

Water Utility	NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD																																																																																																																																												
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	The National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB), a government corporation formed in 1975, manages Sri Lanka's water supply, drainage, and sewerage where local authorities are unable to do so. The City of Colombo, which is governed by the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC), is part of the Greater Colombo Water Supply Area.																																																																																																																																												
General Data About Water Utility	Connections	:	86,586																																																																																																																																										
	Staff	:	656																																																																																																																																										
	Annual O&M Costs	:	US\$ 5,224,000																																																																																																																																										
	Annual Revenue	:	US\$10,102,000																																																																																																																																										
	Annual Capital Expenditure	:	US\$ 729,940																																																																																																																																										
	Source of Investment Funds	:	no data																																																																																																																																										
Water Resources Management	The Greater Colombo Area is primarily supplied from the Labugama and Kalatuwawa impounding reservoirs and the Ambatale head works on the Kelani River. The use of groundwater is very limited. Although the river flow at Ambatale is sufficient for the present requirement of 500,000 m ³ /day, low tide during low flow periods may cause the river water level to fall below the intake level and high tide may bring in saline water. The high proportion of nonrevenue water in the Greater Colombo Area (47%), especially in Colombo City, raises the prospect of severe water shortages after 2003.																																																																																																																																												
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Policy and Regulation	The Ministry of Housing and Plantation Infrastructure has developed a policy framework for the water and sanitation sector. The goals of the Government include access to sufficient and safe drinking water to 85% of the population of Sri Lanka by 2010, and 100% by 2025; and adequate sanitation for 70% of the population by 2010, and 100% by 2025. NWSDB is the major service provider as well as the regulator for water supply and sanitation in the country.																																																																																																																																												
Wastewater and Sanitation	The sewerage system of Colombo was constructed in 1906. It serves about 33,000 sewer connections in the CMC area covering 33% of the population. While the system covers most of the city, many residents remain unconnected because of the high connection fee and the anticipated monthly sewerage bills. One third of the population—living in heavily developed, unsewered areas—use septic tanks, which overflow because desludging is rarely done. US\$1.78 million was spent on capital expenditure for sewerage by the city during 1997–2001.																																																																																																																																												