

# FAST FACTS

Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded  
Mahaweli Water Security Investment Program

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Location: Dambulla, Elahera, Minipe, Sri Lanka

Project Status: Active

Project Type/Modality of Assistance Grant: Loan

Source of Funding: Ordinary capital resources and concessional  
Ordinary Capital Resources Lending: Asian Development Fund

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## PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE MAHAWELI WATER SECURITY INVESTMENT



Construction of 1.7 km access road inside Beligama forest which is part of the Knuckles conservation forest



Involuntary resettlement and loss of livelihood



Upper Elahera canal traverses through four protected areas



Air quality can deteriorate during the construction periods due to exhaust fumes, dust due to exposed surfaces of transported materials, from stockpiles of materials, rock blasting and crushing



Loss of soil stability and soil erosion takes place due to the removal of vegetation cover, and numerous construction activities