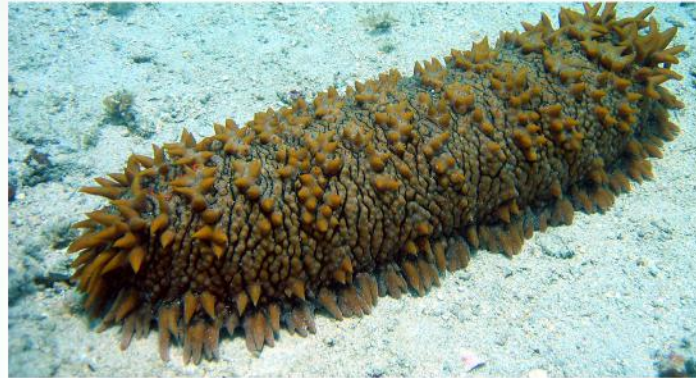




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## A TRAINING WORKSHOP ON “IDENTIFICATION OF FRESH AND PROCESSED SEA CUCUMBERS OF SRI LANKA”

28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AT NARA AUDITORIUM, COLOMBO 15



A training workshop on “Identification of fresh and processed sea cucumbers of Sri Lanka” was successfully conducted at NARA by Dr. D.C.T. Dissanayake, Senior Lecturer, Department of Zoology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and the President of SLAFAR, Mr. P.A.D. Ajith Kumara, Senior Scientist, Inland Aquaculture Resources Division, NARA and Executive Committee Member of SLAFAR and Mr. Ganesh Nishanthan, Postgraduate student, Department of Zoology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Around 100 government officials including Sri Lanka Navy, Sri Lanka Police, Department of Coast Guard, Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka Standards Institute (SLSI), Export Development Board (EDB), Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DFAR), National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA), National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) and Academics from University of Jaffna, University of Ruhuna and Ocean University of Sri Lanka were trained on “how to identify fresh and processed sea cucumbers”.

This workshop was jointly organized with National Research Council- Sri Lanka, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and NARA.

A booklet titled “Fresh and Processed Sea Cucumbers of Sri Lanka – Identification Guide (ISBN 978-955-0263-07-3)” was also launched parallel to this workshop.



## A GUEST LECTURE ON "INTRA-SEASONAL OSCILLATIONS IN EQUATORIAL OCEANS"

26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 AT NARA AUDITORIUM,  
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A guest lecture on "Intra-seasonal oscillations in equatorial oceans" by Professor Harindra Fernando (Wayne and Diana Murdy Endowed Professor) from University of Notre Dame was successfully conducted at the National Aquatic Resource Research and Development Agency (NARA).

Recent research findings of Air-Sea interaction in the Northern Indian Ocean with special reference to Madden Julian Oscillations, monsoon onset, Indian Ocean Dipole and recent El-Nino impact to the region were broadly discussed in the lecture. More than 50 participants representing scientists, academics, undergraduate students and many other interested parties participated in the lecture.

This event was jointly organized with NARA

## A LECTURE ON "OPENING THE TEMPORAL WINDOW: HOW LENGTHENING TIME SERIES AFFECT OUR UNDERSTANDING ON SEA FLOOR ECOLOGY"

29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT NARA AUDITORIUM,  
COLOMBO 15



An invited lecture by Professor. Chris Frid, a senior marine biologist of Griffith University, Australia was successfully conducted at NARA auditorium. The lecture focused on "Opening the temporal window: How lengthening time series affect our understanding on sea floor ecology"

The lecture highlighted the importance of time series analysis of the sea floor ecosystem and also emphasized the long term changes in the open ocean ecosystem that can have potential effects on the sea floor. The lecture was followed by an interactive discussion session.

This event was jointly organized with Department of Zoology & Environmental Management, University of Kelaniya and NARA.

## "PROTECT OUR RIVERS"

16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 AT NARA AUDITORIUM,  
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## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR RIVERS

An invited lecture on "Protect our Rivers" by Prof. E. I. Silva, Chairman, Water Resources Science and Technology was delivered to mark the international day of action for rivers.

The documentary film, "Belo Monte: After the Flood" which was produced by an award-winning documentarian Todd Southgate, was screened to To open a friendly discussion. The film addressed the impacts of one of the world's most controversial hydropower projects: Belo Monte Dam in Brazil. More than 100 participants actively participated in the event.

This event was jointly organized with Water Resources Science and Technology (WRST) and NARA.

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