

Impacts of the El Niño Southern Oscillation and climate change on coral reefs in Sri Lanka; Adaptive management to improve recovery and resilience

Sri Lanka is experiencing a severe coral bleaching due to impacts of El Niño Southern Oscillation and climate change. It will have far reaching impacts on fisheries, tourism and livelihoods of coastal communities.

To present the current status of coral reefs in Sri Lanka and to explore mechanisms to improve the recovery of bleached corals and their resilience, a **public seminar and a panel discussion** has been organized jointly by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), Section 'D' and the Science Education Committee of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS).

Presenter: Mr. Arjan Rajasuriya, Coordinator, Marine and Coastal Thematic Area, IUCN

Date and time: 07 July 2016 from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Venue: Auditorium of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS)
120/10 Vidya Mandiraya, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 7

Programme

4.00 pm	Registration and refreshments
4.15 pm	Welcome : Science Education Committee - SLAAS
4.25 pm	Introduction : IUCN
4.35 pm	Presentation on Coral Bleaching by Mr. Arjan Rajasuriya Coordinator, Marine and Coastal Thematic Area, IUCN
5.10 pm	Panel Responses and questions (Moderated by IUCN)

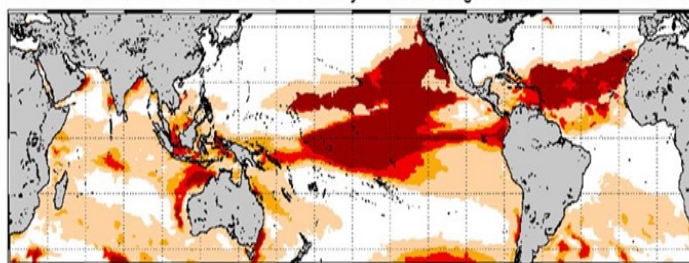
Panelists

Dr. Anil Premaratne, Chairman
National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency
Mr. Gamini Hewage, Director
Coast Conservation & Coastal Resources Management Department
Dr. Malik Fernando
Diver & Marine Naturalist
Dr. Terney Pradeep Kumara, General Manager
Marine Environment Protection Authority

5.50 pm Vote of thanks : Section D - SLAAS



2015 Oct 6 NOAA Coral Reef Watch 60% Probability Coral Bleaching Thermal Stress for Oct-Jan 2016



Potential Stress Level: Watch Warning Alert Level 1 Alert Level 2

