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Sri Lanka promotes whale and dolphin watching

Pvt. sector workers earning less than Rs. 40,000 to get pay-hike/9170

by Shamindra Ferdinando The proposed Rs. 2,500 salary

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Sri Lankan rupee forwards eased slightly on importer demand/9163 **Image Credit: LBO**

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(LBO) - Sri Lanka with the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) has come forward to build a sustainable whale and dolphin watching tourism in the Indian Ocean region.

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Indian Ocean Rim Association has 20 members including Sri Lanka, Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Seychelles, Iran, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand and United Arab Emirates

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The association recently held a workshop in Colombo to promote regional cooperation between member states and to develop a regional best practice approach to sustainable whale and dolphin watching. (http://savana.lk)

S&P lowers Sri Lanka outlook to Negative,

Following Fitch, rating agency Standard & Poor's yesterday speaking at the event IPS Executive Director, Dr. Saman Kelegama stressed the importance of

member countries working together to ensure that

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(http://www.frontpage.lk/page/S-P-lowers-Sri-Lanka-outlook-

to-Negative-confirms-B-B growth in the tourism sector is socially, ecologically ratings-/9161) and economically sustainable in the long term to

the benefit of all member states.

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"Achieving sustainable outcomes cannot be taken for granted and are not automatic," Kelegama said. "Great care must be exercised in managing whale and dolphin watching tourism, if we are to achieve the desired sustainable outcomes; and that growing opportunities for income must be prudently combined with conservation of biodiversity."

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The workshop emphasized that sustainable whale and dolphin watching tourism can provide valuable direct and indirect positive impact for economic empowerment of women and youth with significant spin-over effects into the tourism sector value chain.

Participants recognized that the behavioral ecology of whales and dolphins, as long-lived, slow and late

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reproducers and socially complex species, render them particularly vulnerable to human disturbance and can result in them experiencing detrimental effects from tourism operations, if not carefully managed.

Cetaceans face threats such as ship strikes, competition with fisheries, by catch, chemical and noise pollution, marine debris and climate change.

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Participants recommended measures to further share expertise and experiences, particularly capacity building, establishment of a Whale and Dolphin Watching Tourism Network and strengthened scientific and academic collaboration.

Speaking at the event Australian High

Commissioner in Sri Lanka, Bryce Hutcheson

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Sri Lankan shares rose more than 1 percent on Thursday,

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expressed the importance of blue economy as a programme for policy priority and key to sustainable growth in the IORA region.

Blue Economy is refers to marine-based economic development that leads to improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing

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Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife, Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, joining the technical sessions reiterated Sri Lanka's commitment to the conservation of marine species and resources.

The workshop was supported by the Australian Department of Environment and Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Sri Lankan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in partnership with the Institute of Policy

Studies of Sri Lanka, IORA Secretariat, International

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Whaling Commission and Murdoch University's Cetacean Research Unit.

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