

NOTIFICATION

Voluntary Peer Review (VPR) – Sri Lanka

Dear Madam/Sir,

It is my pleasure to inform Parties and observers that the final report of the voluntary peer review (VPR) of the revision and implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan 2016-2022 of Sri Lanka has been published as an [information document](#) for the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

I would like to gratefully acknowledge the work of the dedicated review team, comprised of Mr. Thangapandian Rabikumar (Team Leader) from India, Ms. Marina von Weissenberg from Finland, Mr. Eduardo Queblatin from the Philippines, and Dr. Jonathan Mufandaedza from Zimbabwe.

My gratitude is also extended to the Government of Sri Lanka for its willingness to undergo this review. In particular, I would like to thank Mrs. Pathma Abeykoon, CBD National Focal Point, Sri Lanka, and Mr. Wasantha Dissanayake, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Sri Lanka, for their committed support and the wonderful spirit of cooperation extended to the review team and the Secretariat throughout this process.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the generous support provided by the Governments of Norway, Switzerland and Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, which enabled this review to be carried out.

The experience of this and earlier VPR exercises is relevant to the ongoing discussions under the Convention on mechanisms for reporting, assessment and review of implementation, which will be taken up by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting under agenda item 9.

Further information on the VPR mechanism, adopted at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in [decision 14/29](#) as an element of the multidimensional review approach under the Convention, is available on the Convention's website at: <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/vpr/>.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and relevant organizations

