

DATA PRESENTATION

The country and territory inventories which form the major part of this book have been prepared in a standardised format, consisting of the sections that are explained and illustrated below, with maps to show the location and relative size of the IBAs. One or more photographs are used to illustrate the chapters, selected to show sites that are typical of the country or territory, or of particular interest or importance to conservation.

HEADER

Each country and territory account has a header which gives statistics on: land area; human population (with density per km²); number of IBAs; total area of IBAs; and the numbers of IBAs officially protected, partially protected and unprotected.

KEY HABITATS AND BIRDS

This section highlights those species and groups of species for which the country or territory is particularly important and which trigger IBA-selection criteria (see Methodology). Details are given on globally threatened bird species (see Appendix 1), Endemic Bird Areas (EBAs) and Secondary Areas (SAs) (see Appendix 2), and the distribution of biomes (see Appendix 3) within the country or territory.

CONSERVATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM

An outline of the most important nature-conservation legislation in the country or territory, particularly laws or programmes relevant to site protection and management, together with the names of the ministries responsible for their implementation. Information is given on the protected areas system within the country or territory, including how much of the land area is officially protected.

OVERVIEW OF THE INVENTORY

An outline of the IBA network in the country or territory, that gives information of the total area covered by the IBAs (also given as a percentage of national land area) and the numbers of IBAs that qualify under the various criteria. Details are given on the coverage afforded by the IBAs to globally threatened species, restricted-range species in EBAs and SAs, biome-restricted assemblages and congregatory species.

CONSERVATION ISSUES

This section includes a summary of the main threats to IBAs in the country or territory, with details of any major conservation issues that are relevant to particular sites. In some cases conservation measures are proposed here to address specific threats, but general measures relevant to site protection and management throughout the Asia region are covered in the Conservation Strategy section. The coverage afforded to the IBA network by the protected areas system in the country or territory is evaluated, with proposals for new protected areas to address any significant gaps.

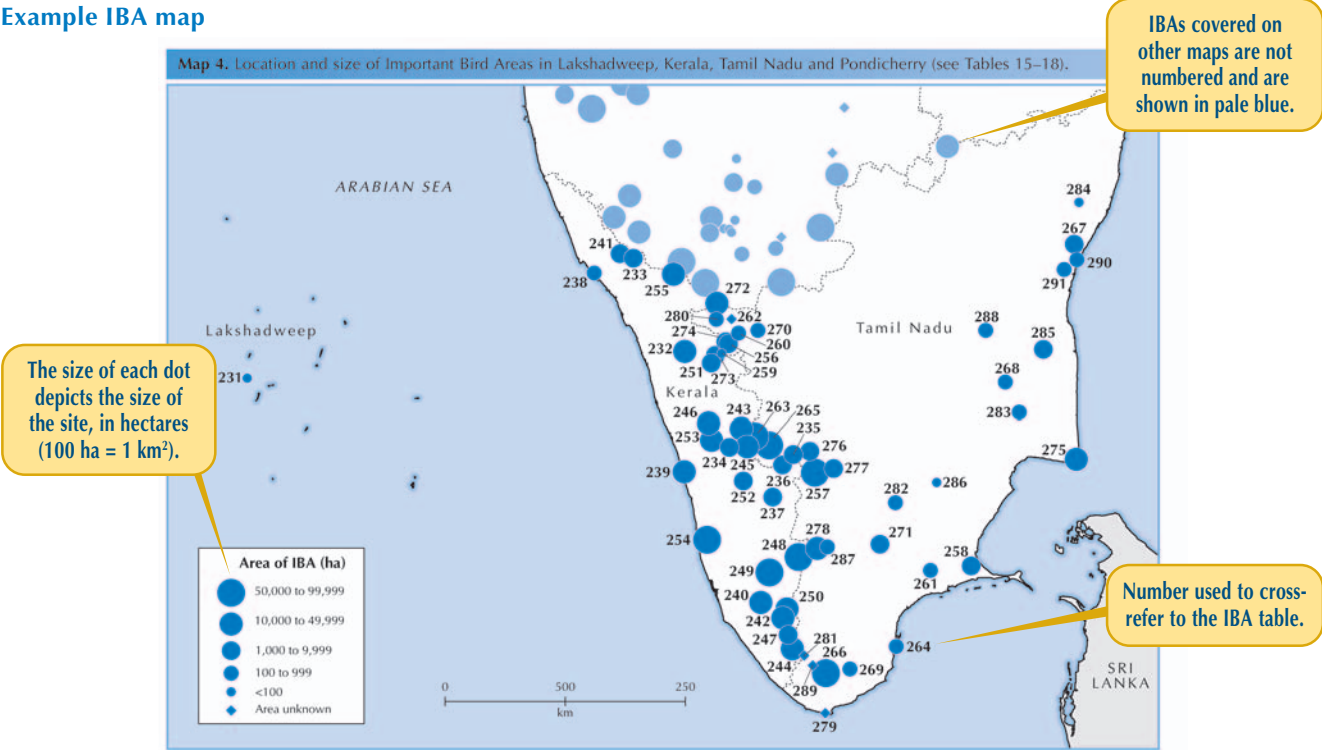
SOURCES OF IBA DATA

The sources of the information presented in the country or territory chapter are given, including the principal national compilers and data contributors and any IBA publications.

REFERENCES

Citations are listed of any publications used in the compilation of the introductory sections outlined above.

Example IBA map



Example IBA table

Summary data on every IBA is given in a table, or, in the case of larger countries, in separate tables for each province.

Number used to cross-refer to the IBA map.	Name of the site, as used internationally.	Central coordinates of the site.	Altitudinal range of the IBA, in metres above sea level.	Area of the site in hectares (100 ha = 1 km ²).	The main habitat classes present in the IBA.
Table 16 ... continued. Important Bird Areas in Kerala (see Map 4).					
246	Peechi – Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary	Coordinates 10°37'N 76°24'E	Altitude 186–922 m	Area 12,500 ha	Habitats Forest
	Admin region Thrissur				
	Threatened species <i>Brachypteryx major</i> , <i>Schoenicola platyura</i>				
	Endemic Bird Areas 123: Western Ghats				
	Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest				
247	Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary	Coordinates 8°46'N 77°9'E	Altitude 90–1,717 m	Area 5,300 ha	Habitats Forest; Grassland
	Admin region Thiruvananthapuram				
	Threatened species <i>Columba elphinstonii</i>				
	Endemic Bird Areas 123: Western Ghats				
	Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest				
248	Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary	Coordinates 9°27'N 77°15'E	Altitude 150–2,019 m	Area 77,700 ha	Habitats Forest; Wetlands
	Admin region Idukki				
	Threatened species <i>Gyps bengalensis</i> , <i>Gyps indicus</i> , <i>Aquila clanga</i> , <i>Gallinago nemoricola</i> , <i>Columba elphinstonii</i> , <i>Brachypteryx major</i> , <i>Schoenicola platyura</i>				
	Endemic Bird Areas 123: Western Ghats				
	Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest				
249	Ranni Reserve Forest	Coordinates 9°19'N 76°59'E	Altitude 46–1,920 m	Area 87,738 ha	Habitats Forest; Grassland
	Admin region Quilon				
	Threatened species <i>Columba elphinstonii</i>				
	Endemic Bird Areas 123: Western Ghats				
	Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest				
250	Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary	Coordinates 8°59'N 77°8'E	Altitude 200–1,500 m	Area 10,032 ha	Habitats Forest
	Admin region Quilon				
	Threatened species <i>Falco naumanni</i> , <i>Gallinago nemoricola</i> , <i>Columba elphinstonii</i>				
	Endemic Bird Areas 123: Western Ghats				
	Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest				
251	Silent Valley National Park	Coordinates 11°8'N 76°26'E	Altitude 658–2,383 m	Area 8,952 ha	Habitats Forest
	Admin region Palakkad				
	Threatened species <i>Columba elphinstonii</i> , <i>Brachypteryx major</i> , <i>Garrulax cachinnans</i> , <i>Schoenicola platyura</i>				
	Endemic Bird Areas 123: Western Ghats				
	Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest				
252	Thattakkad Wildlife Sanctuary	Coordinates 10°7'N 76°44'E	Altitude 35–523 m	Area 2,516 ha	Habitats Forest
	Admin region Idukki				
	Threatened species <i>Columba elphinstonii</i> , <i>Brachypteryx major</i> , <i>Schoenicola platyura</i>				
	Endemic Bird Areas 123: Western Ghats				
	Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest				
253	Vazhachal Forest Division	Coordinates 10°28'N 76°26'E	Altitude 200–1,300 m	Area 41,300 ha	Habitats Forest
	Admin region Ernakulam; Thrissur				
	Threatened species <i>Columba elphinstonii</i>				
	Endemic Bird Areas 123: Western Ghats				
	Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest				
254	Vembanad Lake	Coordinates 9°36'N 76°23'E	Altitude Unknown	Area 79,400 ha	Habitats Coastline; Forest; Grassland; Wetlands
	Admin region Alleppey; Ernakulam; Kottayam; Pathanamthitta				
	Congregatory waterbirds <i>Phalacrocorax niger</i> , <i>Anas querquedula</i> , <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>				
255	Waynaad Wildlife Sanctuary	Coordinates 11°54'N 76°5'E	Altitude 640–1,158 m	Area 34,444 ha	Habitats Forest
	Admin region Wayanad				
	Threatened species <i>Gyps bengalensis</i> , <i>Gyps indicus</i> , <i>Falco naumanni</i> , <i>Gallinago nemoricola</i> , <i>Columba elphinstonii</i> , <i>Garrulax cachinnans</i> , <i>Schoenicola platyura</i> , <i>Parus nuchalis</i>				
	Endemic Bird Areas 123: Western Ghats				
	Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest				

The criteria by which a site qualifies as an IBA (A1 = globally threatened species; A2 = restricted-range species; A3 = biome-restricted assemblages; A4 = globally important congregations of birds; see Methodology for definitions of these criteria).

Scientific names of congregatory waterbird or seabird species are given, in taxonomic order, if the site meets A4i or A4ii respectively (lists of congregatory waterbirds and seabirds that occur in the Asia region are given in Appendices 4a and 4b).

Scientific names of threatened species are given, in taxonomic order, if the site meets A1 (the globally threatened species that occur in the Asia region are listed in Appendix 1).

Name(s) of Endemic Bird Areas or Secondary Areas are given if the site meets A2 (details on Asian EBAs and SAs and lists of restricted-range species are given in Appendix 2).

Protected area status of the IBA. Where the site has one or more international designations (e.g. Ramsar Site), these are also given (using codes).

Name(s) of biomes are given if the site meets A3 (details on Asian biomes and lists of biome-restricted species are given in Appendix 3).