Multi-actor Dialogue Leaving no one behind
Community rights and biodiversity conservation post-2020

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Linking Biological and Cultural Diversity
UNESCO-SCBD Programme

A global knowledge platform linking local, regional, national and international practices and experiences

- Biological Diversity
  - Natural habitats
  - Man affected habitats
- Cultural Diversity
  - Tangible heritage
  - Intangible heritage

Landscape
Unique Agro-ecosystems
Nirmanee Development Foundation

• Sri Lanka IPLC Organization
• Biocultural Community Protocols
  • Traditional Snake bite Healers
  • Traditional Rice Growing Community
  • Kithul (Sugar Palm) Tapping Community

• Participated and contributed NBSAP preparation and implementation
• Community Conservation Resilience Initiative of GFC
Collaboration of NFP with IPLCs for NBSAP Implementation

• Community Conservation Resilience Initiative of GFC activities in Sri Lanka
• BCP Preparation
• Collaboration for Education, awareness creation and capacity building
• Bio cultural Products and Services
Snake bite healing Stone
Relationship between Community Rights and Biodiversity Conservation

• Indigenous Inhabitants in Sri Lanka
  • Four Sun and Nature worshipping communities
  • Practiced Sun and nature spirits worshipping rituals
  • Traditions and spiritual values, folk festivals etc.
  • Lot of Indigenous Knowledge and Practices
    • Knowledge and communities scattered
    • Not often documented, orally transmitted
    • Subjected to degrade, Younger generations are not interested
    • Marginalized due to western biased education

• Isolated, Neglected/ ignored communities under present capitalist economic system
Traditional Livelihoods

Traditional Snake-bite Healers
Traditional Kithul Tappers
Traditional Rice Farming Communities
External Threats & Internal Threats

• Indigenous Rights need to be recognized in Regulatory framework
  • Kithul Tappers are fined now.

• Market Barriers need to be removed
  • Adulterated Kithul products

• Younger Generations need to made aware and promoted
  • Indigenous knowledge flow to future generations

• Registration of Snake Bite healers need to be revisited.

• Traditional rice farmers suggested equal promotion package given to chemical farmers
Traditional Snake-bite Healers
Traditional Rice Growing Communities
Thanks giving to ancestral deities
Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Wealth
Traditional Snake-bite Healers: Collective Action & Discourse
Kithul Tapping is a Very Difficult Job!!!
NBSAP 2016-2022 Preparatory Meetings
Snake bite healing Stone
The Need !!!

• Rights & Interests based approach is essential!

• but not sufficient, we need to win the hearts of the IPLCs and bring them to the discourse!!!!

• Touch their sentiments / Education and capacity building Hence Empowerment
CCCAs / Sacred Groves!!!
Biocultural Approach

Thanks giving to Biodiversity , celebration and Ceremonial ritualistic relations
Sharing the happiness with each other.

Reciprocal Economy