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*The FEO Newsletter covering environmental news in Sri Lanka and across the globe.*

1. **Rampant poaching in Lunugamvehera and Uda Walawe parks.** Sources from the Department of Wildlife Conservation point to political interference as the cause.  
<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2013/05/26/wildlife-sanctuary-or-poachers-paradise/>
2. **DIMO and EFL partner to conserve sea turtles** on South West coast of Sri Lanka.  
<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/22-30782-news-detail-dimo-to-conserve-sea-turtles-around-arugam-bay.html>
3. **New solid waste collection system for Colombo** to commence from 1<sup>st</sup> June according to the Colombo Municipal Council.  
<http://www.dailynews.lk/2013/05/31/news31.asp>
4. **Yan Oya Reservoir Project to commence** in August once Environmental Impact Assessment is received.  
<http://www.dailynews.lk/2013/05/27/news36.asp>
5. **Illegal and unauthorized metal quarries being operated** in Kanthale forest reserve and the Naval Headworks sanctuary in Trincomalee.  
<http://www.srilankanaturegroup.org/media-centre/latest-news/english/710-kanthale-forest-reserve-and-naval-headworks-sanctuary-in-the-face-of-destruction-by-large-scale-metal-quarries>
6. **Environment week declared from June 5<sup>th</sup>** by Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy. <http://www.news.lk/news/sri-lanka/5323-environment-week-from-june-5th>
7. **Clean energy village is inaugurated** in villages adjoining Sinharaja forest by Sustainable Energy Authority.  
<http://www.dailynews.lk/2013/06/04/news22.asp>
8. **The Sampur coal power plant: Considerations other than the environmental impact.**  
<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2013/06/02/sampur-a-necessity-luxury-or-catalyst-for-change/>
9. **Environmentalists criticize Government practice of donating elephants** to temples.  
[http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=80215](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=80215)
10. **Chinese national arrested for possession of protected species** in Hambantota by wildlife officials.  
<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/30020-chinese-arrested-with-protected-animals.html>
11. **Mega development projects will intensify human elephant conflict** unless proper measures are taken, scientists and conservationist warn.  
<http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/sri-lanka-mega-projects-may-intensify-human-elephant-conflict:-researchers/2065769826>
12. **A 46Km long electric fence to contain wild elephants being erected** from Annasigala in Thanamalwila to Icepeella in Wellawaya to prevent elephant encroachment into villages in the Thanamalwila and Wellawaya areas in Uva Province.  
[http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_13A/May20\\_1369067744CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_13A/May20_1369067744CH.php)

13. **Feeding elephants at Uda Walawa park** and lessons from Rambo.  
[http://www.eturbonews.com/35232/sri-lanka-elephant-lives-his-rambo-name?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Eturbonews-TravelAndTourismIndustryNews+%28eTurboNews+-+for+the+global+travel+professional%29](http://www.eturbonews.com/35232/sri-lanka-elephant-lives-his-rambo-name?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Eturbonews-TravelAndTourismIndustryNews+%28eTurboNews+-+for+the+global+travel+professional%29)
14. **CEA implements "Blue Sky 2020" for integrated air quality management.** The project aims to minimize emission of greenhouse gases resulting adverse climatic changes.  
[http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_13A/May18\\_1368859455JV.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_13A/May18_1368859455JV.php)
15. **Plague of deforestation sweeps across south-east Asia.** Illegal logging and unsustainable development is taking its toll on forests.  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/may/20/deforestation-south-east-asia>
16. **Biosphere conservation: monumental action is critical to avert global environmental crisis.** Human-caused changes to our biosphere—the global total of the world's ecosystems—are now so great and alarmingly rapid that human lives and societies undoubtedly face epic challenges in the near future as our biosphere deteriorates, planetary boundaries are reached, and tipping points exceeded.  
<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0520-olson-biosphere-conservation.html>
17. **Amazon's flood/drought cycle becoming more extreme, less predictable.**  
A new study finds that the river's hydrological cycle has become more extreme over the past two decades with increasing seasonal precipitation across much of the basin despite drier conditions in the southern parts of Earth's largest rainforest.  
<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0514-amazon-discharge.html>
18. **South Asia in search of coordinated climate policy.** SAARC countries environment outlook and need for mitigation measures.  
<http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/05/south-asia-in-search-of-coordinated-climate-policy/>
19. **Indigenous Nicaraguans fight to the death for their last forest.** Indigenous communities in northern Nicaragua are caught up in a battle to defend their ancestral territory in the Bosawas Biosphere Reserve from the destruction wrought by invading settlers and illegal logging.  
<http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/05/indigenous-nicaraguans-fight-to-the-death-for-their-last-forest/>
20. **Indian tribal farmers fall back on Ancient wisdom.** Members of the Bhumia tribe are simply falling back on a 3,000-year-old agricultural system to ensure a steady supply of healthy food.  
<http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/01/tribal-farmers-fall-back-on-ancient-wisdom/>

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