

Plan Vivo producer profile

PL Karunadasa | Hiniduma Biolink Project,
Kanneliya, Sri Lanka



Year Joined: 2010

Area planted: 2 acres

Land type: sloping, adjacent forest

Activity type: Mixed Species

Trees planted: 173

Carbon benefit: 199 tCO₂

Earnings: \$59

PL Karunadasa is married with five children. He manages an area of 2 Acres of Jayabhoomi land, managing to achieve a survival rate of 93% of all trees planted. The main vegetation currently is tea and other cash crops such as pepper, coconuts, and areca nut. He also receives a steady income from forest based small industries such as producing paper, Honey and Jaggery and hires 5 to 15 to help maintain this farm.

Unutilized lands under his care are used to plant forest trees given to him by the project. Additionally, Karunadasa has recently shown interest in converting an abundant tea land into a small conserved forest, and constantly monitors status of the planted areas which have achieved significant growth.

Intense deforestation to make way for cash crops caused Karunadasas community to lose their natural rainforest cover. This depletion of the rainforest cover of the area caused a change in the biodiversity of the region. Through the Hiniduma Biolink project, these degraded rainforest lands are now being regenerated by the community.

Rather than additional income, Karunadasa's main satisfaction from participating in the Hiniduma Biolink project is the rehabilitation of the natural ecosystem which his activities have previously contributed towards destroying.

