



## **Community-based issues on unauthorized residents in the Coastal conservation area; Case study on Munnakkaraya costal area**

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### **Abstract**

Urbanization has become a major trend in developing countries. People migrate to metropolitan areas as a result of that population density is increasing gradually. Especially in the coastal line. The coastal conservation area is important to protect all human and natural ecology. Sri Lanka declares the coastal conservation area under the act of 1981 no.57 and more than 1500km. The contemporary issue of the coastal conservation area in Sri Lanka is Unauthorized Residents. The replacing programme of this community was not a success due to the reasons for issues of their residence. The problem of this research to identify the issues of unauthorized people in the Negombo lagoon. Munnakkaraya- North GND of the Negombo Divisional Secretariat. A set of questionnaires and observations were used to collect primary data and secondary data sources such as Negombo District Secretariat Office, Gampaha Land Use and Planning Department and Department of Coast Conservation and Management. Quantitative and qualitative data were used and a descriptive analysis method has been used to analyze data and information. It is mainly used MS Excel software to analyze calculations and Arc. GIS 10.7 software used for spatial analysis. The results can be identifying poverty, land issues, drugs, lack of infrastructure facilities, unemployment and sanitation issues as the high impact factors for this community.

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