanced NOO Training Workshop and Joint SA & SEA Network Meeting	1	20/11/2023-24/11/2023			Abroad	
International Training Courses of Working Group on ReSAGPAPR	2	3/12/2023-10/12/2023			Abroad	
11th Better Air Quality Conference	1	15/11/2023-17/11/2023			Abroad	
12th Assembly and 16th Council Joint Session of GGGI and Global Green Growth Week 2023	1	23/10/2023-27/10/2023			Abroad	

Training course on 'Biosaline Agriculture as an Approach to Land Restoration"	2	6/11/2023-9/11/2023			Abroad	
Eco Expo 2023	3	26/10/2023-29/10/2023			Abroad	
Asia - Pacific regional forum on Health and Environment - Invitation to the Eleventh High - Level official meeting\	1	22/11/2023-23/11/2023			Abroad	
Workshop on Developing Harmonized Legal & Regulatory Frameworks for carbon capture & Storage (CCS)	1	17/11/2023			Abroad	
International workshop on Leveraging plural values of mangroves for climate change mitigation and adaptation goals	1	20/11/2023-21/11/2023			Abroad	

***Briefly state how the training program contributed to the performance of the institution**

1. As the organization constantly involves new and transferring officers, training the officers for the duties relevant to the organization facilitates the organization to reach its goals by increasing its efficiency and productivity.
2. The Training / capacity building programs help to improve Knowledge, skill & attitude of the officers in the organization. By leading to capacity building and improving the efficiency of human resources, it ultimately paves the way to achieve organizational goals.
3. Through an effective communication mechanism, the link between the executive and managerial levels and their subordinates can be strengthened. It will help to improve the relationship between the parties and give the opportunity to raise productivity of the organization via effective conflict management.
4. Training is a tool to absorb new knowledge, information and technology to human resources which improve the institutional mechanism and service efficiency.
5. To flourish human resources equipped with all competencies necessary in achieving organizational vision, mission and goals.

Chapter 07– Compliance Report

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1	The following financial statements /accounts have been submitted on due date			
1.1	Annual financial statements	Complied		
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Complied		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	Not Relevant		
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	Not Relevant		
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	Not Relevant		
1.6	Others	Not Relevant		
2	Maintenance of books and registers (FR445)/			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and update in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Complied		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Complied		
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA – N20) has been maintained and update	Complied		
03	Delegation of functions for financial control (FR135)			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	Complied		
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institute	Complied		
3.3	The authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Complied		
3.4	The controls has been adhered to by the accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Complied		
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Complied		

4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the NBD on due date	Complied		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on time	Complied		
5	Audit queries			
5.1	All the audit queries has been replied within the specified time by the Auditor General	Complied		
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	The internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2)) DMA/1-2019	Complied		
6.2	All the internal audit reports has been replied within one month	Not Complied	I. Send reminders to departments and other institutions II. Review the audit queries answering progress at audit & management committee meeting.	
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports has been submitted to the Management Audit Department in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	Complied		
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports has been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Complied		
7	Audit and Management Committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 meetings of the Audit and Management Committee has been held during the year as per the DMA Circular 1-2019	Complied	04 meetings have been held.	
8	Asset Management			
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals was submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	Complied		
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular	Complied		
8.3	The boards of survey was conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016	Complied		
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Complied		
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles had been carried out in terms of FR 772	Complied		
9	Vehicle Management			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	Complied		
9.2	The condemned vehicles had been disposed of within a period	Complied		

	of less than 6 months after condemning			
9.3	The vehicle logbooks had been maintained and updated	Complied		
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Complied		
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.12.2016	Complied		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term	Complied		
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date	Complied		
10.2	The dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous years settled	Complied		
10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and had those balances been settled within one month	Complied		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Complied		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	Complied		
12	Advances to Public Officers Account			
12.1	The limits had been complied with	Complied		
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in arrears	Complied		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	Complied		
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Complied		
13.2	The control register for general deposits had been updated and maintained	Complied		
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to TOD	Complied		
14.2	The ad-hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Complied		
14.3	The ad-hoc sub imprests had not been issued exceeding the limit approved as per F.R. 371	Complied		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Complied		
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	Complied		
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	Complied		
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue forward to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	Complied		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff had been paid within the approved cadre	Complied		
16.2	All members of the staff have been issued a duty list in	Complied		

	writing			
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their circular no.04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Complied		
17	Provision of information to the public			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of Right to Information Act and Regulation	Complied		
17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided by Website or alternative measures and has it been facilitated to appreciate / allegation to public against the public authority by this website or alternative measures	Complied		
17.3	Bi- Annual and Annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	Has been Prepared		
18	Implementing citizens charter			
18.1	A citizens charter/ Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Complied		
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the Institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter / Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular	Complied		
19	Preparation of the Human Resource Plan			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated 24.01.2018	Complied		The human resource plan is expected to be further improved.
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	Complied		
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied		
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied		
20	Responses Audit Paras			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified	Complied		

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