

Project Brief

COLIBRI: Community Livelihood and Biodiversity Recovery

This two-year project seeks to **protect, preserve and restore biodiversity clusters in Sri Lanka**, namely the Knuckles Conservation Forest (KCF), the Bar Reef Marine Sanctuary (BRMS) and the Kayankerni Marine Sanctuary (KMS). The project will safeguard these fragile forest and coral reef ecosystems by **strengthening civil society's capacity** to promote the sustainable use of natural resources and improve livelihoods. The project will also **conduct new research, consolidate scientific resources online** for the wider public and leverage findings for **policy advocacy** and post-project **forward planning**.

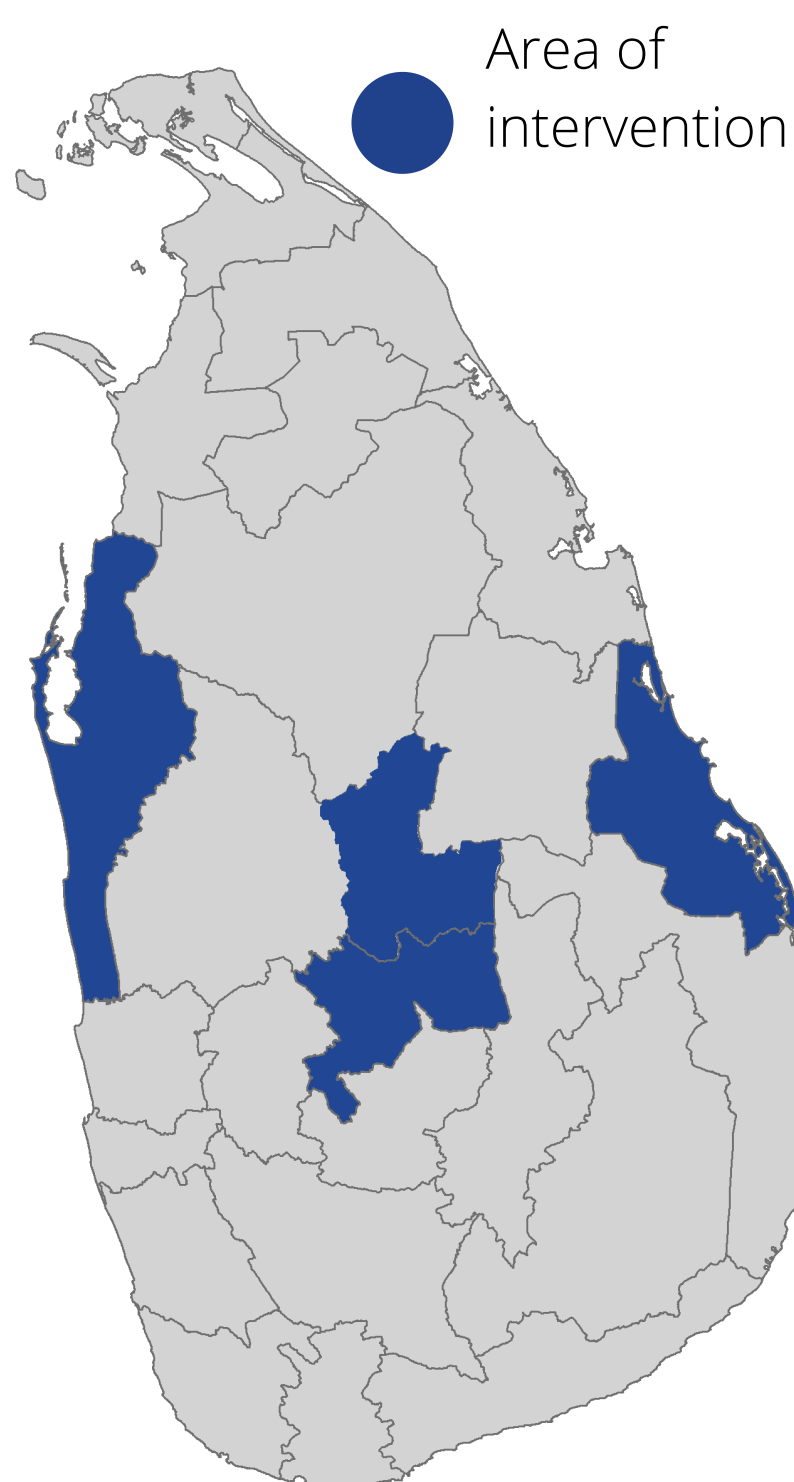
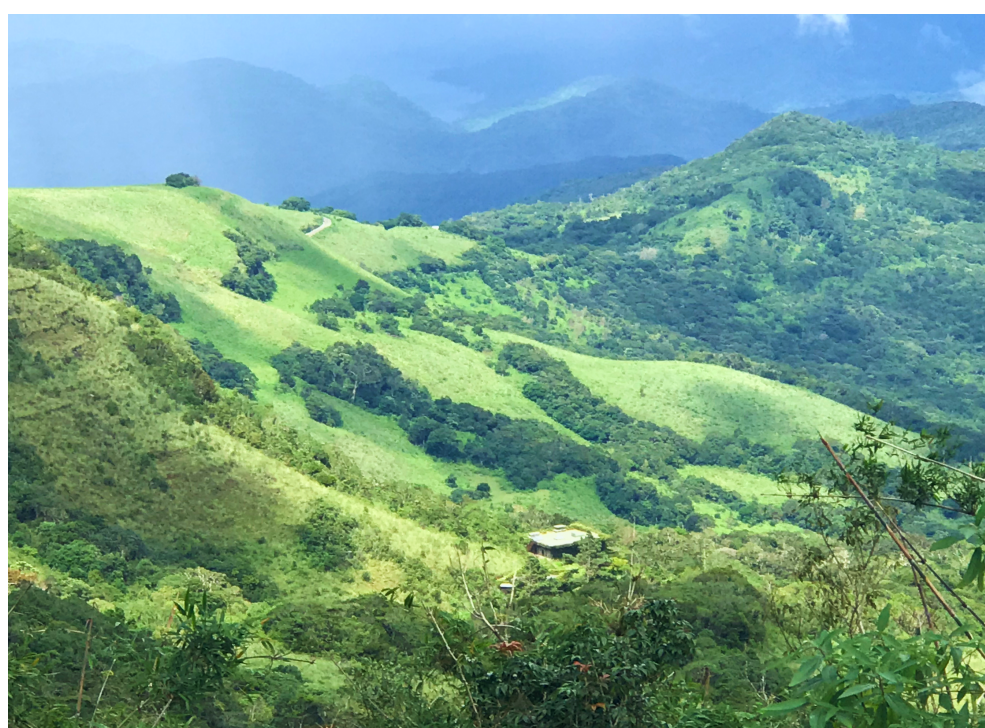
ACTED and the Green Movement of Sri Lanka will help protect KCF's ecology via **community-led monitoring and response** that minimise illegal and harmful activities, such as logging and mining. **Sustainable agricultural practices** for farmers, dependent on the KCF's natural resources for their livelihoods, will also be promoted through improved public-private-civil collaboration.

ACTED, the Blue Resources Trust and the Environmental Foundation Ltd. will work closely with coastal communities to ensure **data-driven community management** of resources in BRMS and KMS. The project will promote the sustainable growth of fisheries and tourism by developing **monitoring mechanisms** and **livelihood activities** that conserve marine ecosystems.



Objective

To contribute to the recovery of community livelihoods and biodiversity through civil society's effective engagement in and management of the protection and preservation of natural resources in Sri Lanka.



Planned Results

- Support the socio-economic well-being of approximately **3,675 households** dependent on KCF, BRMS and KMS for their livelihoods.
- Contribute to the protection and sustainable management of **50,240 hectares** of forest containing **1,357 species** of flora and fauna.
- Contribute to the protection and sustainable management of **406km²** of marine ecosystems and at least **355 species** of flora and fauna.
- Develop **three joint policy submissions** to improve intra-agency cooperation in line with national goals and international commitments.