

CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MAGAZINE

Climate Change Secretariat Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment

Calling for Manuscripts for the Climate Change Magazine

Climate Change is a phenomenon which is of immense concern to the global community. Climate change causes, unprecedented droughts and floods, economic disasters, negative impacts on ecosystems and livelihoods...etc. As a response to climate change, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was established to look into these matters and create emission reduction requirements.

Sri Lanka is a party to the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol and has an obligation to take initiatives to minimize climate change and its impacts. Further, creating awareness on climate change is also important to minimize GHG emission reductions and build resilience of vulnerable communities.

In this context, being the National Focal Point to the UNFCCC the Climate Change Secretariat of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment publishes a magazine on climate change annually, in order to create awareness on climate change to the general public, students and other interested parties.

Manuscripts are invited for the magazine on the following thematic areas;

- 1. Science of climate change**
- 2. Impacts, vulnerability and adaptation**
- 3. Mitigation, low carbon technologies and strategies**
- 4. Disasters, Loss & Damage**
- 5. Best practices and lessons learnt on climate change adaptation and mitigation**

Articles related to the above, containing sectors such as food security, water, health, industries, natural resources, gender, energy, transport, waste, and any other sectors are encouraged for submission.

Submissions should be made on or before **25th April 2017**. For further clarification please contact Ms. Methmali Rajaguru / Ms Hasula Wickremasinghe on 0112883481. Please be kind enough to circulate this message to other interested parties.

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MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION DETAILS

A. Guidelines for manuscripts

Language:

Articles can be written in all three languages. If written in English, either British or American English styles could be used consistently throughout the manuscript.

Layout and Contents:

1. Title: This should reflect the content of the manuscript and should be concise.
2. Authors: First and last names of all authors should be given along with e-mailing addresses. Identify the corresponding author with an asterisk.
3. Key message: Not more than 75 words. It should include a brief paragraph mentioning the main idea of the article to capture the reader's attention (this will be printed in bold at the commencement of the article).
4. Body: The article should be informative and of scientific/ technical/ educational content. Emphasis should be on an area related to climate change. It should be of interest to the general reader and must be written in a simple language style. Where technical words are used they should be described in a simple way.
5. Graphics: Tables, figures, images could be used if necessary to strengthen the main idea of the article. If photographs are included, they should be of high resolution of at least 600dpi.
6. Conclusion: A brief conclusion related to climate change should be included.
7. Number of words: 1500 to 2000 words preferred and it should not exceed 2500 words.
8. References: The key references should be listed. (Please see the section on reference).
9. Font: Arial 11, paragraphs- double spaced

Note: Plagiarism or direct reproduction of other authors work should not be submitted.

B. Short Communications

1. Title: This should reflect the content of the manuscript and should be concise.
2. Authors: First and last names of all authors should be given along with e-mailing address. Identify the corresponding author with an asterisk.

3. Key message: Not more than 75 words. It should include a brief paragraph mentioning the main idea of the article to capture the reader's attention (this will be printed in bold at the commencement of the article).

4. Number of words: 750- 1000

5. The observation should be your own. It need not be linked scientifically with climate change but, climate change could indirectly be responsible for the particular observed incident.

For example, during a prolonged drought, it was observed that some adult butterflies did not emerge from their cocoons. The pupae may have got dehydrated within the cocoon and not been able to emerge. This would indirectly have a huge impact on the ecosystem. The number of species would decline, there is also the possibility that the lack of certain pollinators could have a negative impact on the plant world.

6. Graphics: Tables, figures, images could be used if necessary to strengthen the main idea of the article. If photographs are included, they should be of high resolution of at least 600dpi.

7. References: The key references should be listed. (Please see annex for reference style).

8. Font: Arial 11, paragraphs- double spaced

Note:

Plagiarism or direct reproduction of other authors articles should not be submitted.

Manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced on A4 in WORD document. Font size must be 11 points Arial. Text should be justified; Footnotes should be avoided; All units of measurement should be in metric, or preferably SI units; All pages should be numbered; Tables and Figures should be numbered and captioned; Original drawings and figures should be submitted; Photographs must be digitized and must be clear with no watermarks, emboss, or markings; Photo credit must be provided along with image caption; Spellings should be consistent with the type of English chosen (British or American).

Citation:

Reference citation in the text should follow the following formats. In the case of multiple citations, the references should be cited in order of publication priority. In case of two publications with the same year, alphabetical order of priority should be followed.

1. Ricketts (2004), Wilson & Reeder (2005), and Stuart et al. (2008)

2. (Rodriguez 1999; Groves 2001, 2003; Bhatt & Jayaram 2004; Ricketts 2004; Turner et al. 2008).

References:

All references cited in the text should be quoted completely in this section. Journal names should be expanded. Please do not insert abbreviations. For example, expand PNAS to *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, or J. Bom. Nat. Hist. Soc. to *Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society*. References should be listed in the following format:

Journal:

Ricketts, T.H. (2004). Tropical forest fragments enhance pollinator activity in nearby coffee crops. *Conservation Biology* 18(5): 1262-1271.

Bhatt, A. & K.C. Jayaram (2004). A new species of the genus *Batasio* Blyth (Siluriformes: Bagridae) from Sharavathy River, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka. *Zoos' Print Journal* 19(2): 1339-1342.

Open Access Journal:

Turner, E.C., J.L. Snaddon, T.M. Fayle & W.A. Foster (2008). Oil palm research in context: identifying the need for biodiversity assessment. *PlosOne* 3(2): e1572.

Thesis:

Rodriguez, J.P. (1999). Ecology of contraction of geographical distributions. *PhD Thesis*. Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Princeton University, viii+143pp.

Book:

Groves, C. (2001). *Primate Taxonomy*. Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, viii+350pp.

Edited Book:

Stuart, S.N., M. Hoffmann, J.S. Chanson, N.A. Cox, R.J. Berridge, P. Ramani & B.E. Young (eds.) (2008). *Threatened Amphibians of the World*. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona, Spain; IUCN, Gland, Switzerland; and Conservation International, Arlington, Virginia, USA, xv+758pp.

Edited Book (multiple volumes):

Wilson, D.E. & D.M. Reeder (eds.) (2005). *Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference*, 3rd edition, Vol. 1 & 2. The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, pp.i-xxxv+1-743 & pp.ixvii+ 745-2142.

Book Chapter:

Lertzman, D.A. (2003). Caveat on consilience: barriers and bridges for traditional knowledge and conservation science, pp. 284-297. In: Westley, F.R. & P.S. Miller (eds.). *Experiments in Consilience: Integrating Social and Scientific Responses to Save Endangered Species*. Island Press, Washington, xiv+393pp.

Peer-reviewed Monograph:

Nguyen, M.T., D.T. Pham & P.T. Nguyen (2003). Conservation of rodents in tropical forests of Vietnam, pp. 246-250. In: Singleton, G.R., L.A. Hinds, C.J. Krebs & D.M. Spratt (eds.). *Rats, Mice and People: Rodent Biology and Management*. ACIAR Monograph No. 96, Canberra, 564pp.

Report:

Kumar, S., B.V. Shetty, D. Bennet & S. Molur (2000). Report of the Conservation Assessment and Management Plan Workshop on Endemic Orchids of the Western Ghats. Zoo Outreach Organisation & CBSG South Asia, Coimbatore, India, 150pp.

Web resource:

China Plant Specialist Group (2004). *Aristolochia westlandii*. In: IUCN 2008. 2008 IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. <www.iucnredlist.org>. Downloaded on 26 January 2009.

Eschmeyer, W.N. & J.D. Fong (2008). *Species of Fishes by Family/Subfamily*.

<<http://research.calacademy.org/research/ichthyology/catalog/SpeciesByFamily.html>>. On-line version dated 26 January 2009.

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Electronic:

Email to climatesec@gmail.com with copy to hasulaw@yahoo.com **on or before 25th April 2017**

Text should be in MS WORD, Arial font 11. (Paragraphs: Double spaced). Besides inclusion in the text, scanned and constructed images of all figures and photographs should be attached separately and must be of high quality JPEG or TIFF files (minimum 600dpi resolution)

Hard copy:

Please submit one hard copy to the following address; Director (Climate Change), Climate Change Secretariat, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment, 980/5, Wickremasinghe Place, Etul Kotte, **on or before 25th April 2017**.

Review:

General Articles and Communications and Review articles will be reviewed by five editors before being accepted. They will be responsible in accepting or suggesting modifications to the authors.

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MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION LETTER

Date

Director (Climate Change)

I, _____, on behalf of my co-authors, _____, submit the following manuscript titled “_____” for publication in the Climate Change Magazine of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment”.

Thanking you,

Co-authorship of the Paper,

We, the undersigned state that we have made contributions to the above paper, and consent in being named as co-authors.

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