

SRI LANKA

RAMSAR CONVENTION CAME INTO FORCE 1990

NUMBER OF RAMSAR SITES DESIGNATED (at 31 August 2005) **3**

AREA OF RAMSAR SITES DESIGNATED (at 31 August 2005) **8,522 ha**

ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY FOR RAMSAR CONVENTION
Department of Wildlife Conservation

RAMSAR DESIGNATION IS:

Complete in 1 IBA

Partial in 1 IBA

Lacking in 23 IBAs

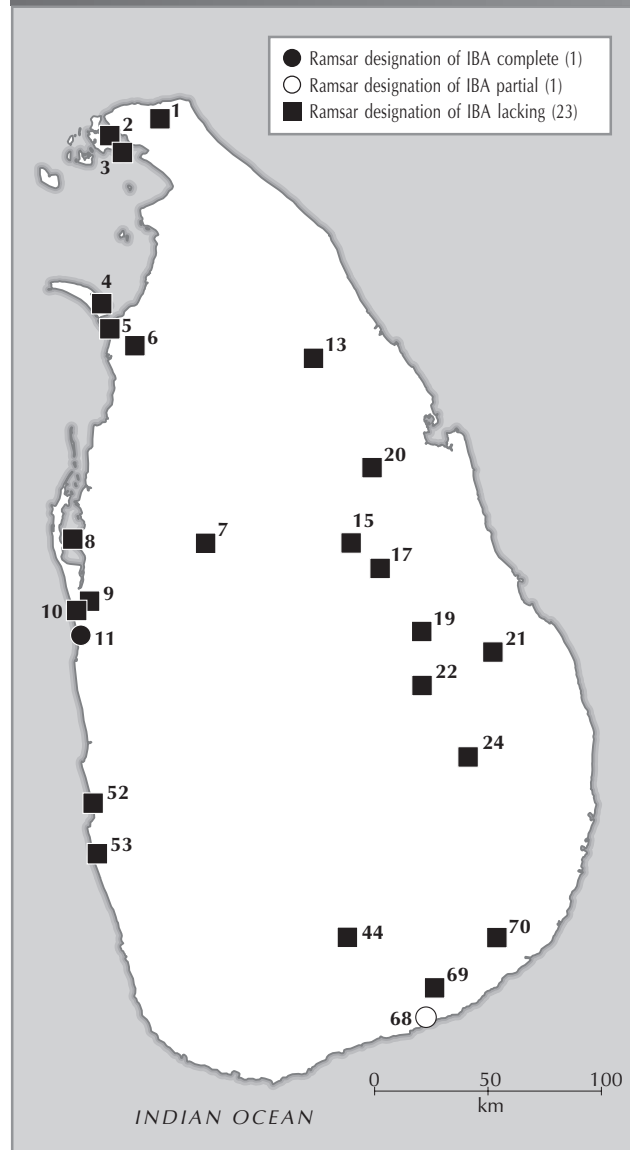
Irrigation tanks and other wetlands in the dry zone of Sri Lanka are a stronghold of the threatened Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis*, and some of the coastal wetlands hold important concentrations of migratory wetland-dependent birds. A national directory of wetlands in Sri Lanka is currently being prepared by IUCN, the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and the Central Environment Authority (CEA).

Three Ramsar Sites have been designated in Sri Lanka, two of which overlap with IBAs. An additional 24 potential Ramsar Sites have been identified, many of which are important breeding and feeding areas for Spot-billed Pelican.



Yala (IBA 70) supports large numbers of congregatory waterbirds, including the threatened Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis*. (PHOTO: GEHAN DE SILVA WIJEYERATNE)

Location of Important Bird Areas in Sri Lanka that contain areas that qualify as Ramsar Sites.



Summary of Important Bird Areas that contain areas that qualify as Ramsar Sites in Sri Lanka.

Ramsar designation of IBA complete (1 IBA)

IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar Site name	Ramsar Site area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
					2	4	5	6
11	Anaiwilundawa complex	1,397	Annaiwilundawa Tanks Sanctuary	1,397	✓	✓	✓	✓

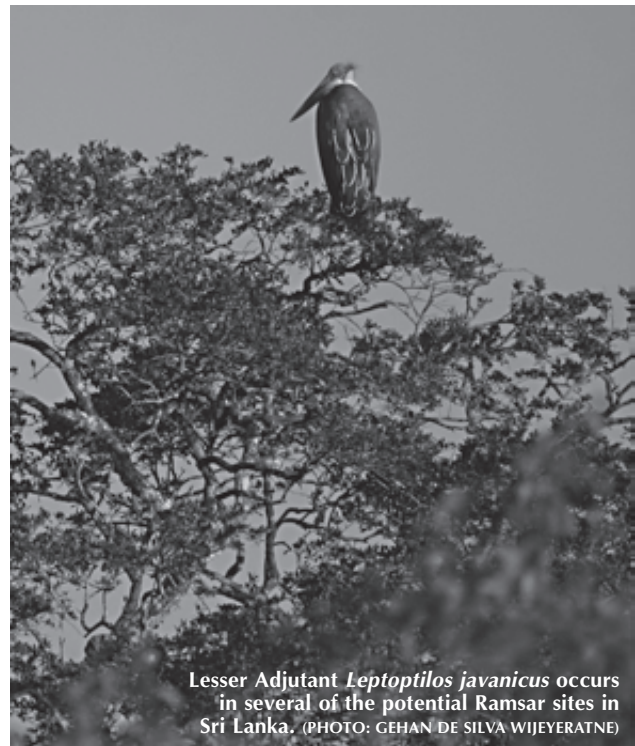
Ramsar designation of IBA partial (1 IBA)

IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar Site name	Ramsar Site area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
					2	4	5	6
68	Bundala complex	7,686	Bundala	6,210	✓	✓	✓	✓

Ramsar designation of IBA lacking (23 IBAs)						
IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
			2	4	5	6
1	Jafna Lagoon	14,912	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Araly South-Punalai	550		✓		✓
3	Kayts Island-Mandathive	900		✓		✓
4	Amaipaddukkai	500		✓		✓
5	Periyakalapuwa mouth	800		✓		✓
6	Giants Tank	2,500		✓		✓
7	Usgala Siyambalangamuwa	700		✓		✓
8	Seguwantive mudflats	625		✓		✓
9	Periyakadawela	200		✓		✓
10	Mundel Lake	3,600		✓		✓
13	Padaviya	2,700	✓	✓		✓
15	Minneriya / Girithale / Kaudulla	12,993	✓	✓		✓
17	Polonnaruwa	1,522	✓	✓		✓
19	Pimburettewa Tank	2,100	✓	✓		✓
20	Kantale Tank	3,750	✓	✓		✓
21	Rugam Tank	1,600	✓	✓		✓
22	Madura Oya	10,000	✓	✓		✓
24	Senanayake Samudraya / Nilgala	20,202	✓	✓		✓
44	Udawalawa	30,821	✓	✓		✓
52	Muturajawela	6,232		✓		✓
53	Bellanwila-Attidiya	372	✓	✓		✓
69	Wirawila Tank	900		✓		✓
70	Yala	47,053	✓	✓		✓

Summary of the occurrence of globally threatened wetland-dependent bird species within the selected IBAs in Sri Lanka.

IBA	Spot-billed Pelican <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	Lesser Adjutant <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	Total
	VU	VU	
1	✓		1
11	✓		1
13	✓	✓	2
15	✓	✓	2
17	✓	✓	2
19	✓		1
20	✓	✓	2
21	✓	✓	2
22	✓	✓	2
24	✓	✓	2
44	✓	✓	2
53	✓		1
68	✓	✓	2
70	✓	✓	2
Total	14	10	



Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus* occurs in several of the potential Ramsar sites in Sri Lanka. (PHOTO: GEHAN DE SILVA WIJEYERATNE)