## Native Tree Planting Project at Uyanwatte in Raigama

Rainforest Protectors of Sri Lanka successfully completed a native tree planting project at Uyanwatte Estate facing the Uyanwatte Lake, in Raigama Bandaragama on November 29, 2013. A total of 37 native endemic trees were planted along the border of the lake to increase the bio-diversity in the area which is ideal habitat for many endangered flora and fauna. The endangered and endemic "Hora" trees were primarily chosen for the project, obtained from Ingiriya Forest Department. Other trees species planted included Nedun, Lunumidella, Mee, Ehela, Kumbuk and Maadan. The lake is home to many birds as well as freshwater fish and terrapins. The newly planted trees will provide habitat and food to native species once established.

We hope the relevant authorities in the area understand the importance of protecting the bio-diversity, soil and water quality around the beautiful Uyanwatte Lake, and ensure the immediate surrounding area of the lake remain in it's current natural state when making development decisions.



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