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Policy and Legal Instruments to Manage IAS in Sri Lanka



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Policy Instruments - IAS

- The paragraph 14 of article 27 in the Chapter 6 (Directive principles of State Policy) of the Constitution

“The State shall protect, preserve and improve the environment for the benefit of the community”.



Policy Instruments - IAS

Direct Reference:

- National Environmental Policy (2003)
- National Agriculture Policy (2007)
- National Wildlife Policy (2000)
- National Climate Change Policy (2012)
- National IAS Policy (2012)**

No Direct Reference:

- National Livestock Development Policy (2007)
- National Forest Policy (1995)
- National Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Policy (2006)
- National Wetland Policy (2004)
- National Biosafety Policy (2005)



Control of Invasive Aliens in Sri Lanka – Legislations

- Many ordinances/laws have been enacted governing imports of flora and fauna to the country.

Water Hyacinth Ordinance (No. 4 of 1909)

Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 2 of 1937;
as amended)

The Imports and Exports control act (No. 1 of
1969)

Animal Disease act (No. 59 of 1992)

Forest ordinance (No. 13 of 1995)

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources act (No. 2 of 1996)

Plant Protection act (No. 35 of 1999)

Invasive Species Control Act

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I, Dissanayake Mudiyanseelage Jayaratne, Minister of Agriculture, by virtue of powers vested on me by Section 12 of the Plant Protection Act, No. 35 of 1999 do hereby effect the following regulations under the said Act for the eradication of the weed in Sri Lanka identified as "PARTHENIUM HYSTEROPHOROUS L".

D. M. JAYARATNE,
Minister of Agriculture.