



**Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation
Department of Wildlife Conservation**

To celebrate the World Wetlands Day on February 2, 2023

**With the approval of the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with Wildlife Conservation
Department and Central Environment Authority under the media sponsorship of
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Island Wide Wetlands Day Competitions – 2023

Sri Lanka is also a stakeholder in protecting the wetland environment, which is considered very vital biologically, ecologically, economically, in the world. Due to the prevailing threats to the wetland environment, these wet lands are being destroyed in a big scale. Protecting and conserving these wetlands, which do a great job for the bio-system and the environment, is a task that we must fulfill. Therefore, these competitions are held with the aim of developing positive attitudes towards wetland conservation through educating school students and the community about the value of wetlands.

1. Details of Competitions -

Competition	Nature of competition	Categories	selecting the winners
1. Photographic competition	<p>In line with the 2023 World Wetlands Day theme “Wetland Restoration” through a mobile phone,</p> <p>A photo taken of any wetland near your home or of your choice with a suitable title and a brief description should be sent to wetlandday2023@gmail.com.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st category - Grade 6,7,8 2nd category – Grade 9,10,11 3rd category – Grade 12,13 Open <p>All other Sri Lankan citizens who do not belong to the above school category</p>	<p>Best photo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best 1st, 2nd, 3rd winners will be selected by duly appointed jury. <p>Popular photo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 photos will be selected under each category and will be displayed on the Facebook page of Department of Wildlife Conservation, Sri Lanka. So under each category, the photo with the most number of likes for the photos displayed will be selected as the most popular photo.
2. “One minute to wetlands” video competition	In line with the 2023 World Wetlands Day theme “Wetland Restoration”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st category - Grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st, 2nd, 3rd winners will be selected by a duly

		<p>Send a 1 minute video in Sinhala or Tamil or English related to any wetland near your home or of your choice to wetlandday2023@gmail.com.</p> <p>For this purpose, a one-minute script should be added to the video as an accompaniment at the time of video recording.</p>	<p>6,7,8 2nd category – Grade 9,10,11 3rd category – Grade 12,13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University <p>Students who are currently studying in all public and private universities and expecting first degree in the country (including students who are about to release their final year examination results)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open <p>All other Sri Lankan citizens who do not belong to the above two categories</p>	<p>appointed panel of judges.</p>
3.	Wetland research abstract competition	Summary of research conducted by university students on wetlands (abstract)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University <p>Students who are currently studying in all public and private universities in the country (including students who are about to release their final year examination results)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winners of 1st, 2nd, 3rd will be selected by a duly appointed panel of judges.

2. Selection of Winners and Prizes

	Completion	Prizes
1.	Photographic Competition	<p>Skill full Photos</p> <p>1st category - Grade 6,7,8</p> <p>1st Place - 25,000/- 2nd Place - 20,000/- 3rd Place -15,000/-</p> <p>2nd category – Grade 9,10,11</p> <p>1st Place - 25,000/- 2nd Place - 20,000/-</p>

		3 rd Place -15,000/- 3rd Category - Grade 12,13 1 st Place - 25,000/- 2 nd Place - 20,000/- 3 rd Place - 15,000/- Open 1 st Place - 25,000/- 2 nd Place -20,000/- 3 rd Place -15,000/- Popular Photos 1 st category - 6,7,8 - 25,000/- 2 nd category - 9,10,11 -25,000/- 3 rd category - 12,13 -25,000/- Open category -25,000/
2	“One minute to wetlands” video competition	1st category - Grade 6,7,8 1 st Place - 25,000/- 2 nd Place -20,000/- 3 rd Place -15,000/- 2 nd category - Grade 9,10,11 1 st Place -25,000/- 2 nd Place -20,000/- 3 rd Place -15,000/- 3rdcategory – Grade 12,13 1 st Place - 25,000/- 2 nd Place - 20,000/- 3 rd Place -15,000/- University Students 1 st Place - 25,000/- 2 nd Place -20,000/- 3 rd Place -15,000/- open 1 st Place - 25,000/- 2 nd Place -20,000/- 3 rd Place -15,000/-
3.	Wetland researchabstract competition	1 st Place - 30,000/- 2 nd Place - 25,000/- 3 rd Place - 20,000/-

Apart from this, certificates of merit are also awarded as per the decisions of the judging panel.

4. Conditions -

- i. Every applicant should prepare and duly complete and send the attached application form.
- ii. The school applicant's creations must be certified by the mother/father/guardian as an independent creation.
- iii. The department will send all the winning creations selected by the judging panel and verify from the Principal/Vice Principal/Assistant Principal that whether those creations are of the students/students studying in their school. In cases where this is not the case, those creations will be removed.
- iv. Each applicant can submit only one creation per competition category.
- v. All designs submitted for the competition must be the own creation of the applicants and must not be creations that have been submitted and won in any previous competition.
- vi. The winning creations will be published on the official websites of the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Central Environment Authority and the rights of the creations are owned by those institutions.
- vii. Submitted design will not be sent back to applicants.
- viii. The applicant must agree that the organizing committee will use the winning designs for non-commercial media, promotional and educational purposes.
- ix. The organizing committee will not be responsible for any loss, damage or delay of the designs submitted for this competition and problems arising from not being forwarded correctly by e-mail.
- x. Violation of the above competition conditions, submission of incomplete applications or late application will result in rejection of designs.
- xi. The above competition will be judged by a panel of judges who are experts in the relevant field and the decision of the panel will be final.

5. Submission -

- i. The closing date for accepting submissions is 31.12.2022.
- ii. **All the submissions and application form should be sent by an e-mail to wetlandday2023@gmail.com. The title of the e-mail sent should be the title of the competition (wetland day photography competition, 2023 wetland day video competition, 2023 wetland day research abstract competition). The e-mail sent by the competitors will be returned by a reply message and if not received, inquiries can be made from the telephone numbers given below.**
- iii. More information about the competition can be obtained from the websites www.dwc.gov.lk, www.cea.lk or by calling the following phone number.

Department of Wildlife Conservation: 011 – 2888585, Natural Resource Management Division
Extension number 643

Director General,
Department of Wildlife Conservation,
No. 811/A, Jayanthipura Road, Battaramulla.

Application Form

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- Name of the Competition :
- Title of the creation :
3. i. Name of the Competitor :
- ii. In English :
4. i. Private Address :
- ii. In English :
- Telephone Numbers : Fixed - Mobile -
5. National Identity Card No. (Indicate only if there are school students) :
6. If university students, University ID number (attach a copy thereof) :
7. Male / Female :
8. Date of Birth : Age :
9. i. Name and Address of the School / University:
- ii. In English :
- iii School / University Telephone Number :
10. Grade :
11. If university Student, year :

This creation is my own creation and all the information mentioned here is true and correct and I agree with all the rules and regulations mentioned by the Department of Wildlife Conservation regarding the competition. Moreover, I also certify that the I am agreement with that the winning creations will be used and exhibited by the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Central Environment Authority and Vijaya Newspaper Company for non-commercial conservation and educational purposes.

Date : Signature :

Recommendation of Principal/ Deputy Principal/ Assistant Principal/ Head Teacher

I hereby certify that the attached poster creation is an independent creation of the student/student studying in the grade of this school.

Name :

Signature :

Date :

official Stamp :