

## 1. Control of White Root Disease (WRD) to increase the land use efficiency and productivity of rubber smallholdings.

### Objective

- White root disease is the most threatening root disease of the rubber tree. Despite of the fact that an effective management system is available, WRD is spreading at an alarming rate resulting huge bare patches in rubber lands causing severe economic losses

The objective of this programme is to educate rubber smallholders on early diagnosis and prevention and control of the disease, paying special attention on both pre- planting and post –planting practices in rubber smallholdings. These training programmes are targeted for all rubber smallholders.

Training programmes are conducted as full day workshops from 9.00a.m. To 2.00 p.m.

### Tentative Plan of Programmes in the month of October 2011

District	Range	Proposed date	Location	Contact numbers for inquiries
Kegalle	Galigamuwa	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Udagama Temple, Atala	Mr. R.A.D Ranawaka 0772930560
	Warakapola	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	A.G.A.Ofiice, Warakapola	
Kalutara	Matugama	07 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5 <sup>th</sup> Mile Post, Meegama	Mr. U.L.R.A.Perera 0772930567
	Ittepana	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sri Visuddaramaya, Palawatta Colony	
Galle/Matara	Akkuesssa	05 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	P.K.Gamage, HoreDolawatta, Urumutta	Mr.A.H.Kularathna 0772930563

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## 2. Mobile Tapper Training Schools

**Objective: -** This training programme has been designed for new recruits in latex extraction or who are willing to join the rubber industry as skilled latex extraction assistance. The course provides the technical skill required to undertake quality harvesting together with a wide knowledge on rubber industry. Time duration is ten days, which provide sufficient time to gain the confidence in latex extraction with own experience. Participants are finally graded on their performance in the evaluation and certificates are issued accordingly.

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District	Range	Proposed date	Location	Contact numbers for inquiries
Kegalle	Matale	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kikawala village Matale	Mr. R.A.D Ranawaka 0772930560

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## 3. Skill Development of Rubber Tappers

**Objective: -** This training programme has been designed for semi --skilled rubber tappers employed in rubber smallholdings or who are tapping their own rubber lands and willing to gain knowledge in rubber tapping and to join the rubber industry as skilled latex Extraction Assistance. The course provides the technical skill required to undertake quality harvesting together with a wide knowledge on rubber industry. Time duration is three (03) days, which provide sufficient time to gain the confidence in latex extraction with own experience.

### Tentative Plan of training programmes in the month of October 2011:-

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Kegalle	Polgahawela	06 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Udahinnawatta Kudumeeriya	Mr. R.A.D Ranawaka 0772930560
	Kegalle	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nilmalgoda, Kegall	
Kalutara	Agalawatta	04 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Hedigalla Colony, Batagodawila	Mr. U.L.R.A.Perera 0772930567
	Ittapana	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pelawatta Colony Ittapana	
Ratnapura	Eheliyagoda	06 <sup>th</sup> Oct	P.Dissanayake Estate, Hidurangala, Kiriella	Mr. P.K.K.S.Gunarathna 0713195674
	Opanayake	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Asoka Senavirathana, Erabadda, Nivitigala	
Galle/Matara	Hakmana	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mr.T.Wickramarathna, Mapalana, Kamburupitiya	Mr. A.H.Kularathna 0772930563 0112635851/52
		27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Divisional Secretariat Office Kamburupitiya	

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#### 4. Quality improvement of RSS

##### Objectives

- Objective of this programme is to train RSS producers on quality improvement of sheet rubber processing and smoking . The programme curriculum includes quality improvement of tapping, latex collection, latex measuring, latex preservation , acid mixture preparation, , sheet rubber processing and smoking and maintenance of milling machineries Target groups are sheet rubber producers, owners and operators of RSS processing centers. Duration of the training programme is one ½ day from 9.00a.m. to 1.00 P.M.

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Kegalle	Dehiowita	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Andapola Deraniyagala	Mr. R.A.D Ranawaka 0772930560
	Kandy/Matale	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mr.U.D.Siripala, Ambaoruwa, Hatharaliyadda	
	Yatiantota	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Medagoda Yatiantota	
	Polgahawela	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	D.G.Gunaratna, Tammigewatta, Udainguruwatta	
Kalutara	Millaniya	06 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Meddawatta, Haltota	Mr. U.L.R.A.Perera 0772930567
	Matugama	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Madawala Temple, Matugama	
	Agalawatta	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Horagodawatta, Baduraliya	
	Kalutara	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	D.H.Boatingsingho, Hembarawila	
Ratnapura	Opanayaka	25th Oct.	Horankadura Praja Salawa, Opanayake	Mr. P.K.K.S.Gunathna 0713195674
	Kuruwita	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	N..G.Darmasena, Kalukele, Teppanawa	
	Karavita	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	D.N.D.Wijewardana, Delwala	
	Eheliyagoda	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Getehetta Estate, Getehetta	
	Karavita	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Karawita Coloney, GPC,	
Colombo	Homagama	05 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Mr. P.W.Karunaratna Weelgama, Dompe	Mr. A.H.Kularathna 0772930563 0112635851/52
	Kosgama	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Dumkolahena Temple, Dumkolahena, Thummodara	

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## 5. “Vihidum Sathkara” Group extension strategy to speed up the Technology Transfer Process.

### Objective:-

One of the major problem that exists in the rubber smallholdings sector is that there are no sufficient number of extension officers to cater the extension and advisory needs of rubber smallholders. At the moment an extension officer has to provide services for over 3500 rubber smallholders. This is not an effective and efficient system which hinders the efficiency of the Technology Transfer process paving the way for non adoption or poor adoption of recommendations. To correct and improve this situation a special village based group extension strategy ‘Vehidum Sathkara’ was designed and introduced successfully, in collaboration with private sector rubber manufacturing companies as resource providers.

In this programme, extension and advisory services are focused to highly remote rubber growing villages to speed up the Technology Transfer process and to educate rubber smallholders on all aspects of rubber cultivation and processing aspects through on farm advisory visits. It was able to conduct 34 programmes covering nearly 3600 land units during the period from January to July , 2011

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Kalutara	Matugama	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5 Post, Meegama	Mr. U.L.R.A.Perera 0772930567
Ratnapura	Pelmadulla	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Kehelowitigama	Mr. P.K.K.S.Gunarathna 0713195674
Galle/Matara	Akuressa	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	S.M.S.Abesundara, Saranguwatta, Wilpita, Akuressa	Mr. A.H.Kularathna 0772930563 0112635851/52

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## 6. Awareness creation on technology adoption for productivity improvement

### Objective :-

- The main objective of this programme is to facilitate and strengthen the technology adoption process of rubber smallholders and to develop their managerial and operational skills on rubber cultivation and processing. After careful analysis of training needs of rubber growers, these awareness programmes are conducted as pre-seasonal training programme during each planting season. . These awareness programmes include, educational programmes supported by field demonstrations, on farm demonstrations and visits, mini skill exhibitions and sale centers providing opportunities for farms to purchase essential inputs.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> planting season of the year 2011, twenty five pre-seasonal awareness programmes were successfully conducted for the benefit of 1316 rubber growers. Farmers participated in these programmes were highly benefited, specially on agronomic aspects on rubber growing and a huge demand was created by them to organized such programmes in future as well. It is therefore planned to conduct a series of pre-seasonal awareness programmes during the 2<sup>nd</sup> planting season, starting from September to December 2011.

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Kegalle	Galigamuwa	04 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Kandededara Temple, Dewalegama	Mr. R.A.D Ranawaka 0772930560
	Matale	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kaikawala Matale	
	Kegalle	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Agrarian Service Center Paragamma, Kegall	
	Matale	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Hatharaliyadda	
	Mawanella	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Agrarian Services Centre, Baminiyawatta	
Kalutara	Ittapana	07 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sri Suddarama Viharaya, Palawatta Colony	Mr. U.L.R.A.Perera 0772930567

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## 7. “Nipunatha Saviya” - National Level Rubber Tapping Skill Development Programme

- Objective: -**
- This special training programme is designed for unskilled rubber tappers employed in medium scale rubber estates. Training programmes will be conducted as full day workshops, which include lectures, practical demonstrations and interactive sessions, to educate selected rubber tappers on all aspects of rubber tapping and relevant recommendations. Forty one programmes are scheduled to be conducted island wide in selected locations. Maximum number of participants enrolled for each programmes is only 60.

These programmes are sponsored by the National Institute of Plantation Management (NIPM) of the Ministry of Plantation Industries.

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Kegalle	Ruwanwella	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ruwanwella	Mr. R.A.D Ranawaka 0772930560
	Warakapola	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Warakapola	
	Yatiantota	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Amithirigala	
	Galagedara	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Galagedara	
	Polgahawela	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Polgahawela	
	Matale	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Matale	
Kalutara	Agalawatta	03 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Agalawatta	Mr. U.L.R.A.Perera 0772930567
Ratnapura	Opanayake	07 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sri Wijayaramaya Temple, Opanayake	Mr. P.K.K.S.Gunarathna 0713195674
	Eheliyagoda	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Sri Pushparamaya, Thoranagoda, Eheliyagoda	
	Kuruwita	25 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Rural Development Center, Pussella.	
	Pelmadulla	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Isuru Hotel, Ratnapura	
	Karawita	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Uda Karawita Karawita	
Galle/Matara	Hakmana	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kamburupitiya	Mr. A.H.Kularathna 0772930563 0112635851/52
Monaragala	Monaragala	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Not Selected Yet!	

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