

Local News

1. **President says “we need to act on climate change and protect and preserve nature,** because we owe future generations a livable environment”.... The President noted that ‘Mahinda Chinthanaya’ clearly spells out the plans for protecting the environment and assured that the government will always uphold its responsibility in preserving nature.
<http://www.dailynews.lk/2013/06/06/news03.asp>
2. **Moragahankanda main dam construction to commence next month.** The worlds largest hydro-electricity company, Sinohydro Corporation of China has undertaken the work.
<http://www.sundayobserver.lk/2013/06/02/fea13.asp>
3. **Government to restore 30 tanks in addition to the Uma Oya Project** to be able to retain water during the dry season.
http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=81019
4. **Sri Lanka in talks with Japan for \$600 million loan to build “super critical” coal power plant.**
http://www.lakbimanews.lk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6039:lanka-in-talks-on-600-mln-japan-loan-for-coal-power-plant&catid=39:latest-news&Itemid=65
5. **FEO hosts Press Conference exposing proposed Yan Oya Reservoir Project's threat to the environment and waste of public funds** on World Environment Day.
 - http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=80735
 - <http://www.dailymirror.lk/opinion/172-opinion/30588-yan-oya-reservoir-project-could-the-goal-of-agricultural-self-sufficiency-be-achieved-.html>
 - <http://www.nation.lk/edition/news-online/item/18359-yan-oya-project-a-massive-waste-of-funds.html>
 - <http://en.lankafrontline.com/govt-taking-too-many-unwarranted-risks-with-yan-oya-project-environmentalists/>
6. **Sri Lanka will conduct a comprehensive assessment of its marine fisheries stock** with Thai assistance.
<http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/sri-lanka-to-assess-marine-fish-stocks/254158543>
7. **“Dive Against Debris” campaign project conducted in Trincomalee** by Cinnamon Nature Trails and the International Diving Center.
http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=80772



8. **Sri Lankan hotels have room to cut running costs** and have more environmentally friendly operations according to the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank.
<http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/sri-lanka-hotels-have-room-to-cut-running-costs-with-less-energy,-water:-ifc-study/2144194557>
9. **Solar powered street lamps project launched** by Sustainable Energy Authority in Nugegoda.
<http://www.dailynews.lk/2013/06/10/news50.asp>
10. **Sri Lankan rice tests second highest for toxic metals** according to study published in the Environmental Science and Technology magazine of the American Chemical Society.
 - <http://www.lankabusinessonline.com/news/sri-lanka-rice-second-highest-for-toxic-metal-in-12-nation-study:-report/838995978>
 - http://www.lakbimanews.lk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6097:poisonous-cadmium-found-in-local-rice&catid=39:latest-news&Itemid=65
11. **Report on Kidney disease altered** in attempt to prove agro-chemicals had no effect.
http://www.lakbimanews.lk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6080:report-of-the-committee-of-pros-on-kidney-disease-altered-&catid=39:latest-news&Itemid=65
12. **Suspect arrested in Anuradhapura with elephant tusks** allegedly poached from Wilpattu National Park.
http://www.lakbimanews.lk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6040:suspect-arrested-with-elephant-tusks&catid=39:latest-news&Itemid=65
13. **Heavy rains and gale force winds wreak havoc in Sri Lanka** with extensive property damage and loss of life along the Western and Southern coastal belts.
http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=80910
14. **Sri Lanka's natural disaster preparedness...**
<http://www.sundayobserver.lk/2013/06/09/fea06.asp>

International News

15. **Data on big transboundary land acquisition deals now available** in a step toward helping track and prevent large harmful land deals.
http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0611-land_matrix.html
16. **Malaysia shows 115% increase in deforestation** for 2013 according to NASA tracking tool
<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0610-glofdas-deforestation-2013Q1.html>
17. **CO2 emissions hit record high in 2012** according to the International Energy Agency. China and the USA are highest national emitters with the US reducing emissions and China increasing emissions.
<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0610-record-co2-emissions.html>



18. **Tibetan Monks partner with conservationist** to protect the Snow Leopard.
<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0610-hance-zacc-mccarthy.html>
19. **Costa-Rican conservationist pays ultimate price** for his dedication to protecting sea turtles.
<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0610-hance-murder-sandoval.html>
20. **French town makes environment everyone's business....**
<http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/06/french-town-makes-environment-everyones-business/>

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