

Celebration of International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem

26th July 2019

Tathkalakudiya Mangrove Forest of 22.7 ha and Poleladoopatha Mangrove Forest of 29 ha in Puttalam District were declared as Conservation Forests by the Minister of Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment to commemorate International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem on 26th July 2019.

Small Fisheries Federation (Sudeesa) in collaboration with Biodiversity Secretariat, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment has conducted a programme to celebrate International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem on 26th July 2019 at Sudeesa Mangrove Museum Premises in Pambala with the participation of officers from the Government, Private and Non – Governmental institutions, Communities & school children and teachers. Art competition was conducted prior to the celebration of international day and exhibition of winning arts was held. All true mangrove flowers (21) paintings were displayed at the site.

Two mangrove flower stamps and first day covers were issued by Philatelic Bureau of Sri Lanka and presented to the secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment.



Observing the winning arts exhibition of school children by secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment and District secretary, Puttalam



Observing the mangrove flower paintings



Introducing the two mangrove flower stamps and first day covers were presented to the secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Further District Forest Office in Puttalam has conducted the Mangrove Replantation Programme in collaboration with Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management, Marine Environment Protection Authority and Ceylon Electricity Board and replanted 2700 Plants in Puttalam District.

