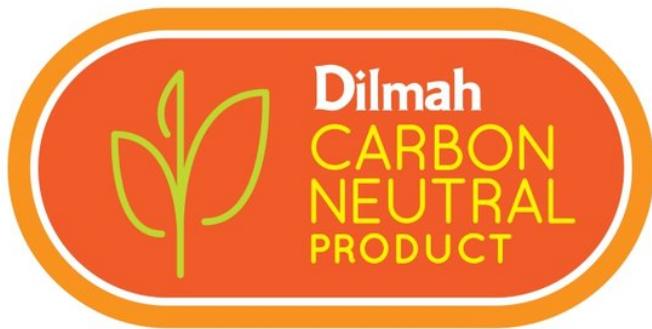


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With a capacity to generate a total of 1.5 million units of electricity each year, the two hydropower stations will contribute towards the company's carbon neutral journey -- making it yet another innovative venture in Dilmah's commitment to the environment and sustainability.

Dilmah which is driven by a philosophy of making business a matter of human service initiated a unique reforestation project was started early last year to create a nature corridor. Founder, Merrill J. Fernando, uprooted the tea plants at the hundred-year-old Endana tea garden to connect 24 ha of fragmented forests across the tea estate, dedicating Dilmah's tea lands to the preservation of endangered biological wealth found in the neighbouring landscapes.

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Dilmah is also applying biochar at its tea fields, to rejuvenate the agricultural lands and also to help in carbon sequestration.