

Field Visit Programme

(07.45 to 16.30 hrs on 23 April, 2008)

Time	Itinerary
07.45	Leave Hotel Heritance
08.00 – 10.00	Visit Madu Ganga Ramsar Site including a boat trip to observe biodiversity and cultural sites
10.00	Leave for Weligama (about 1.5 hr drive)
11.30 – 12.15	Visit the Solid Waste Disposal Facility, Weligama Urban Council (including composting and vegetable cultivation) [This initiative is supported by a number of donors including IUCN SL to help prevent solid waste dumping into the Weligama Bay and the fisheries harbour.]
12.15 – 12.30	Visit post-tsunami housing scheme, Weligama
13.15	Lunch at Unawatuna Beach Resort (Tsunami affected and restored)
15.00 – 15.30	Tour of Galle Fort (UNESCO Cultural Heritage Site), Galle
16.30	Return to Hotel Heritance, Ahungalla

This Field Visit is open to everyone at the Forum, but please sign up for it at the Secretariat Desk.

We suggest that you bring a hat and rainwear, sunscreen and good walking shoes; and of course your camera!

For those who do not wish to take the full day tour, it will be possible to return to Ahungalla after the visit to the Ramsar Site.

For more information please contact Dr Ranjith Mahindapala, IUCN Sri Lanka.