



## OUR STRATEGY

### 1. Protect forests under threat

- Monitor high biodiversity areas at risk of deforestation
- Proactively engage with landowners and community to design optimum conservation solution
- Build alliance with likeminded initiatives to generate additional financial incentives for preventing deforestation

### 2. Plant and rewild degrading land

- Identify opportunities to regenerate degraded areas
- Work with partners to develop planting programmes for forest restoration
- Train local teams to enable project handover for community management

### 3. Advocate for the value of forests

- Deliver educational programmes about the environmental and wellbeing benefits of trees and forests
- Encourage a feeling of connectedness with and stewardship of forests in stakeholders from near and afar

## PROGRESS SO FAR

**3ha**  
restored  
of degraded high  
biodiversity value forest

**550**  
trees planted  
primarily species endemic  
to Sri Lanka

**70%**  
survival rate  
through effective sapling  
care by our team

**\$4k**  
donations  
to the Forest Healing  
Foundation in 2019

**30+**  
local families  
supported by community  
shop initiative



## OUR TEAM



**Henk Kieft**

*Co-founder and CEO*

Henk is a technical expert in sustainable agriculture and rural development with a special focus on soil and water conservation



**Nihal Ellegala**

*Co-founder and Head of Operations*

Nihal is an experienced tourism specialist with a passion for conservation and community development



**Nel Kapteyn**

*Polwaththa Planting*

Nel and her local team manage tree planting and care following their carefully developed methodology – they do the hard work!



**Remon Ellegala**

*Business Manager*

Son of Nihal and Nel, Remon heads up the eco-lodge business management and Foundation coordination

### **Board**

The Forest Healing Foundation is governed by a Board who's members also include key figures in the local community, such as the village officer Grama Niladhari and the local Buddhist priest. The team are also supported by an advisory group of professionals in the fields of agronomy, forestry and project management.

## OUR HISTORY

**2017**

**2ha of degraded forest** is purchased for restoration, called the Bululand Project, and planting begins

**2019**

**Forest Healing Foundation is established** as a registered non-profit organisation in Sri Lanka

**2020**

**Urgent need identified to protect adjacent forest** and fundraising/awareness raising campaign launched

**2010**

**Tree planting program** initiated at Polwaththa

**2018**

**Bululand planting** continues and species success and progress is carefully monitored

**2019**

**Community shop** and yoga retreats set up to help fund ongoing forest regeneration work in Bululand

## CONTACT

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