FAST FACTS
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) FUNDED
MAHAWELI WATER SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

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
Name of Contractor: M/S Sinohydro Corporation Limited

Safeguard Categories:
Environment: A | Involuntary Resettlement: B | Indigenous Peoples: C

PROBLEMS CAUSED BY MAHAWELI WATER SECURITY INVESTMENT

- Construction of 1.7 km access road inside Beligama forest which is part of the Knuckles conservation forest, one of three sections of the Central Highlands World Heritage Site
- Construction of another 1 km road which cleared sensitive forest stretch
- 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, creation of access roads etc
- Loss of soil stability and soil erosion due to the removal of vegetation cover, and numerous construction activities