

Who should attend?

The symposium is open to limited number of participants representing academia, industry, government agencies, research institutes and NGOs. Individuals working in policy, research and operations (quarantine) related to invasive species will find the symposium especially useful. A wide range of government officials, scientists, industry representatives and private sector officials are expected to attend.

Symposium Organization

The symposium is organized by the Biodiversity Secretariat of the Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources in collaboration with Institute of Biology and the Agriculture Education Unit of the University of Peradeniya, to commemorate the 'International Biodiversity Day' (IBD) 2009. The theme of the IBD 2009 is 'Invasive Alien Species'. Technical assistance is provided by the Experts Group of GEF/UNDP funded Project 'Strengthening Capacity to Control the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Alien Species in Sri Lanka'.

Workshop format

A two-day symposium will include invited talks, oral and poster presentations on case studies, policy papers, key research findings and plenary discussions.

Benefits

Participants are provided with a docket, conference meals and refreshments. Please note that accommodation will not be provided.

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National Symposium on Alien Invasive Species

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Invasive Alien Species

Invasive Alien Species (IAS) are a major threat to biodiversity and livelihoods that is increasing in frequency. The concern over the spread of invasive species is reflected in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The article 8(h) of the CBD calls for the control and manage alien species that threaten biodiversity from IAS in Sri Lanka and it is reflected in several national policy documents.

Considering the national significance of the issues of IAS, the Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources in collaboration with SLAAS (Section D), IOB and AEU of University of Peradeniya, is hosting the 4th National Symposium on Invasive Alien Species with the financial assistance from SACEP and GEF/UNDP funded IAS project. The symposium will be held in Colombo from 21 -22 May, 2009.

Purpose of the Symposium

This symposium will incorporate new and emerging issues related to policy and legislative aspects of invasive species. This will be a comprehensive national forum for the review of accumulated scientific knowledge; introduction of new technological developments for prevention, monitoring and control; and discussion of policy, legislation, public education and outreach initiatives to raise awareness of the impacts of invasive species and prevent new introductions.

The conference organizers encourage you to submit abstracts under following themes:

1. IAS related legal aspects Environmental Law
2. Environmental Economics of IAS
3. Invasive Alien Species - Flora
4. Invasive Alien Species - Fauna
5. Communication, Education, Training & Capacity Building on IAS
6. Database Development on IAS
7. IAS Risk Assessment & development of Early Warning systems
8. Biological control of IAS
9. Institutional and policy measures related to IAS

Abstracts

Abstracts are hereby invited from those who are actively involved in the IAS related work in Sri Lanka. Abstracts should be sent in MS Word format, with the body text not exceeding 350 words. The font should be Arial, 11 pt, regular.

Abstracts should be submitted by email to the [Symposium Coordinator](#) before 27th April 2009.

please provide full contact information for authors and all co-authors in the following format:

First name, middle initials, surname,
Organization,
Postal Address, Telephone/Fax number, and
Email address

Abstracts submitted will be subject to acceptance by the technical committee. Abstracts not accepted as an oral presentation, will be presented as posters. Authors will be informed of the decision of the committee by the end of April 2009.



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