



# Urban Water Quality Management Case Study from Sri Lanka

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### Sri Lanka – Pearl of the Indian Ocean



- Tropical climate
- Temperature
  - 15 °C (Nuwaraeliya)
  - 28<sup>0</sup>- 30<sup>0</sup> C (Average)
- Precipitation
  - 1200 mm/yr (Dry zone)
  - >2500mm/yr (Wet zone)
- Water resources
  - 220 river basin
  - No natural lakes
  - >10,000 Ancient reservoirs
- Mountains
  - Center of the country
  - Peak is 2, 524 m above MSL





### History - Heritage



Rice & Curry

#### Sigiriya – Heritage site





#### Kandy Perahera





### University of Peradeniya (Garden University)





- Top 500 (THE ranking)
- Top 10 World most beautiful universities
- Multi-disciplinary faculty



### Wastewater Management in Sri Lanka

- According to the UN Joint Monitoring Program, less than three percent of the rural and about 12 percent of Sri Lanka's urban population is discharging its wastewater from toilets ('black water') into sewers.
- In the capital city of Colombo, where <u>90 percent of the</u> <u>below-ground infrastructure is 100 years old</u>, more than 100,000 cubic meters of untreated sewage are discharged into the ocean through two pipes that extend about <u>1.5 kilometers into the sea</u>.
- Wastewater doesn't end up in sewage treatment plants (STP).
- However, high costs and the lack of suitable land have stalled the expansion of sewer networks and treatment systems remains limited in the country.





### Water Quality Issues



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#### President visits and inspects the Kandy City and the Lake

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President Mahinda Rajapaksa visited Kandy yesterday and inspected Kan city. During this visit the President enlightened the Mahanayakes' of th Asgiriya Chapters on the Kandy city development plan.

The President told the Mahanayakes' that he has instructed Minister Nimal to clean and renovate the Kandy Lake and a team led by the Minister will in-

on Thursday. He said that when he visited the areas around the lake he found that waste materials have been thro thereby polluting it. The Mahanayakes focused the attention of the President on the vehicle congestion prevailing in the

#### News

#### Hundreds of fish die in Kandy Lake

Over population, low oxygen levels and multiplication of parasites

By Shane Seneviratne and Nadia Fazlulhaq, Pix by Shane Seneviratn

A senior lecturer of the University of Peradeniya said recent reports of ( was due to the over population of fish, low oxygen levels and multiplica water introduced into the lake.

Dr. A. Arulkanthan, Senior lecturer and Co-ordinator to the Centre for A Diagnosis and Research Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sc Peradeniya said the deaths in hundreds are reported daily and there w mortality.



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### Water Quality Issues



#### No space for Wastewater Treatment



Water Pollution (Community)



Limited WWTP



Agro chemical use

#### No safe water ~15% total population



### **Rapid growth of Kandy City & Increased Pollution**



#### Infrastructure challenges:

- Mixed development
- Space constraints
- Densely-populated
- Unregulated settlements



Mid-Canal then and now: "... as a child, I used to play in the mid-canal" -Mr MG Gunarathna, Mid-canal resident, 81





"In 2001, there was a drought and algal bloom, the smell was so bad." - Dr CS Kalpage, Senior Lecturer, U of Peradeniya

#### Is there space for wastewater treatment facility?





Overpopulation of tilapia in Kandy Lake & social practice of feeding the fish, and case of mass fish death in 2009















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### Underground stormwater and sewer network

Bottom View





Megapolis and Western Development Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka recently visited the Kandy underground storm water tunnel which being rehabilitated inder the Strategic Town Planning Project The project, which was inched by the minister. expected to be comted by 2020. The cost the project is estimated he Rs 1 016 billion retround storm ter tunnel had been

built during the time of

Sinhala kings as a flood



Minister Ranawaka inspecting the storm water tunnel.

Fig 04 Underground Drainage Network in Grid City Area of Kandy

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### Community Engagement – Kandy Lake

#### Kandy Lake:

- UNESCO Heritage site
- Landmark at Kandy City centre
- Tourist attraction
- Next to Sri Dalada Maligawa- Buddhist pilgrimage destination & national treasure







### Research Engineering Deployment (RED)



<b>Problem Identification</b>	Deployment
First SCIENCE – why is this happening?	And then DEPLOYMENT – where & how (¥) can this be used?
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R & D Strategy	Sustainability
Next ENGINEERING – how to make this happen and to scale?	OWNERSHIP/BUSINESS MODEL – who will take care after implement?

### **Preliminary Studies**





depth averaged velocity, magnitude (m/s) 25-Dec-2010 00:00:00







# Understanding of the Problem



Distance from Origin (km)



### **Treatment Options and Implementation**





#### Full scale Floating Wetlands



#### Fabrication and Installation



#### Treatment Plant at Temple



Treated Water

Jinadasa et al.(2018) - Wetlands

### **Treatment Options and Implementation**









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Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) system:

- Compact; .
- Large load bandwidth.

SBR system has not been previously applied in Kandy.

Capacity: 200 - 1,200 users.

Severe construction constraints

#### Community-Driven Clean-up and Conservation of Kandy Lake





Floating Wetlands at Kandy Lake



Sewage Treatment at Sri Dalada Maligawa



Awareness - Formal discussion Officials

### Impact Across the Development

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STP at Dalada Maligawa is used as a model for new treatment facilities in Kandy (e.g. Grand Kandyan hotel and Devon Hotel).

Close to 200 millon USD have been invested by JICA and the Government of Sri Lanka for sanitation infrastructure.



This Project is Funded by Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) .





Rehabilitation of Mid-Canal, pictures taken in January and May 2017

#### **Government & capacity building:**

- Kandy Municipality won "best municipality award" in 2016;
- Kandy City secured funding from JICA and World Bank for Kandy Lake and Mid-canal rehabilitation, sewerage network, and centralized wastewater treatment facility.





### Household connections – sewerage system









### **Construction Difficulties**













#### Poor construction of sewernetwork

Hospital sewer outflow

**Energy consumption** 

# Hospital overflow – raining condition – cross contamination





### **Overflow – pumping station**







### Manhole overflow – during the rain





Stormwater infiltration into sewer network



### Map of Centre Area of Kandy City



Water quality issues in hospital wastewaters and adjacent surface waters in Sri Lanka



#### Showing storm water flow direction



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### Lessons learnt – recommendations



#### **Appropriate technology**

Financial		
Climatic	Technical	Socio- economical
Cultura	al Inst	itutional

- Master Plan Development
- Coordination among agencies
- Financial feasibility of sanitation projects







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