To:
The Executive Secretary, The Inspection Panel, The World Bank, MSN: MC 10-1007
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Section 1: Complaint

1. What harm do you believe the World Bank-financed project caused or is likely to cause to you or your community? Please describe in as much detail as possible.

This Road construction work goes on inside the Sinharaja world heritage site in Kudawa area. The project is funded by (ESCAMP) World Bank and has ineffectively been planned by the local policy makers both in government and in NGOs. This illegal road construction was started on 20.12.2018. A group of environmentalists informed to Sri Lanka Forest department. But they never take an action because Forest Department is the owner of this project and illegal constructions.

Sinharaja Forest Reserve is the unique remaining virgin tropical rainforest in Sri Lanka. It is of international significance and has been designated as a Biosphere Reserve and World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The hilly virgin rainforest, part of the Sri Lanka lowland rain forests Eco region, was saved from the worst commercial logging by its inaccessibility, and was designated as a World Biosphere Reserve in 1978 and a World Heritage Site in 1989.

According to IUCN’s Conservation Outlook Assessment (2017) the conservation status of Sinharaja Forest Reserve is of ‘significant concern’. The IUCN report notes that ‘The value of Sinharaja as a natural world heritage site continues to be recognized by the discovery of several endemic species of plants and animals since the declaration of this forest as a world heritage in 1988. Some of the recent discoveries include several species of herpetofauna that are restricted to the eastern region of Sinharaja”. While they develop the road they did not concern any environment ethics. Forest department was cut down many trees and herbs in the area and those are micro and macro habitats of the several species. As a example, They concreted some water streams close to road .Those streams were places for endemic fish species.

Before started this project, we sent our request to conducted environment impact assessment. But, Department of forest refused to do it and said it is unnecessary work . Anyhow, the road which they built is a big road and some places are 20 feet wide.
2. What is the name of the World Bank project? (If known)
   ESCAMP project

3. Where is the World Bank project located? (Please include country name)
   This Place is Sinharaja Rain forest in Kudawa, Sri Lanka.

4. Do you live in the project area?
   It is not my village but I always has connection there because of my relatives.

5. Have you previously reported your concerns to World Bank management? If yes, please provide the details about those communications and explain why you are not satisfied with the Bank’s action in response.
   Yes we inform previously but first time we did not get any replay from [BLANK] World Bank Office, Then

6. If known, please list the World Bank’s operational procedures you believe have not been followed.
   Did not followed

7. Do you expect any form of retaliation or threats for filing this complaint to the Inspection Panel? Yes, we hope to protect our forest and community from this kind of project and it is destructions. Our community authorized [BLANK] to hand over the complaint.

Section 2: Contact Information

8. Are you complainants or a representative of complainants?
   Complainants: [□] Representing a complainant or community: [☑]
9. Would you like your name and contact details to be kept confidential? *(The Inspection Panel will not disclose your identities to anyone without your prior consent.)* Yes ☒ No ☐

10. Complainants' Names (Minimum two names and signatures are required):

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11. We, the undersigned, request the Inspection Panel to investigate the issues described above.

Signatures *(More signatures can be sent as an attachment document)*:

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NOTES:
- Please attach supporting documents, if available.
- If you have any difficulty in completing the form, please contact the Inspection Panel at ipanel@worldbank.org or by phone: +1-202-458-5200.