



Resource Recovery & Recycling

Somerset ECO Material Collection Centre

Talawakelle Tea Estates PLC, in collaboration with the Coca-Cola Foundation, Janathakshan, and Neptune Recyclers, is establishing the Somerset ECO Material Collection & Processing Centre. The facility collects, segregates, and recycles PET bottles from estates and surrounding communities, powered by hydroelectricity for zero-emission operations. Due to this initiative, it provides a practical solution for plastic waste disposal in upcountry areas, while creating employment and skills opportunities especially for women and youth and demonstrating a scalable circular economy model in the plantation sector.



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Pioneering PES Model in Sri Lanka

Securing Ecosystems while Empowering Local Communities

Talawakelle Tea Estates PLC has partnered with the Pekoe Trail Company and UNDP (BIOFIN) to pioneer a Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) model at Wattagoda Estate. By restoring native flora and implementing nature-based solutions like erosion control, we are safeguarding critical biodiversity. This initiative benefits the local community through "green jobs" while enhancing the scenic experience for global tourists. Together, we are aligning tea plantation management with international biodiversity and climate goals.



Pioneering Organic Excellence in Tea Production

Securing Global Organic Certification for Traceable, Chemical-Free, and Sustainable Tea Manufacturing

Talawakelle Tea Estates secured international organic certification for the Great Western and Logie gardens. Collaborating with the Tea Research Institute, we implemented chemical-free cultivation and dedicated processing systems. This initiative enhances soil health and biodiversity while opening premium global markets. Our next step is the global launch of this certified range, reinforcing our leadership in regenerative agriculture and ensuring long-term sustainability and environmental integrity.

