

Project: Enhance biodiversity and water catchment conservation through community Development

Grantee Organization: Plantation Community Development Forum

Location: Hali-ela, Badulla

Province: Uva

Duration: One year (Completed)

Project Number: SRL/SGP/OP5/STAR/BD/2014/08

Role of TERN: Knowledge Management and Capacity Building

During the past 15 years PCDF has been continuously engaged in numerous community based work on a collaborative platform. GEF SGP OP V project was their first individually handled project as an independent organization. The project was established with the core concept of catchment enrichment as the selected location was an area with inadequate water supply to fulfill the daily requirement of the community and as well as the need of the surrounding habitat. Conversely poor status of public sanitary practices and facilities were polluting the already available water sources endangering the future of the whole plantation. Therefore GEF/SGP funded project was implemented during the last two years to enrich the total catchment area of eight hectares while increasing the availability of public sanitary facilities, while enhancing the public awareness towards biodiversity conservation and harvesting the benefits of ecosystem services. The project covers four estates and four schools distributed in the areas of Uva-Ketawala, Rosette estates (I & II) and Velverton estates. There are about 300 people identified as beneficiaries under the project and school children of the area have received environmental education and will actively contribute as environmental catalysts. The project activities were designed to include the age categories from young to adult, while disseminating biodiversity knowledge and experience mostly among the school children.