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Promoting Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Sri Lanka through Facilitating Access to Information

Implementing partners

National Cleaner Production Centre, Sri Lanka

Project country(ies)

Sri Lanka

Project duration

March 2017 – March 2019

Context

SCP can play an important role to change current unsustainable practices in Sri Lanka's agriculture and food sector. Agriculture in Sri Lanka, utilizing 43% of the total land area of the country, is one of the key environmental concerns; having a tremendous impact on various issues, from climate change to soil deterioration. The lack of awareness on sustainable produce among consumers, the lack of standards, limited certification systems at affordable prices and the lack of third party verification have so far hindered the switch to environmentally sustainable and healthy practices in the agriculture sector.

Progress towards environmentally sustainable agri-food systems in Sri Lanka requires improving the methods for quantitative, integrated assessment, and promoting the use of these methods in different domains. But the shortage of data has restricted Sri Lanka in its analysis of a number of food-related challenges and to advance the currently available approaches and methods. The project aims to develop a methodological framework to improve sustainability in the agri-food sector of Sri Lanka through improving access to information.

Project objectives and activities

Objectives

- Strengthening sustainable consumption drive in the country
- Creating synergies between the 10YFP Consumer Information Programme and Green Public Procurement, Eco-innovation, and the Switch Asia SCP Policy Support Component in the country

Activities

- *Developing a Life Cycle Inventory database (rice processing, tea, dairy)*
- *Developing a green product certification scheme for a selected dairy product category and assisting two companies to apply it*
- *Assessing and increasing consumer awareness on sustainability issues, use of information and available green product certification*

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