

# Rainforest Rangers

Our after school clubs for children aged 11-14 provide fun, practical opportunities for students to learn about the environment and what they can do to protect it. Children earn badges as they complete projects - their first one for participating in World Environment Day 2009 when the programme was launched.

The clubs are now running in two schools:

## **Sirinivasa College Pahalakibiya, Baddegama**

Supported by Both Ends, Netherlands, as part of a wider community programme.

## **Pananagala Mahabodhi School, Hiniduma**

Supported by Elon University in North Carolina, USA, as part of their Periclean Scholars programme. This project also incorporates a school link between the Pananagala Mahabodhi School and the Graham Middle School in North Carolina, where children from both schools work on environmental issues and, via a website, are able to share and discuss their different projects.

The Ranger's participate in a range of activities, tailored to each community. For example, children will be involved in:

### **Workshops exploring:**

- Different ecosystems
- Animal and plant identification
- Medicinal plants
- Animal welfare

### **Practical activities such as:**

- Mapping and planting design
- Water quality testing
- Composting
- Planting

### **Field visits to local areas of environmental importance**

### **Community programmes including:**

- Adopt-a-stream
- Clean-ups
- Frog conservation

Children also receive student packs with t-shirts, drawing and writing materials and, of course, their badges!



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If you would be interested in funding a Rainforest Ranger programme for a new school in Sri Lanka, as part of a school link or as an independent project, please contact [julia@rainforestrescueinternational.org](mailto:julia@rainforestrescueinternational.org).