

**THE STUDY  
FOR THE POTENTIAL REALIZATION OF IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE  
IN THE DRY AND INTERMEDIATE ZONES OF SRI LANKA**

**MAIN REPORT**

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## **Abbreviations**

ADA	Agricultural Development Authority
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADPA	Agricultural Development and Productivity Assistant
AEARP	Agricultural Extension and Adaptive Research Project
AGA	Assistant Government Agents
AI	Agricultural Instructors
AO	Agricultural officer
AP	Environmental Action Plan
ARI	Artificial Insemination
ARS	Agricultural Research Station
ASC	Agrarian Service Centre
BC	Branch Canal
CA	Catchment area
CARP	Council of Agricultural Research Policy
CCB	Coconut Cultivation Board
CCC	Community Co-ordination Committee
CDO	Community Development Officer
CEA	Central Environmental Authority
CEB	Ceylon Electricity Board
CFC	Ceylon Fertiliser Corporation
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
CP	Central Province
CRI	Coconut Research Institute
CTMU	Coconut Triangle Milk Union
CWE	Co-operative Wholesale Establishment
DA	Department of Agriculture
DA&DDP	Draught Animal and Dairy Development Project
DAPH	Department of Animal Production and Health
DAS	Department of Agrarian Services
DC	Distributary canal
DD Office	Deputy Director's Range Offices
DEA	Department of Export Agriculture
DM	Department of Meteorology
DOA	Department of Agriculture
DS	Divisional Secretary / Divisional Secretariat
DWC	Department of Wildlife Conservation
EA	Environmental Assessment
EC	Electricity Conductivity
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIED	Employment Investment & Enterprise Development

EIRR	Economic Internal Rate of Return
ETU	Extension Development Unit
FA	Field Assistance
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of United Nations
FC	Field canal
FCRD	Field Crops Re-search and Development Division
FMTCT	Farm Mechanisation Training
FO	Farmers' Organisation
FSWL	Full Supply Water Level
GA	Government Agent
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GOSL	Government of Sri Lanka
ha	hectare
HD	Health Department
HIB	Human Inhabited Zone
HORD	Horticultural Crop Research and Development Division
HORDI	Horticultural Crop Research and Development Institute
HRDU	Human Resource Development Unit
HUZ	Human Inhabited or sparsely Inhabited Zone
ID	Irrigation Department
IDU	Institutional Development Unit
IE	Irrigation Engineer
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IIMI	International Irrigation Management Institute
ILDC	Indian Livestock Development Co-operation
IMD	Irrigation Management Division
INMAS	Integrated Management of Major Irrigation Schemes
IPEU	Inter Provincial Extension Unit
IRDP	Integrated Rural Development Programme
IRDP	Integrated Rural Development Project
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KARTI	Kobbekaduwa Agricultural Research and Training Institute
km	Kilometre
KVS	Village-level Extension Agents
LB	Left bank
LDI	Livestock Development Division
LDIs	Livestock Development Instructors
LDI	Land Development Ordinance
LHG	Low Humic Gley (soils)

LO	Labour officer
MANIS	Management of Irrigation Systems
MASL	Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
MC	Main Canal
MCM	Million cubic meters
MIP	Ministry of Irrigation and Power
ML	Maintenance Labour
MOAL	Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
MPAHA	Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs
MPCS	Multi Purpose Co-operatives
MPPI	Ministry of Planning and Policy Implementation
NAITA	National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority
NAQDA	National Aquaculture Development Authority
NCP	North Central Province
NLDB	National Livestock Development Board
NPC	National Paper Corporation
NWP	North Western Province
NWSDB	National Water Supply and Drainage Board
NYSC	National Youth Service Council
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
OFC	Other Field Crops, meaning all field crops other than paddy rice
PBME	Project Benefits Monitoring and Evaluation
PCs	Provincial Councils
PDAPH	Provincial Department of Animal Production & Health
PDOA	Provincial Department of Agriculture
PHI	Public Health Instructor
PMB	Paddy Marketing Board
PMC	Project Management Committee
PMO	Project Monitoring Officer
PRDD	Provincial Rural Development Department
RARDC	Regional Agricultural Research and Development Centres
RARS	Regional Agricultural Research Station
RB	Right Bank
RBE	Reddish Brown Earth
REAP	Rural Economic Advancement Programme
RPM	Resident Project Manager
RRD	Rice Research and Development Division
RRI	Rubber Research Institute
RRS	Rice Research Stations
Rs.	Sri Lanka Rupee
RTWG	Regional Technical Working Group

RVDB	River Valleys Development Board
S/W	Scope of Works
SADA	Sri Lanka Aquaculture Development Authority
SAEP	Second Agricultural Extension Project
SER	Supplemental Environmental Report
SRI	Sugarcane Research Institute
T&V	Training and Visit
TA	Technical Assistant
TRI	Tea Research Institute
US \$	United States Dollar
VSC	Veterinary Service Centre
WHO	World Health Organisation
WS	Work Supervisor
Ande	Share cropping arrangements in which smallholders without animals herd and manage a flock on behalf of a larger farmer and in return retain half the offspring.
Anicut	A diversion weir to abstract water from a natural channel
Attam	Labour exchange between farmers
Asswedumized	Bunded and puddled (of land for paddy cultivation)
Chena	Slashing, burning, and shifting cultivation
Ganga	River
Grama Niladhari (GN)	Village-level government officials
Maha	North-east monsoon season (appox. Oct -Mar.)
Oya, Ara	River
Pola	Weekly fair
Pradeshiya Sabha	Local elected council (at divisional level)
Purana	Old or ancient
Shramadana	Self help / shared labour
Tank	A reservoir storing water for irrigation
Wewa	Water tank
Yala	South-west monsoon season (approx. Apr. - Sept.)
Yaya	Paddy field

## **Measurement Units**

### **Extent**

cm<sup>2</sup> = Square-centimetres (1.0 cm x 1.0 cm)  
m<sup>2</sup> = Square-meters (1.0 m x 1.0 m)  
Km<sup>2</sup>= Square-kilometres (1.0 Km x 1.0 Km)  
a. = Acre or Acres (100 m<sup>2</sup> or 0.1 ha.)  
ha. = Hectares (10,000 m<sup>2</sup>)  
ac = Acres (4,046.8 m<sup>2</sup> or 0.40468 ha.)

### **Volume**

cm<sup>3</sup> = Cubic-centimetres  
(1.0 cm x 1.0 cm x 1.0 cm or  
1.0 m-lit.)  
m<sup>3</sup> = Cubic-meters (1.0 m x 1.0 m x  
1.0 m or 1.0 K-lit.)  
lit. = Litre (1,000 cm<sup>3</sup>)

### **Length**

mm = Millimetres  
cm = Centimetres (cm = 10 mm)  
m = Meters (m= 100 cm)  
Km = Kilometres (Km = 1,000 m)  
Inch = 2.54 cm  
ft = foot (0.3048 m)  
mile = 1,609.34 m

### **Weight**

gr. = Grams  
Kg = Kilograms (1,000 gr.)  
ton = Metric tonne (1,000 Kg)  
MCM = 1,000,000 cu-m = 810.68 acre-ft  
ac-ft = 1,233.83 m<sup>3</sup>

### **Currency**

US\$= United State Dollars  
US\$ 1.00 = Rs. 71.0  
(Rate in January 2000)  
J¥ = Japanese Yen  
Rs. = Sri Lankan Rupees

### **Time and Others**

sec. = Seconds  
min. = Minutes (60 sec.)  
hr. = Hours (60 min.)  
cusec. = 28.32 lit/sec  
cu-m/s = 35.31 cu-ft/sec

## **Fiscal Year of Sri Lanka**

From 1/January to 31/December