

Plan Vivo producer profile

**PL Wijedasa | Hiniduma Biolink Project,
Kanneliya, Sri Lanka**



Year Joined:	2010
Area planted:	4 acres
Land type:	sloping, stream adjacent
Activity type:	Mixed Species
Trees planted:	810
Carbon benefit:	235 tCO ₂
Monthly earnings:	\$14.28

Panangala Liyanage Wijedasa lives with his wife and three sons. With their help he manages 4 Acres of owned and Swarnabhoomi land surrounded by the rivers Ginganga and Polgahakanda. As a traditional landowner, he grows tea and coconuts as his main cash crops and is using his unutilized lands to plant forest trees given to him by the project.

Wijedasa's community suffered from intense deforestation because locals were clearing natural rainforest to grow cash crops. Through the Hiniduma Biolink project, these degraded rainforest lands are now being regenerated.

Wijedasa's land is at one end of the Biolink, adjacent to the highly biodiverse Polgaskanda forest patch. Participation in the project has enabled him to plant over 800 trees from more than 40 native species, increasing the rainforest cover of Sri Lanka and generating additional income on previously unused land.

As a retired school principal, Wijedasa is passionate about conserving and enhancing ecosystems and seeks to improve the quality of the natural resources and preserve the natural environment for future generations.

