

Trash Cleanup Project at Hora Kele in Ingiriya

Rainforest Protectors of Sri Lanka successfully completed a trash cleanup project at Hora Kele Forest Reservation in Ingiriya on December 7, 2013. Situated along the Ingiriya-Meepe road, Hora Kele is a small forest reserve but having a high density of the endangered native rainforest tree "Hora". Ten volunteers from the association helped cleanup non-biodegradable plastic, glass and metal, thrown along the side of the forest boundary up to several meters. The local grama niladhari was informed of the project and assistance from some villagers were requested to keep the area clean in the future.



During the project, the volunteers noticed several threats facing forest, especially evidence of illegal activity such as poaching within the forest reserve. Several clearings of the undergrowth to create temporary paths by poachers were evident. Some locals informed about the traps setup to capture wild animals such as Mouse Deer, Wild Boar and Porcupine. Rainforest Protectors would like to request the relevant authorities to take immediate steps to prevent the illegal activities within the forest reserve to ensure it's flora and fauna are protected for future generations.

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