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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

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#### THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT, No. 47 OF 1980

Order under Section 24C and Section 24D

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 24C and Section 24D of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980, I, Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, do by this Order, declare -

(a) that the area of land, the limits of which are described in Schedule I hereto shall be an environmental protection area for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, and shall be called the "Walauwewatte Waturana Environment Protection Area"; and

(b) that for so long as this Order is in force, -

- (i) any planning scheme or project within the aforesaid Walauwewatte Waturana Environment Protection Area which is in conflict with the provisions of the aforesaid Act, shall cease to operate from the date of the making hereof;
- (ii) no person other than the Central Environment Authority shall exercise any powers or discharge any functions within the limits of the aforesaid Walauwewatte Waturana Environment Protection Area;
- (iii) the powers and functions of the Central Environmental Authority (Permitted Uses) shall in relation to the aforesaid Walauwewatte Waturana Environment Protection Area, be limited to those specified in Schedule II to this Order and shall be exercised and discharged in accordance with the conditions specified in Schedule III hereto.

For the purposes of this Order "Central Environmental Authority" means the Authority established under the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980.

PATALI CHAMPIKA RANAWAKA,  
Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.

Colombo,  
25th March, 2009.

#### SCHEDULE I

##### LIMITS OF THE WALLAUWEWATTE WATURANA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AREA

The allotment of land called "Walauwewatta Waturana" containing in extent 6.2045 hectares depicted in Survey Plan No. 3/3/2/පොදු dated 27.12.2006 made by U. L. Chandralal, Surveyor situated in the Pasdun Korale, Western Province, Kalutara District, Bulathsinghala Divisional Secretariat Division in the village of Dhamparadugoda bounded as follows:-

- North:* by Road and land claimed by Walauwewatta Estate Co. Ltd;  
*East:* by land claimed by Walauwewatta Estate Co. Ltd;  
*South:* by Kukulu Ela and Batapotha Ela;  
*West:* by Batapotha Ela.

#### SCHEDULE II

##### PERMITTED USES

1. Studies and Research Activities
2. Raised board walk, decks on stilts
3. Observation towers, hides
4. Field laboratory for nature studies
5. Nature trails
6. Eradication of alien invasive species
7. Any other uses as may be specified by the CEA from time to time.

#### SCHEDULE III

##### CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH PERMITTED USES ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT

1. Prior approval of the CEA should be obtained for all permitted uses.
2. Studies and research activities shall be carried out in such a manner that they do not cause any disturbance to the environment.
3. All the construction shall be of a temporary nature.
4. No barriers or activities which hinder the sustainability of the Environmental Protection Area will be permitted. The CEA shall have the power to order the removal of any barrier so erected or the cessation of any activity being carried out.
5. All infrastructure facilities such as visitor centres, restaurants, guest houses and access Roads should be established outside the Environmental Protection Area specified in Schedule I.