

SRI LANKA

LAND AREA 65,610 km² HUMAN POPULATION 18,820,000 (287 per km²)
NUMBER OF IBAs 70 TOTAL AREA OF IBAs 3,933 km² STATUS OF IBAs 18 protected; 52 unprotected



The relatively undisturbed and extensive montane forests in Horton Plains (IBA 33) are extremely rich in biodiversity, including many species endemic to Sri Lanka. (PHOTO: GEHAN DE SILVA WIJeyeratne)

KEY HABITATS AND BIRDS

- The wet zone in the south-west of Sri Lanka has rich tropical lowland and montane rain forests, although these are now highly fragmented with only a few large blocks remaining; the characteristic habitat of the dry zone which occupies the rest of the island is dry evergreen forest, and there are also areas of moist deciduous forest (*Biome AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest*, *Biome AS11: Indo-Malayan tropical dry zone* and *EBA 124: Sri Lanka*). Sri Lanka has more than 20 endemic bird species (with the total tending to grow because endemic birds formerly regarded as subspecies are increasingly being treated as full species by taxonomists), many of which are confined to the wet zone, although a few also occur widely in the dry zone; several of the endemics with the most specialised habitat requirements are threatened, including Red-faced Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus*, Sri Lanka Whistling-thrush *Myophonus blighi* and Sri Lanka Magpie *Urocissa ornata*.
- Irrigation tanks and other wetlands in the dry zone of Sri Lanka are a stronghold of the threatened Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis*, and some of the coastal wetlands hold important concentrations of migratory waterbirds.

CONSERVATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM

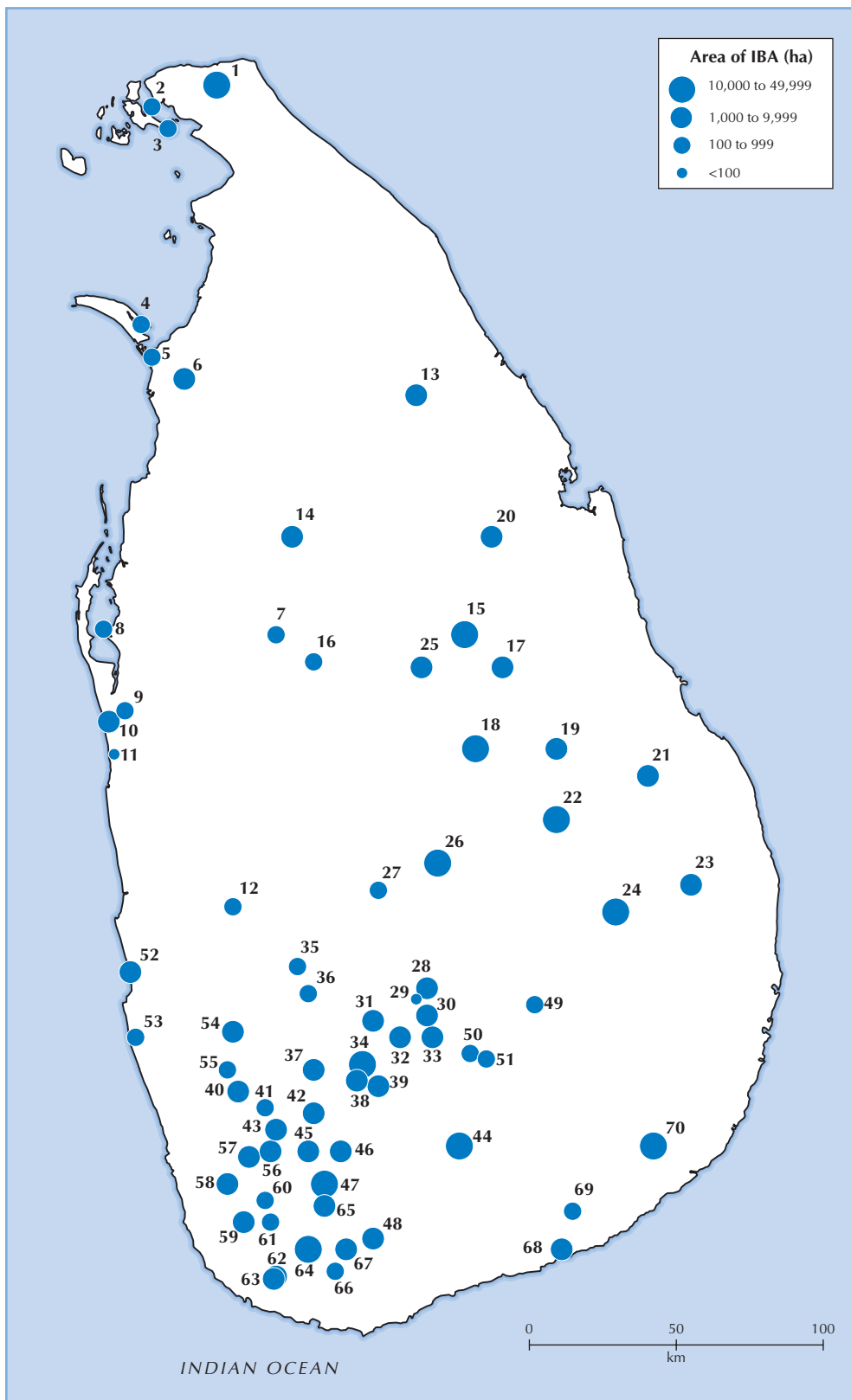
The Department of Wildlife Conservation is responsible for the protection and management of biodiversity in Sri Lanka. It seeks to achieve this through sustainable utilization, participatory land management, research, education and law enforcement, with the overall aim of ensuring the maintenance of biodiversity and forest cover as they exist today.

The first National Policy on Wildlife Conservation was approved by the Government of Sri Lanka in June 1990, and was updated and redesigned in 2000. Categories of protected areas and the regulations relevant to the management of these areas are defined in the Flora and Fauna Protection Ordinance (No. 2 of 1937, amended in 1993 by Act No. 49). In 1993, the Department of Wildlife Conservation launched the “Development of Wildlife Conservation and Protected Area Management” project, funded by UNDP/FAO through the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), which has prepared long-term management plans for the most important protected areas for wildlife. The on-going ADB/GEF/Netherlands Government funded “Protected Areas Management and Conservation Project” (PAM CP) has revised and is implementing some of these management plans on a pilot basis. It is also conducting a review with the aim of recommending a comprehensive protected areas system for the country.

At 2003, the protected areas system in Sri Lanka included three Strict Nature Reserves (total area 316 km²), 14 National Parks (total area 5,786 km²), four Nature Reserves (total area 485 km²) and 56 Sanctuaries (total area 3,239 km²). Overall, these 77 protected areas cover 9,826 km² or 15% of the country’s land area. However, only one of the Strict Nature Reserves, one National Park and a handful of the Sanctuaries are in the wet zone, the part of the island that is most rich in biodiversity and species endemic to Sri Lanka.

OVERVIEW OF THE INVENTORY

- Of the 70 IBAs in Sri Lanka, 47 support globally threatened species, 56 have restricted-range species, 46 have biome-restricted species and 26 qualify as IBAs because they hold large congregations of waterbirds.



Map 1. Location and size of Important Bird Areas in Sri Lanka.

- Sri Lanka's IBAs cover about 6% of the total land area of the country, with the relatively large number of sites reflecting the fragmented nature of natural habitats in most parts of the country.
- All major habitat types in Sri Lanka are well represented in the IBA network. Thirty-two IBAs contain lowland rain forest, reflecting both the importance of this habitat for the island's threatened and restricted-range species and its fragmented nature. Thirteen IBAs contain hill and/or montane forest and at least one contains montane grassland. Fifteen IBAs contain dry evergreen forest and/or thorn forest in the dry zone of Sri Lanka. Peak Wilderness (IBA 34) and Sinharaja (IBA 47) are of

outstanding importance for the globally threatened endemic birds of Sri Lanka.

- Twenty-one of Sri Lanka's IBAs contain wetland habitats, including Madura Oya (IBA 22), Bundala complex (IBA 68) and Yala (IBA 70), which are of outstanding importance for the threatened Spot-billed Pelican.

CONSERVATION ISSUES

- Threats to forest IBAs in Sri Lanka include small-scale illegal logging operations (despite a moratorium passed in 1990 to

protect all wet zone forests from logging), encroachment into forests for conversion to agriculture (for example the development of vegetable farms in the hill zone), pollution from pesticide run-off, forest degradation through collection of fuelwood and other forest products (e.g. cinnamon, bamboo), and development (urban, industrial, etc.).

- Wetland IBAs in Sri Lanka are under pressure from drainage and conversion to agriculture, conversion of coastal wetlands to aquaculture (prawn ponds, etc.), development, cutting of nesting trees, human disturbance, pollution and pesticides.
- Eighteen (26%) of Sri Lanka’s 70 IBAs are within decreed protected areas, and 52 (74%) are unprotected. Some of the protected areas are relatively large, and in terms of area 55% of Sri Lanka’s IBA network is inside protected areas. The protected areas system is least extensive in the wet zone, where it needs to be revised through PAM CP and other initiatives.

SOURCES OF IBA DATA

The information presented here is based upon the IBA Phase 1 study coordinated and conducted by the Field Ornithology Group of Sri Lanka (FOGSL), with funding assistance from the Ministry of Forestry and Environment – Environment Action 1 Project of the World Bank. Information on conservation infrastructure and protected areas was taken from the Department of Wildlife Conservation of Sri Lanka website (downloaded on 30 June 2004 from: <http://www.dwlc.lk/>), with updates from the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

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Yala (IBA 170) supports large numbers of congregatory waterbirds, including the threatened Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis* and Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*. (PHOTO: GEHAN DE SILVA WIJEYERATNE)



Table 1. Important Bird Areas in Sri Lanka.

BR = IBA is wholly or partially a Biosphere Reserve; R = IBA is wholly or partially a Ramsar Site; WH = IBA is wholly or partially a World Heritage Site

1	Jafna Lagoon	Unprotected	A1	A4i
Admin region North Coordinates 9°45'N 80°08'E Altitude Sea-level Area 14,912 ha Habitats Forest; Wetlands				
Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>				
2	Araly South-Punalai	Unprotected		A4i
Admin region North Coordinates 9°41'N 79°56'E Altitude Sea-level Area 550 ha Habitats Forest; Wetlands				
Congregatory waterbirds <i>Charadrius mongolus</i> , <i>Calidris minuta</i> , <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				
3	Kayts Island-Mandathive	Unprotected		A4i
Admin region North Coordinates 9°37'N 79°59'E Altitude Sea-level Area 900 ha Habitats Forest; Wetlands				
Congregatory waterbirds <i>Charadrius mongolus</i> , <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>				
4	Amaipaddukkai	Unprotected		A4i
Admin region North Coordinates 9°01'N 79°54'E Altitude Sea-level Area 500 ha Habitats Forest; Wetlands				
Congregatory waterbirds <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				
5	Periyakalapuwa mouth	Unprotected		A4i
Admin region North Coordinates 8°55'N 79°56'E Altitude Sea-level Area 800 ha Habitats Wetlands				
Congregatory waterbirds <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				

Table 1 ... continued. Important Bird Areas in Sri Lanka.						
6	Giants Tank				Protected	■ A4i
	Admin region North	Coordinates 8°51'N 80°02'E	Altitude 40 m	Area 2,500 ha	Habitats Forest; Wetlands	
	■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Threskiornis melanocephalus, Anas penelope</i>					
7	Usgala Siyambalanduwa				Unprotected	■ A4i
	Admin region North-Western	Coordinates 8°04'N 80°19'E	Altitude 75–100 m	Area 700 ha	Habitats Wetlands	
	■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>					
8	Seguwantive mudflats				Unprotected	■ A4i
	Admin region North-Western	Coordinates 8°05'N 79°47'E	Altitude 0–10 m	Area 625 ha	Habitats Wetlands	
	■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Charadrius mongolus, Tringa stagnatilis, Calidris minuta, Calidris ferruginea</i>					
9	Periyakadawela				Unprotected	■ A4i
	Admin region North-Western	Coordinates 7°50'N 79°51'E	Altitude 10–20 m	Area 200 ha	Habitats Wetlands	
	■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Platalea leucorodia, Anas querquedula</i>					
10	Mundel Lake				Unprotected	■ A4i
	Admin region North-Western	Coordinates 7°48'N 79°48'E	Altitude Sea-level	Area 3,600 ha	Habitats Forest; Wetlands	
	■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Anas querquedula, Tringa stagnatilis</i>					
11	Anaiwilundawa complex				Unprotected^R	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A4i,iii
	Admin region North-Western	Coordinates 7°42'N 79°49'E	Altitude 0–10 m	Area 40 ha	Habitats Forest; Wetlands	
	■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>					
12	Neugalkanda				Unprotected	■ A2 ■ A3
	Admin region North-Western	Coordinates 7°14'N 80°11'E	Altitude 100–250 m	Area 376 ha	Habitats Forest	
	■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
13	Padaviya				Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A4i
	Admin region North-Central	Coordinates 8°48'N 80°45'E	Altitude 150–200 m	Area 2,700 ha	Habitats Forest	
	■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis, Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>					
14	Anuradhapura				Protected	■ A1 ■ A2
	Admin region North-Central	Coordinates 8°22'N 80°22'E	Altitude 300 m	Area 3,501 ha	Habitats Forest	
	■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis, Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka					
15	Minneriya / Girithale / Kaudulla				Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A4i
	Admin region North-Central	Coordinates 8°04'N 80°54'E	Altitude 100–300 m	Area 12,993 ha	Habitats Artificial landscapes (terrestrial); Forest; Wetlands	
	■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis, Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>					
16	Kumbuk Wewa				Unprotected	■ A4i
	Admin region North-Central	Coordinates 7°59'N 80°26'E	Altitude 120–140 m	Area 400 ha	Habitats Wetlands	
	■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>					

The forests in Knuckles (IBA 26) support several threatened birds, including Sri Lanka Wood-pigeon *Columba torringtoni* and Sri Lanka Magpie *Urocissa ornata*. (PHOTO: GEHAN DE SILVA WIJAYERATNE)



Table 1 ... continued. Important Bird Areas in Sri Lanka.						
17	Polonnaruwa			Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A4i	
Admin region North-Central Coordinates 7°58'N 81°01'E Altitude 200 m Area 1,522 ha Habitats Forest Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> , <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>						
18	Wasgomuwa			Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Central; North-Central Coordinates 7°43'N 80°56'E Altitude 60–470 m Area 31,649 ha Habitats Forest Threatened species <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS11: Indo-Malayan tropical dry zone						
19	Pimburettewa Tank			Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A4i	
Admin region North-Central Coordinates 7°43'N 81°11'E Altitude 60–80 m Area 2,100 ha Habitats Wetlands Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>						
20	Kantale Tank			Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A4i	
Admin region Eastern Coordinates 8°22'N 80°59'E Altitude 200–300 m Area 3,750 ha Habitats Artificial landscapes (terrestrial); Forest; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> , <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>						
21	Rugam Tank			Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A4i	
Admin region Eastern Coordinates 7°38'N 81°28'E Altitude 15–25 m Area 1,600 ha Habitats Forest; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> , <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>						
22	Madura Oya			Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A4i	
Admin region Eastern Coordinates 7°30'N 81°11'E Altitude 30–150 m Area 10,000 ha Habitats Forest; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> , <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>						
23	Ampara			Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Eastern Coordinates 7°18'N 81°36'E Altitude 20–40 m Area 1,375 ha Habitats Forest Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> , <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS11: Indo-Malayan tropical dry zone						
24	Senanayake Samudraya / Nilgala			Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3 ■ A4i	
Admin region Eastern; Uva Coordinates 7°13'N 81°22'E Altitude 80–600 m Area 20,202 ha Habitats Forest; Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> , <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> , <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka Biomes AS11: Indo-Malayan tropical dry zone ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>						
25	Sigiriya			Protected	■ A1 ■ A2	
Admin region Central Coordinates 7°58'N 80°46'E Altitude 150–360 m Area 5,099 ha Habitats Forest Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka						
26	Knuckles			Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Central Coordinates 7°22'N 80°49'E Altitude 100–1,800 m Area 30,000 ha Habitats Forest; Grassland Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
27	Udawattakele			Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Central Coordinates 7°17'N 80°38'E Altitude 450–650 m Area 103 ha Habitats Forest Threatened species <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> , <i>Ficedula subrubra</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
28	Kandapola-Seethaeliya / Pedro			Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Central Coordinates 6°59'N 80°47'E Altitude 1,200–2,500 m Area 9,471 ha Habitats Forest Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Myophonus blighi</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
29	Nuwara Eliya			Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Central Coordinates 6°57'N 80°45'E Altitude 1,700–2,100 m Area 57 ha Habitats Forest Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Myophonus blighi</i> , <i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> , <i>Ficedula subrubra</i> , <i>Sturnus albofrontatus</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
30	Hakgala / Meepilimana			Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Central Coordinates 6°54'N 80°47'E Altitude 1,700–2,200 m Area 1,195 ha Habitats Forest Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Myophonus blighi</i> , <i>Ficedula subrubra</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
31	Dikoya			Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Central Coordinates 6°53'N 80°37'E Altitude 1,300–1,800 m Area 5,099 ha Habitats Forest Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Ficedula subrubra</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
32	Agrapatana-Bopaththalawa			Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Central Coordinates 6°50'N 80°42'E Altitude 1,300–1,880 m Area 6,933 ha Habitats Forest Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Ficedula subrubra</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
33	Horton plains / Ohiya / Pattipola-Ambewela			Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Central Coordinates 6°50'N 80°48'E Altitude 600–2,400 m Area 6,409 ha Habitats Forest; Grassland Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Myophonus blighi</i> , <i>Ficedula subrubra</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						

Table 1 ... continued. Important Bird Areas in Sri Lanka.					
34	Peak Wilderness		Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Central Coordinates 6°45'N 80°35'E Altitude 100–2,120 m Area 28,044 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> , <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> , <i>Ficedula subrubra</i> , <i>Sturnus albofrontatus</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
35	Amanawala		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 7°03'N 80°23'E Altitude 600–1,300 m Area 514 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
36	Kithulgala		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°58'N 80°25'E Altitude 100–820 m Area 263 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> , <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> , <i>Sturnus albofrontatus</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
37	Gilimale-Eratna		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°44'N 80°26'E Altitude 50–450 m Area 4,879 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> , <i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
38	Bambarabotuwa		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°42'N 80°34'E Altitude 300–1,525 m Area 5,440 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
39	Dotalgala / Rassagala		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°41'N 80°38'E Altitude 200–1,400 m Area 2,325 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
40	Delmella		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°40'N 80°12'E Altitude 200–400 m Area 1,413 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
41	Ayagama		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°37'N 80°17'E Altitude 100–500 m Area 214 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
42	Karawita		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°36'N 80°26'E Altitude 100–300 m Area 1,212 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
43	Waratalgoda		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°33'N 80°19'E Altitude 200–500 m Area 1,890 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
44	Udawalawa		Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3 ■ A4i	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa; Uva Coordinates 6°30'N 80°53'E Altitude 100–400 m Area 30,821 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> , <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS11: Indo-Malayan tropical dry zone ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>					
45	Delgoda / Kudumiriya / Kobahadukanda		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°29'N 80°25'E Altitude 250–800 m Area 4,033 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> , <i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> , <i>Sturnus albofrontatus</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
46	Delwela / Panilkanda / Walankanda		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°29'N 80°31'E Altitude 200–1,245 m Area 2,861 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> , <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> , <i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> , <i>Sturnus albofrontatus</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
47	Sinharaja		Unprotected ^{BR,WH}	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa; Southern Coordinates 6°23'N 80°28'E Altitude 200–1,170 m Area 20,051 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> , <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> , <i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> , <i>Sturnus albofrontatus</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
48	Rammalkanda		Unprotected	■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Sabaragamuwa Coordinates 6°13'N 80°37'E Altitude 700–800 m Area 1,407 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
49	Namunukula		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Uva Coordinates 6°56'N 81°07'E Altitude 1,200–2,100 m Area 279 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
50	Tangamalai		Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Uva Coordinates 6°47'N 80°55'E Altitude 1,400–1,700 m Area 132 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> , <i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					
51	Haputale		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3	
Admin region Uva Coordinates 6°46'N 80°58'E Altitude 1,700–1,800 m Area 141 ha Habitats Forest					
■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> , <i>Myophonus blighi</i> , <i>Ficedula subrubra</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest					

Table 1 ... continued. Important Bird Areas in Sri Lanka.						
52	Muturajawela				Protected	■ A4i
Admin region Western Coordinates 7°02'N 79°52'E Altitude 0–10 m Area 6,232 ha Habitats Forest; Wetlands ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>						
53	Bellanwila-Attidiya				Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A4i
Admin region Western Coordinates 6°50'N 79°53'E Altitude 0–6 m Area 372 ha Habitats Wetlands ■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>						
54	Labugama				Unprotected	■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Western Coordinates 6°51'N 80°11'E Altitude 200–460 m Area 2,150 ha Habitats Forest ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
55	Bodhinagala				Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Western Coordinates 6°44'N 80°10'E Altitude 20–200 m Area 200 ha Habitats Forest ■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
56	Morapitiya-Runakanda				Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Western Coordinates 6°29'N 80°18'E Altitude 500–2,400 m Area 6,733 ha Habitats Forest ■ Threatened species <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
57	Kalugala				Unprotected	■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Western Coordinates 6°28'N 80°14'E Altitude 400–1,420 m Area 4,288 ha Habitats Forest ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
58	Yagirala				Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Western Coordinates 6°23'N 80°10'E Altitude 400–870 m Area 2,390 ha Habitats Forest ■ Threatened species <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> , <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> , <i>Sturnus albofrontatus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
59	Beraliya-Kudagala				Unprotected	■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°16'N 80°13'E Altitude 100–500 m Area 2,572 ha Habitats Forest ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
60	Haycock / Habarakada				Unprotected	■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°20'N 80°17'E Altitude 400–2,100 m Area 572 ha Habitats Forest ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						
61	Malambure				Unprotected	■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°16'N 80°18'E Altitude 400–1,200 m Area 930 ha Habitats Forest ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest						

Sinharaja (IBA 47) is the largest continuous area of lowland rain forest remaining in the wet zone of Sri Lanka, and has important populations of many restricted-range species of the Sri Lanka Endemic Bird Area. (PHOTO: GEHAN DE SILVA WIJEYERATNE)



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Table 1 ... continued. Important Bird Areas in Sri Lanka.	
62	Kombala-Kottawa Unprotected ■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°06'N 80°19'E Altitude 100–600 m Area 1,625 ha Habitats Forest ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest	
63	Beraliya-Akurassa Unprotected ■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°05'N 80°26'E Altitude 100–800 m Area 1,646 ha Habitats Forest ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest	
64	Nakiyadeniya / Kanneliya / Dediyaigala Unprotected ■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°11'N 80°25'E Altitude 300–1,000 m Area 12,050 ha Habitats Forest ■ Threatened species <i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> , <i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> , <i>Sturnus albofrontatus</i> , <i>Urocissa ornata</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest	
65	Dellawa / Diyadawa Unprotected ■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°19'N 80°28'E Altitude 300–2,500 m Area 4,684 ha Habitats Forest ■ Threatened species <i>Columba torringtoni</i> , <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> , <i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> , <i>Sturnus albofrontatus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest	
66	Welihena Unprotected ■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°07'N 80°30'E Altitude 200–400 m Area 297 ha Habitats Forest ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest	
67	Mulatiyana Unprotected ■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°11'N 80°32'E Altitude 200–1,255 m Area 3,149 ha Habitats Forest ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS10: Indian peninsula tropical moist forest	
68	Bundala complex Protected^R ■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3 ■ A4i,iii
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°11'N 81°12'E Altitude 0–10 m Area 7,686 ha Habitats Forest ■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> , <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS11: Indo-Malayan tropical dry zone ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	
69	Wirawila Tank Protected ■ A4i
Admin region Southern Coordinates 6°18'N 81°14'E Altitude 15 m Area 900 ha Habitats Wetlands ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Anas querquedula</i>	
70	Yala Protected ■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3 ■ A4i
Admin region Eastern; Southern; Uva Coordinates 6°30'N 81°29'E Altitude 0–1,200 m Area 47,053 ha Habitats Forest ■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> , <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas 124: Sri Lanka ■ Biomes AS11: Indo-Malayan tropical dry zone ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Anhinga melanogaster</i> , <i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	