

For a protective environment.....

Objectives

- Finding solutions for ongoing environmental issues in the province
- Giving awareness for community on protecting balance of the environment
- Minimizing damages caused by natural disasters

Achieving goals

- Has reduced environmental issues for 250 urban families by renovating 110 m of retaining wall of the canal of Bathiya road at Kalubowila.
- Has commenced construction of Barawa bio diversity park

"my aim is to promote sustainable development in close liaison with the land, fauna and flora and to bestow our natural heritage to our future generation"

(Mahinda Chinthanaya - 2005, p 53)



View of the province

Our view is to take measures to ensure sustainable environment for all beings through establishing healthier environment suitable for human life based on the national policy of "Greener country which protect flora and fauna, healthier community"

Policies and guidance

- Commemorating environment day
- Earth hour commemorating ceremony of Western Province 2011.03.27
- Eco-friendly river voyage for climate justice
- Inducing people to control use of polythene
- Conserving environment through "Bindunu putuwata dethe sawiya"
- No more using polythene for decorations and promotions



Kalutara District - Environment

Development of recent 5 years (2007-2011)

Conformity with Mahinda Chinthana policy	Program/ Project	Targets and benefits	Present condition and progress
Healthier community	Conserving traditional knowledge to refer people for an eco-friendly life style	Referring school children, bhikkus at piriven, officers and scholars to conserve traditional knowledge by printing documents, books	Has distributed books with traditional knowledge and conducted awareness programs among 157 schools, 45 piriven and 33 scholars
	Introducing alternatives for polythene for community organizations in the Western Province	Controlling use of polythene and introducing and promoting alternatives for that and inducing people for environment conservation	Offering white flags among death donation societies is carrying out to reduce using polythene for decorations and promotions in the province. Has offered 196 sets of white flags for death donation societies in Kalutara district in 2011



Colombo District - Environment

Development of recent 5 years (2007-2011)

Conformity with Mahinda Chinthana policy	Program/ Project	Targets and benefits	Present condition and progress
Healthier community	Building retaining wall of the canal of Bathiya road at Kalubowila.	Solving environmental issues of 150 families living besides of sewerage canal and preventing overflow of the canal in rainy seasons by consolidating retaining walls of the canal	Has renovated 110 m of retaining wall of the canal of Bathiya road at Kalubowila under the program to develop sewerage canals. 150 families has directly benefited by this as well as all residents
One of our world heritage is bio diversity	Establishing eco-friendly bio diversity park	Conserving bio diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pre feasibility study report has been completed •Commissioner General of Land has assigned the procession of 112 hectares to the Ministry •Has entered to a MOU with Indigo Development (Ltd) to operate the project and they have agreed to bear all the expenses of the project •project report has been approved by National Planning Department and has forwarded to the Department of Foreign Resources to obtain foreign aids •Department of Foreign Resources had recommended the report to UNO •Central Environment Authority has called IEE report and UDA and Archeological Department has commenced functions of providing relevant study reports •Department of Land Reclamation has given recommendation to operate the project
Commencing a forest cultivation program with endemic plants in water conservation areas		Practicing for an eco-friendly life style	
Making sustainable development in close liaison with the land, fauna and flora		Uplifting living condition of the people of the province	
Healthier community	Program to apply remedies for the problems of the residents in the neighborhood of Cancer Hospital at Maharagama	Identifying environmental and social issues of the neighbors of National Cancer Institute at Maharagama and minimizing the clash between hospital authorities and residents.	A survey was carried out by the environment division of University of Sri Jayawardanapura on the problems faced by the residents in the neighborhood of the Cancer Hospital at Maharagama. All stakeholders including the Secretary of the Ministry of Health have been informed about the findings of this study and has taken measures to dispose waste in the surroundings of the hospital properly
	Renovating Maha Wewa at Mattegoda	Practicing people for an eco-friendly life style, controlling floods	Has developed Maha Wewa at Mattegoda in an eco-friendly manner with an expenditure of Rs. 0.83 mn. This has resulted in reduction of environmental and health issues of the people in the neighborhood.
	Conserving traditional knowledge to refer people for an eco-friendly life style	Referring school children, bhikkus at piriven, officers and scholars to conserve traditional knowledge by printing documents, books	Has distributed books with traditional knowledge and conducted awareness programs among 211 schools, 46 piriven and 33 scholars
	Introducing an alternative for polythene for community organizations in the Western Province	Controlling use of polythene and introducing and promoting substitutes for it and inducing people for environment conservation	The statute made to reduce use of polythene for decorations and promotions in the province has forwarded to the Parliament and the Attorney General. Providing white flags for death donation societies is being carried out under this project. 280 flag sets has been offered to death donation societies in the Colombo district in 2011.

Gampaha District - Environment

Development of recent 5 years (2007-2011)

Conformity with Mahinda Chinthana policy	Program/ Project	Targets and benefits	Present condition and progress
Healthier community	Conserving traditional knowledge to refer people for an eco-friendly life style	Referring school children, bhikkus at piriven, officers and scholars to conserve traditional knowledge by printing documents. Books	Has distributed books with traditional knowledge and conducted awareness programs among 280 schools, 45 piriven and 33 scholars
	Introducing alternatives for polythene for community organizations in the Western Province	Controlling use of polythene and introducing and promoting alternatives for that and inducing people for environment conservation	Offering white flags among death donation societies is carrying out to reduce using polythene for decorations and promotions in the province. Has offered 476 sets of white flags for death donation societies in Kalutara district in 2011

Western Province - Environment

Development of recent 5 years (2007-2011)

Conformity with Mahinda Chinthana policy	Program/ Project	Targets and benefits	Present condition and progress
Healthier community	Giving awareness for people by commemorating days with regard to environment	Inducing people for environment conservation developing positive attitudes of the people on environment, pointing attention of the society on climate changes and inducing people for power security	Making school children, public and private organizations, community organizations aware of the effects of pollution, and referring them for environment conservation through that. Has made 7,500 people aware on this regard
	Environment day (2010.06.05 / 2011.06.05)		
	Earth Hour (2011.03.27/ 2012.03.31)		

Western Province - Environment

Future development goals

Conformity with Mahinda Chinthana policy	Program/ Project	View on long term benefits	Target				
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Making sustainable development in close liaison with the land, fauna and flora	Providing eco-friendly public facilities related to renovation of small tanks	No. of renovated small tanks	2	2	3	3	4
	Taking a religious approach to conserve bio diversity	No. of operated programs	100	110	120	120	120
	Introducing alternatives for polythene	No. of community organizations that was able to induce for alternatives	800	850	900	950	1000
	Introducing agriculture to get adopted to climate changes	No. of operated towns	1	2	4	5	8
	Operating tree plantation programs to conserve bio diversity	No. of planted trees	1000	1200	1400	1800	2000
	Commemorating environment day to promote knowledge on environment conservation	No. of persons made aware by commemorating days with regard to environment	2000	3000	4000	4500	5000

