

## The Source

### The location of the source water and its historical significance

A tropical island off the southern tip of India, most famously known as the pearl of the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka is known for its scenic beauty, favorable climate, cultural values



and historical significance. The City of Kandy, once the capital of the Sinhalese Kandyan Kingdom, is now a mountain resort and a market center for an area famous for its tea, rubber, rice and cocoa. A ring of mountain ranges surrounds the City of Kandy, with the Hanthane range taking center stage. The Hanthane range has a virgin forest cover, which is destined to remain untouched due its protected status as a sanctuary.

The Hanthane range enjoys one more defining characteristic, namely, being a source of the most pristine and pure water valued by Kandy's ancient rulers for its natural mineral content as it was thought to have healing powers.

As proven through in-depth hydrogeological analysis, the forest cover of Hanthane ensures a steady and consistent rainfall (over 2500 mm) annually. The bedrock - geologically, the area is underlain by charnockitic gneisses & biotitic gneisses - with its deep fractures, facilitates easy infiltration of rain water, providing a perennial source of naturally filtered,



minerally rich water, which flows out from a spring further down the slopes of Hanthane. This is the natural spring used as the source for Silver Springs.