

International Symposium on Biodiversity, Food & Nutrition Linking Agrobiodiversity and Dietary Diversity: The Sri Lanka Experience

8th December 2014 at Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Organized by Wayamba University of Sri Lanka in collaboration with Biodiversity for Food & Nutrition Project (BFN) - Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy and Department of Agriculture

Tentative Programme

8.00 – 8.30 Registration

8.30 - 9.00 Inauguration

Scientific sessions

Time	Topic	Speaker
9.00 – 9.30 am	Key note lecture: Nutrient biodiversity in rice and its health implications	Dr T Longvah, National Institute of Nutrition, India
9.30 – 10.00 am	Mainstreaming biodiversity and sustainable use for improved human nutrition and wellbeing	Dr Danny Hunter, Global Project Coordinator, GEF/UNEP/FAO Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition Project
10.00 – 10.30 am	Agrobiodiversity in Sri Lanka	Prof Gamini Pushpakumara, University of Peradeniya
10.30 – 10.45 am	Tea / Coffee	
10.45 – 11.20 am	Panel Discussion: Exploring agrobiodiversity in Sri Lanka Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director - Horticultural Crops Research & Development Institute (HORDI) - Dr. Hemal Fonseka • Director FRUIT Reseach Centre - Dr. Suba Heenkenda • Director Rice Research and Development Institute - Dr. Amitha Bentota - • Director Field Crops Research and Development Institute - Dr. WMW Weerakoon 	Chair: Prof Gamini Pushpakumara
11.20 – 11.35 am	Linking biodiversity to supply chain through food processing	Dr KH Sarananda, Food Research Unit, Department of Agriculture
11.35 – 12.05 pm	Aquatic biodiversity and indigenous fish species in Sri Lanka	Ms R Shirantha (Freshwater) National Aquatic Research Agency / Dr Dileepa de Croos (Marine), Wayamba University of Sri Lanka
12.05 – 12.35 pm	The FAO/INFOODS compositional database on Food Biodiversity for Sustainable Diets	Dr Ruth Charrondiere FAO
12.35 – 1.30 pm	Lunch	

1.30 – 1.50 pm	Dietary diversity for nutrition and health: Sri Lanka perspective	Dr Renuka Silva, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka
1.50 – 2.10 pm	Multi-sectoral Nutrition action plan in Sri Lanka: linking biodiversity, diet and health in policy and action	Dr Lalith Chandradasa – National Nutrition Secretariat
2.10 – 3.30 pm	Bringing biodiversity to the plate: country experience	Country representatives from Brazil, Turkey, Sri Lanka and Kenya (15 min each)
3.30 – 5.00 pm	Free communications on biodiversity, food and nutrition	(6 original research communications)
5.00 pm	Closing remarks	Dr Anura Wijesekera
	Tea / Coffee	