

Project: Establishment of a CSO monitoring system

Location: Multiple districts

Province: Island wide

Period: 2015/2016

Grantee Organization: Center for Environmental Justice (CEJ)

Role of TERN: Knowledge Management and Capacity Building

The goal of this project is to document and initiate actions against forest destructions through engaging the community. Throughout the project period, awareness on risks of deforestation and benefits of REDD+ will be raised among the communities. The communities will be encouraged to effectively participate in the planning of REDD+ actions and the REDD+ strategy. Establishment of a Forest crime monitoring and a reporting mechanism will produce a baseline for the CSOs to engage in future Forest related projects including the REDD+ activities. The grantee organization will be working with the local communities and the CBO partners throughout the period.

The project has been designed with the objectives of gathering information on the forest destruction/crimes, mobilizing forest dependent communities, guiding Civil Society Organizations for better engagement in forest conservation, empowering the process of forest governance & advocacy and promoting REDD+ mechanism in Sri Lanka. The project will influence in taking collective actions, controlling forest crimes through evidence based forest advocacy while increasing public awareness and producing reading materials on forest, climate change and REDD mechanism.

The expected outcomes of the project are ,

A publicly available database with validated information on the forest destruction around the country, a network of 100 Forest advocacy organizations with active members and a minimum of 100,000 people directly and indirectly educated on the forest destruction, concepts of Climate change and on REDD+.