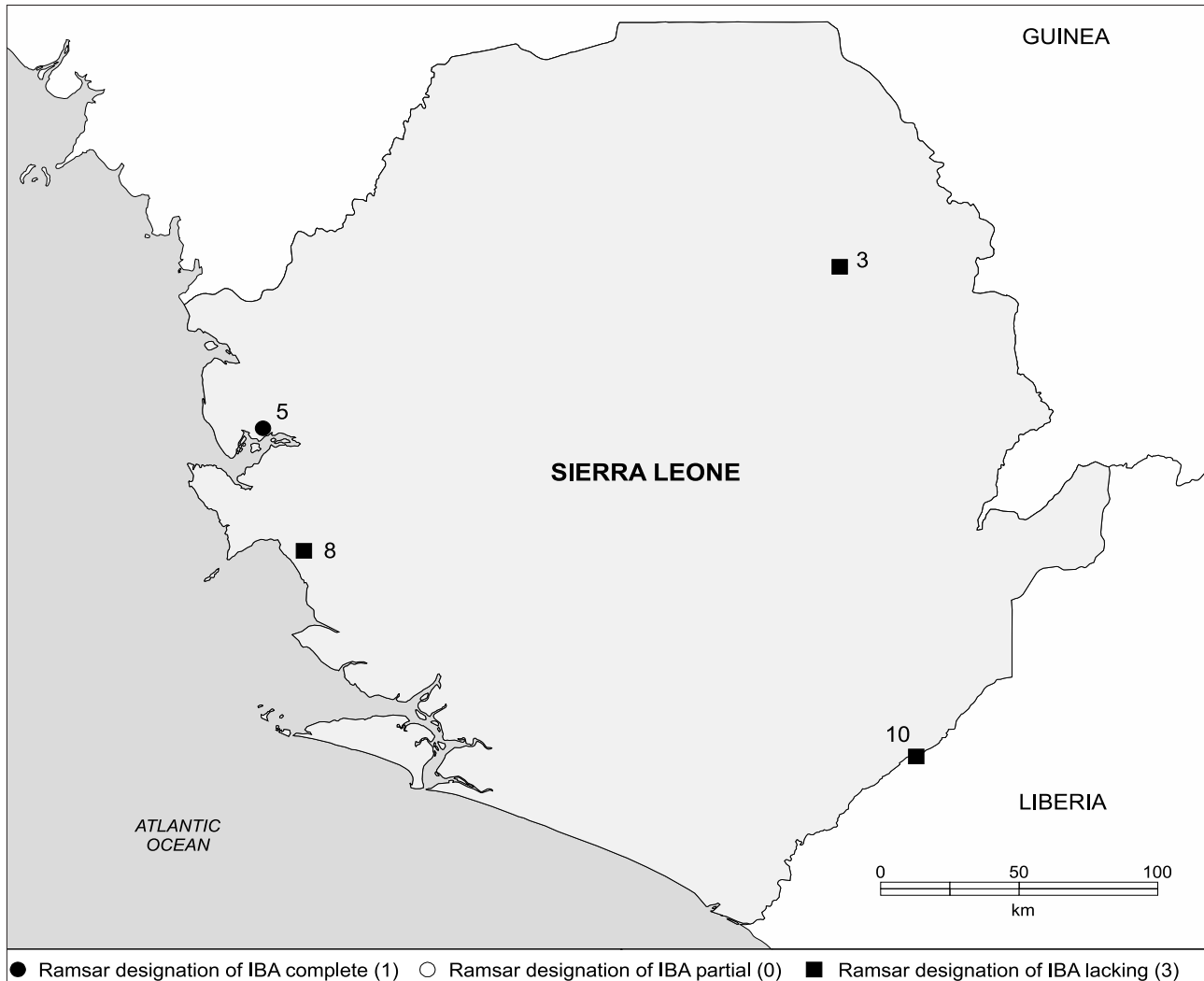


Location of Important Bird Areas that contain areas which qualify as Ramsar Sites in Sierra Leone



Designation progress

Areas within four Important Bird Areas qualify currently as Ramsar Sites in the Republic of Sierra Leone. Designation coverage is complete within one of these, while three (75%)

of the suitable IBAs in Sierra Leone have no Ramsar designation as yet.

Summary of Important Bird Areas that contain areas which qualify as Ramsar Sites in Sierra Leone

IBA code	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar Site name	Ramsar Site area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
					2	4	5	6
Ramsar designation of IBA complete (1 IBA)								
SL005	Sierra Leone River estuary	295,000	Sierra Leone River Estuary	295,000	●	●	●	
Subtotal					-	1	1	1
Ramsar designation of IBA lacking (3 IBAs)								
SL003	Loma Mountains Non-hunting Forest Reserve	33,201			●			
SL008	Yawri Bay	33,605				●	●	●
SL010	Gola Forest Reserve	76,100			●			
Subtotal					2	1	1	1
Grand total					2	2	2	2

For the full details of each site, including bird populations, see Fishpool and Evans (2001) and the Data Zone at www.birdlife.net by 2003. See 'Identifying potential Ramsar Sites' (p.11) for a description of the site- and species-selection procedure and the method for evaluating adequacy of Ramsar coverage that have been used in this report.

Threatened species

Within the two IBAs that contain areas that qualify as Ramsar Sites under Criterion 2, one wetland-dependent species of global conservation concern occurs regularly in significant numbers.

Summary of the occurrence of wetland species of global conservation concern within the selected IBAs

IBA code	Species name and global threat status (IUCN 2000; see p.147)	Grand total
	Rufous Fishing-owl <i>Scotopelia ussheri</i> (EN)	
SL003	●	1
SL010	●	1
Grand total	2	2