

## Summary of Activities and Accomplishments, Sri Lanka

<b>1. Capacity building</b>				
<i>a) Technical assistance provided by experts to Sri Lanka</i>				
Expert	Dates	Purpose		
CIRAD (L. Baudouin, R. Bourdeix, J. Ollivier)	Feb – Apr 1999	To evaluate COGENT's collecting strategies, identify gaps in germplasm collecting and recommend ways to improve conservation effort.		
<i>b) In-country training courses conducted with Sri Lanka research participants</i>				
Schedule	Course/Training Activities	Venue/Host	No. Trainees/ Countries	Funding Agency
17-28 June 1996	Regional STANTECH Course for South Asia	Coconut Research Institute, Sri Lanka	7/5	ADB
15 – 17 June 2006	Training Course for the Production of Coconut Shell Handicrafts	Lunuwila, Sri Lanka	6/4	BIOVERSITY
<i>c) Local researchers trained in other countries</i>				
Name	Dates , Country	Training Course		
Lalith Pereira	19 – 28 June 1995, Indonesia	STANTECH Trainers' Course		
Champa Bandaranayake	17 – 28 June 1996, Sri Lanka	Regional STANTECH Course for South Asia		
Lindara M.S.R. Jayatilake	-do-	-do-		
Champa Bandaranayake	1 – 12 Sep 1997, Philippines	Collecting and Conservation Course		
Vijitha Vidhanaarachchi	27 – 31 Oct 1997, Philippines	Embryo Culture Workshop/Training		
C S Ranasinghe	16 – 20 Mar 1998, Philippines	Farmer Participatory Research on Coconut Diversity (Asia)		
W M U Fernando	30 Aug – 3 Sep 1999, Philippines	Technical Writing/Seminar Presentation and Proposal Writing Course		
W M U Fernando	6 – 10 Sep 1999, Philippines	Coconut Data Analysis Training Course		
C Jayasekera	25 – 27 November 2004, Kuala	Statistical Design and Germplasm x Environment Interaction Analysis Training Course		

	Lumpur, Malaysia	
Sumith Senarathne	15 – 17 June 2006, Bogor, Indonesia	Training Course for Socio Economic Aspects of Implementing the project on Overcoming Poverty in Coconut Growing Communities (OPCGC)
P I Prasanthi Perera	11- 15 December 2008	Training and research workshop: Coconut embryo culture to improve collecting and safe movement of germplasm
Kasun Meegahakumbura	-do-	-do-

**d) BIOVERSITY-COAGENT meetings/workshops held in Sri Lanka**

Date	Activity	Location
None	-	-

**2. BIOVERSITY-COAGENT projects in Sri Lanka**

Project Title	Host Institute	Budget/ Funding Agency (US\$)	Budget/ National Funding (US\$)
a) Project 1: Acceleration of the collection for drought and tolerance and conservation of the coconut biodiversity at risk in Sri Lanka; and Project 2: Evaluation of existing coconut populations for physiological and adaptation and setting up of in situ germplasm repositories (ecobanks)	Coconut Research Institute (CRI)	13,800/ADB	17,070
b) RADP-based characterization of conserved coconut biodiversity in Sri Lanka with emphasis on detection of markers linked to drought tolerance	-do-	13,000/ADB	17,000
c) Supply of Computer, Printer, Softwares and Peripherals	-do-	2,953/ADB	-
d) Improvement of <i>in vitro</i> techniques for collecting and exchange of coconut germplasm	-do-	5,000/DFID	3,800
e) Conservation and promotion of special coconut ecotypes for young tender nuts	-do-	30,000/IFAD	1,950
f) Assessment of performance of coconut hybrids and farmers' varietal preferences	-do-	2,000/APCC	1,000
g) Catalogue of Conserved Coconut Germplasm		500/ADB	250
h) Establishing a framework and selecting project sites for nationwide deployment of coconut-based poverty reduction interventions in coconut growing communities using COAGENT's 3-pronged strategy in Sri Lanka	-do-	1,500/DFID	750
i) Coconut embryo culture research to	-do-	1,500/DFID	750

develop effective technology for the production of coconut seedlings from high-value soft endosperm coconut variety "Dikiri Pol"			
i) Developing Sustainable Coconut-Based Income Generating Technologies in Poor Rural Communities in Sri Lanka (Year 1)	-do-	19,000/ADB	9,750
j) Farmer Participatory Characterization of Coconut Varieties in 3 Poverty Reduction Project Sites in Sri Lanka	-do-	1,000/DFID	500
k) Developing Sustainable Coconut-Based Income Generating Technologies in Poor Rural Communities in Sri Lanka (Year 2)	-do-	19,950/ADB	3,000
l) Molecular marker-based characterization of conserved coconut germplasm in the national genebank and selected farmers' varieties in the BIOVERSITY/COGENT poverty reduction project sites in Sri Lanka	Ditto	4,000/DFID	2,000
m) Developing Sustainable Coconut-Based Income Generating Technologies in Poor Rural Communities in Sri Lanka (Year 3)	Ditto	11,000/ADB	5,535
n) Molecular marker-based characterization of conserved coconut germplasm in Sri Lanka	Coconut Research Institute (CRI)	3000/DFID	1,500
o) Case study and documentation of achievements and resource enhancement of Thuthiripitigama Entrepreneurship Development Society (TEDS): "Best global coconut community"	Thuthiripitigama Entrepreneurship Development Society (TEDS)	2000/ADB	-
p) Case study and documentation of achievements and resource enhancement of Dodanduwa Women's Collective (DWC): "One of the best coconut community within country (Sri Lanka)"	Dodanduwa Women's Collective	1,000/ADB	-
q) Case study and documentation of achievements and resource enhancement of Women's Saving Effort (WSE): "One of the best coconut community within country (Sri Lanka)"	Women's Saving Effort (WSE)	1,000/ADB	-
r) Best Country Project Leader	Mr Ajith Samarajeewa	1,000/DFID	-
s) Documentation of best coconut community achievements and success stories: Dodanduwa Women's Collective	Mr M J I Costa and Ms Galmangoda Gamage	500/ADB	-

	Pamodha Prasanganie Dodanduwa Womens Collective (DWC)		
t) Documentation of best coconut community achievements and success stories: Women's Savings Effort"	Ms Padmini Ratnayaka and Mr W R O Fernando Women's Saving Effort	500/ADB	-
u) Documentation of best coconut community achievements and success stories: Thuthiripitigama Entrepreneurship Development Society (TEDs)	Mr Don Ruwan Harshajeewa Nishshanka Thuthiripitigama Entrepreneurship Development Society (TEDs)	1000/ADB	-
v) Case study and documentation of best global group in livestock raising	Thuthiripitigama Entrepreneurship Development Society (TEDS)	500/ADB	-
w) Case study and documentation of best global group in CBO microcredit management	Dodanduwa Women's Collective	500/ADB	-
x) Documentation of success story : Best global farmer	Mr Lalith Rajapakse	750/ADB	-
y) Documentation of success story for production of high value coconut-based products (Sri Lanka)	Mr UD Ranjith Pathirana	250/ADB	-
z) Documentation of success story for livestock production (Sri Lanka)	Mr KA George Rodrigo	250/ADB	-
aa) Livelihoods and Natural Resources Restoration for Tsunami Victims in Dodanduwa, Sri Lanka (2005)	Coconut Research Institute (CRI)	18,990/BIOVERSITY Tsunami Relief Fund	12,500
bb) Helping Tsunami affected Children in Dodanduwa (2005 – 2006)	Siyath Foundation	2,790/ BIOVERSITY Tsunami Relief Fund	-
cc) Enhancing Food Security, Nutrition and Microcredit Systems in Coconut-Growing Communities in Sri Lanka	Coconut Research Institute (CRI)	4,000/DFID	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>163,233</b>	<b>77,335</b>

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