

Celebration of World Wetlands Day 2nd February 2012- National Programme, Sri Lanka.

The World Wetlands Day falls on 02nd February in each year. Sri Lanka as a country signed for the International Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) organizes a programme annually to celebrate the World Wetlands Day, in order to develop positive attitudes of the public towards conservation and sustainable management of this important wetland ecosystem.

For the year 2012, the Central Environmental Authority (CEA) in collaboration of Wildlife Conservation Department (DWLC) organized an Island –wide Quiz Competition Programme on wetland conservation among school children. The objective of this programme was to develop attitudes, enhance knowledge on wetlands, as well as to make them aware on threats on wetlands and its conservation and management.

The competition was held at four levels, namely Educational Zonal Level, District Level, Provincial Level and National Level.

1. Educational Zonal level programme

At the initial level island wide written examination was held among the grade 10 and above students of schools in the country. The examination was held on 4th October 2011 at 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. (same time) within 96 Educational Zones in all over the country. Examination papers were prepared under direct involvement and supervision of Examination Department and Ministry of Education with protecting the secret of the Examination.

Three students were selected from each relevant Zonal Educational Level to face the District Level Programme.

2. District Level Programme

This programme was held among selected children on 31st October 2011 at 10.00 am to 12.00 noon within the 25 Districts of the country as a Quiz Competition. Examination Department and Ministry of Education was also involved for the preparation of questions and Postal Department supported to deliver them.

Two students were selected from each District to face the Provincial Level Programme.

3. Provincial level programme

Provincial level Quiz competition was held among selected 50 children on 27th December 2011 within 9 provinces of the country.

Finally 9 children were selected from each Province to face the National Level Programme (final Quiz competition).

4. National level programme

Final Quiz competition was held on 21st January 2012 at the Audio Visual Laboratory of Media House of the Open University of Sri Lanka and lively recorded the programme. The programme was telecasted through National Television (Rupavahini) at 6.00pm on 02nd February 2012.

Prizes

The winners of all island quiz competition awarded with valuable prizes, at the National Programme by the Hon. Ministers of Environment & Education on 02nd February 2012. A private company named Ritzbury sponsored the whole programme. A class room time table and a valuable poster in 3 languages (Sinhala, Tamil and English) were also printed and distributed among schools.

Photos of key events are given below.



**Singing Environment Song by Environment
pioneer s of Central Environmental Authority**



Prize Winners at the National Level



Hon Minister of Environment (left) & Hon Minister of Education (right)



Prize Winners



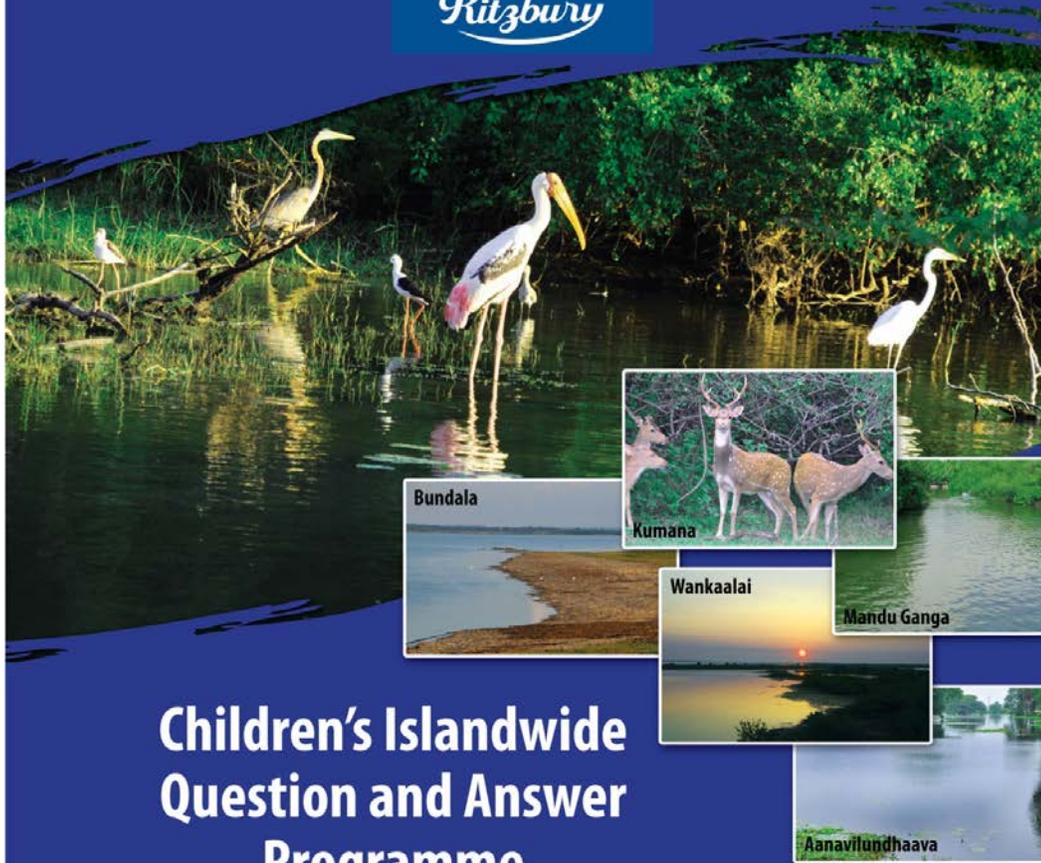


Audience

World Wetlands Day 2012 February 02,
The Department of Wild Life Conservation
together with the Central Environmental Authority Present



World Wetlands Day Quiz with *Ritzbury*



Children's Islandwide Question and Answer Programme

"Wetlands support life – Protect and pass it on with Pride"

Poster distributed among schools

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Class room Time Table distributed among schools