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 of 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