

# SLT-MOBITEL Partners with Forest Department for Mangrove Restoration Project



*Exchanging the signed agreement between Prabhath Dahanayake, Chief Marketing Officer, SLT-MOBITEL, and Nishantha Edirisinghe, the Conservator General of the Forest Department of Sri Lanka, with the participation of several other officials from both organizations.*

SLT-MOBITEL has joined forces with the Forest Department to undertake a significant mangrove restoration project in Pubudugama. The partnership aims to restore 4.2 hectares of mangrove ecosystems and ensure long-term sustainability.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Nishantha Edirisinghe, Conservator General, Forest Department, Prof. Sevvandi Jayakody, Chairperson of National Mangrove Experts Committee, Prabhath Dahanayake, Chief Marketing Officer of SLT-MOBITEL, Anuruddha Suriarachchi, General Manager of Marketing Services of SLT, and Several other officials from SLT-MOBITEL and the Forest Department.

This initiative aligns with SLT-MOBITEL's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) theme of 'Co-Connection,' emphasizing the company's commitment to fostering harmony between its operations, the environment, and society. The mangrove restoration project directly supports several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 13: Climate Action, SDG 14: Life Below Water, and SDG 15: Life on Land.

Additionally, it contributes to the objectives outlined in the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Prabhath Dahanayake, SLT-MOBITEL's Chief Marketing Officer, shared his thoughts: "As a service-oriented organization, SLT-MOBITEL may not have many direct carbon emissions. However, we recognize our responsibility in energy consumption and are committed to supporting carbon reduction initiatives for the betterment of our country. SLT-MOBITEL is pleased to embark on this project with a scientific approach to sustain our mangrove restoration program."

Nishantha Edirisinghe, the Director General of the Forest Department of Sri Lanka, commended, "SLT-MOBITEL's commitment to restoring mangroves is commendable and sets a positive example for other organizations. This initiative will enhance biodiversity and strengthen community resilience against climate change."

This collaborative effort between SLT-MOBITEL and the Forest Department represents a significant step towards environmental stewardship and sustainable development in Sri Lanka. The project aims to mitigate climate change impacts by restoring mangrove ecosystems while promoting biodiversity and community well-being. SLT-MOBITEL remains dedicated to its role as a leader in corporate responsibility and environmental sustainability, paving the way for future initiatives that benefit both the planet and society.