

Inaugural Session Programme

(11.00 to 12.30 hrs on 21 April, 2008)

Venue: Heritance Hotel, Ahungalla

Tea will be served at the foyer for all delegates and invitees as they arrive

Time	Item
11.00 – 11.15	Delegates and Invitees take their seats
11.15 – 11.20	Inauguration of the Forum – Lighting of the Traditional oil Lamp
11.20 – 11.30	Welcome Remarks: Mr W R M S Wickramasinghe , Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources & Chairman, MFF National Steering Committee, Sri Lanka
11.30 – 11.50	Remarks by MFF Co-Chairs: Ms Marcia Kran , Head of Policy and Programmes & Officer in Charge, UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok Ms Aban Marker Kabraji , Asia Regional Director, IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature
11.50 – 12.05	The MFF Forum – Purpose and expected Outcomes Dr Donald Macintosh , Coordinator, Mangroves for the Future Initiative, IUCN Asia Regional Office
12.05 -12.25	Remarks by: Mr M A R D Jayatillaka , Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources Mr G Piyasena , Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
12.25 -12.30	Vote of Thanks; Closure of the Inaugural Session Dr Ranjith Mahindapala , Country Representative, IUCN Sri Lanka
12.30	Lunch