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**SRI LANKA:
REGULATIONS AND LEGAL ENACTMENTS ON SOIL PROTECTION**

1. Land Ownership Act of 1840 (by British Rulers)
2. Crown Land Encroachment Ordinance of 1840 (by British Rulers)
3. Irrigation Ordinance of 1856 (by British Rulers)
4. Forest Ordinance of 1907 (by British Rulers)
5. Land Development Ordinance of 1935 (by British Rulers)
6. Soil Conservation Acts No. 25 and 29 of 1951 (General Regulations) and 1953 (Special Regulations) respectively (most detailed one)
7. Agrarian Services Act of 1959
8. Water Resources Act of 1964
9. State Land Ordinance
10. National Water Supply and Drainage Board Act of 1974
11. Land Grant Act of 1979
12. Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act No. 23 of 1979
13. National Environment Act of 1980 amended in 1988
14. Irrigation Ordinance of 1990
15. Soil Conservation (amended) Act No 24 of 1996

Important Agencies involved in State Land Management (all kinds of lands; not only for soil conservation)

1. Land Commissioner's Department
2. Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
3. Land Reform Commission
4. Forest Department
5. Wildlife Department
6. Archeological Department
7. Department of Irrigation
8. Agrarian Services Department
9. Department of Agriculture
10. Central Environment Authority
11. Road Development Authority
12. Natural Resources and Management Center
13. Three Armed Forces
14. Police Department
15. Urban Development Authority
16. Sri Lanka Low-lying Reclamation and Development Authority
17. Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka
18. National Housing Development Authority
19. Sri Lanka Ports Authority
20. Board of Investments
21. Ceylon Government Railway