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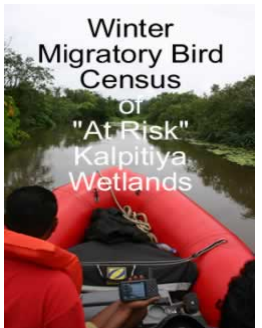
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SOME COMMON REEF (SALTWATER) FISH OF SRI LANKA

Scientific Name	English Name	Sinhala Name	Tamil Name
Class: PISCES			
Family: MURAENIDAE			
Gymnothorax javanicus	Giant Moray	Gal-gulla	Anchaaleyah
Gymnothorax favagineus	Honeycomb Moray	Gal-gulla	Anchaaleyah
Family: HOLOCENTRIDAE			
Sargocentron caudimaculatum	Silverspot Squirrelfish	Balal-maruva	Chenguli
Myripristis murdjan	Soldierfish	Balal-maruva	Chenguli
Family: SCORPAENIDAE			
Pterois volitans	Lionfish	Gini maha	Kadal chaval
Scorpaenopsis oxycephala	Scorpionfish	Gon maha	Thumbi kaleva
Family: SERRANIDAE Subfamily: ANTHIINAE			
Pseudanthias squamipinnis	Scalefin Anthias	"Anthias"	"Anthias"
Family: SERRANIDAE			
Cephalopholis miniata	Coral Grouper	Kossa	Sen kaleva
Cephalopholis argus	Peacock Grouper	Kossa	Kaleva
Cephalopholis formosa	Blue-Lined Rockcod	Kossa	Kaleva
Epinephelus faveatus	Indian Grouper	Kossa	Kaleva
Family: SERRANIDAE Subfamily: GRAMMISTINAE			
Diploprion bifasciatum	Doublebar Soapfish	Saban kossa	Sabakarameen
Family: APOGONIDAE			
Apogon aureus	Ring-Tailed Cardinalfish	Katilla	Sullundan
Cheilodipterus macrodon	Tiger Cardinalfish	Katilla	Sullundan
Family: PRIACANTHIDAE			
Priacanthus hamrur	Bigeye	Balal-maruwa	Sambraneemeen
Family: PEMPHERIDIDAE			
Pempheris schwenkii	Sweeper	Kimbissa	Sullundan
Family: LUTJANIDAE			
Lutjanus argentimaculatus	Mangrove Snapper	Thambalaya	Antaleyan
Lutjanus decussatus	Checkered Snapper	Ranna	Sapan
Lutjanus fulvus	Blacktail Snapper	Ranna	Sapan
Lutjanus kasmira	Bluestripe Snapper	Irri ranna	Sapan
Family: CAESIONIDAE			

Caesio cuning	Yellowtail Fusilier	Battalaya	Vaipara
Family: NEMIPTERIDAE			
Scolopsis vosmeri	Whitecheek Monocle Bream	Kiri vavoula	Pal muta
Family: HAEMULIDAE			
Plectorhinchus vittatus	Oriental Sweetlips	Boraluva	Tholen
Plectorhinchus schotaf	Minstrel Sweetlips	Boraluva	Tholen
Pomadasys sp.	Silver Grunt	Seyri	Seyri
Family: LETHRINIDAE			
Lethrinus harak	Blackspot Emperor	Meevatiya	Vella meen
Family: MULLIDAE			
Parupeneus bifasciatus	Doublebar Goatfish	Nagaraya	Nakharai
Mulloidichthys vanicolensis	Yellowfin Goatfish	Nagaraya	Nakharai
Family: CHAETODONTIDAE			
Chaetodon kleinii	Klein's Butterflyfish	Panava	Vanatimeen
Chaetodon citrinellus	Speckled Butterflyfish	Panava	Vanatimeen
Chaetodon trifasciatus	Oval Butterflyfish	Panava	Vanatimeen
Chaetodon trifascialis	Chevroned Butterflyfish	Panava	Vanatimeen
Chaetodon decussatus	Indian Vagabond Butterflyfish	Panava	Vanatimeen
Forcipiger flavissimus	Longnose Butterfly	Panava	Vanatimeen
Heniochuse acuminatus	Longfin Bannerfish	Ruwal karaya	Nul vanati
Family: POMACANTHIDAE			
Apolemichthys xanthurus	Yellow-Tail Angelfish	Walge kaha namba	Mawjel meen
Pomacanthus annularis	Blue-Ringed Angelfish	Manamaaleya	--
Pomacanthus imperator	Imperial Angelfish	Irinaamba	Kaus meen
Pomacanthus semicirculatus	Semicircle Angelfish	Manamaaleya	--
Family: POMACENTRIDAE			
Abudefduf vaigiensis	Indo-Pacific Sergeant Major	Manchaari	Setel
Amphiprion clarkii	Clark's Anemonfish	Koti	Setel
Dascyllus trimaculatus	Three-Spot Damselfish	"Three-spot"	Setel
Plectroglyphidodon dickii	Dick's Damsel	Gal handha	Setel
Pomacentrus philippinus	Philippine Damsel	Gal handha	Setel
Family: CIRRHITIDAE			
Cirrhitichthys oxycephalus	Pixy Hawkfish	--	--
Paracirrhites arcatus	Arc-Eye Hawkfish	--	--
Family: LABRIDAE			
Labroides dimidiatus	Cleaner Wrasse	Gireva	Aripan
Bodianus neilli	Sri Lankan Hogfish	Gireva	Aripan
Halichoeres marginatus	Dusky Wrasse	Gireva	Aripan
Halichoeres timorensis	Timor Wrasse	Gireva	Aripan
Halichoeres hortulanus	Checkerboard Wrasse	Gireva	Aripan

Coris frerei	Queen Coris	Gireva	Aripan
Family: SCARIDAE			
Chlorurus sp.	Humphead Parrotfish	Gireva	Kileemeen
Scarus ghobban	Bluebarred Parrotfish	Gireva	Kileemeen
Scarus rubroviolaceus	Ember Parrotfish	Gireva	Kileemeen
Scarus russelii	Eclipse Parrotfish	Gireva	Kileemeen
Family: PINGUIPEDIDAE			
Parapercis clathrata	False-Eye Sandperch	Weligouva	Eli meen
Family: GOBIIDAE			
Amblyeleotris periophthalma	Shrimp Goby	Weligouva	Uluvai
Family: CARANGIDAE			
Caranx melampygus	Bluefin Jack	Parava	Pareh
Family: ACANTHURIDAE			
Acanthurus triostegus	Convict Surgeonfish	Detha	Orandeya
Acanthurus leucosternon	Powder-Blue Surgeonfish	Nil detha	Nila orandeya
Acanthurus lineatus	Blue-Lined Surgeonfish	Iri detha	Orandeya
Ctenochaetus striatus	Lined Bristletooth	Detha	Orandeya
Family: ZANCLIDAE			
Zanclus cornutus	Moorish Idol	--	Nul vanati
Family: BOTHIDAE			
Bothus pantherinus	Leopard Flounder	Pathamadiya	Sapathumeen
Family: BALISTIDAE			
Balistapus undulatus	Orange-Lined Triggerfish	Pothubara	Klaathi
Rhinecanthus rectangulus	Wedge-Tail Triggerfish	Pothubara	Klaathi
Family: OSTRACIIDAE			
Ostracion meleagris	Whitespotted Boxfish	Dhara peyttheya	Kutturu
Family: TETRAODONTIDAE			
Arothron nigropunctatus	Blackspotted Puffer	Petttheya	Peytthai
Arothron meleagris	Whitespotted Pufferfish	Petttheya	Peytthai
Family: DIODONTIDAE			
Diodon hystrix	Porcupinefish	Katu peyttheya	Mullu peytthai
Family: DASYATIDIDAE			
Dasyatis kuhlii	Bluespotted Stingray	Maduwa	Thirukai

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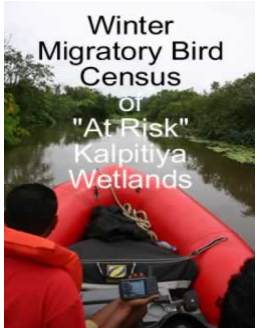
CHECKLIST OF THE AMPHIBIANS OF SRI LANKA

Class: AMPHIBIA		
Family: ICHTHYOPHIIDAE		
Ichthyophis glutinosus	-	-
Ichthyophis orthoplicatus	-	-
Ichthyophis pseudoangularis	-	-
Family: MICROHYLIDAE		
Kaloula taprobanica	-	-
Microhyla karunaratnei	-	-
Microhyla ornata	-	-
Microhyla rubra	-	-
Microhyla zelanica	-	-
Ramanella obscura	-	-
Ramanella palmata	-	-
Ramanella variegata	-	-
Uperodon systema	-	-
Family: BUFONIDAE		
Bufo atukoralei	-	-
Bufo ferfusonii	-	-
Bufo kelaartii	-	-
Bufo melanostictus	-	-
Bufo microtympanum	-	-
Bufo stomaticus	-	-
Bufo kotagamai	-	-
Family: RANIDAE		
Limnonectes corrugatus	-	-
Limnonectes greenii	-	-
Limnonectes kirtisinghei	-	-
Limnonectes limnocharis	-	-
Hoplobatrachus crassus	-	-
Hoplobatrachus tigerinus	-	-
Nannophrys ceylonensis	-	-
Nannophrys guentheri	-	-
Nannophrys marmorata	-	-
Euphyctis cyanophlyctis	-	-

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CHECKLISTS OF THE SNAKES OF SRI LANKA

Scientific Name	English Name	Sinhala Name	Tamil Name
CLASS: REPTILIA (SNAKES)			
ORDER: SERPENTES			
Family: TYPHLOPIDAE			
Ramphotyphlops braminus	Common blind snake	Damuta kanualla	Manallay pambu
* Typhlops ceylonicus	NA	NA	NA
* Typhlops lankaensis	NA	NA	NA
* Typhlops leucomelas	Pied typhlops	Kabara kanualla	NA
* Typhlops malcolmi	NA	NA	NA
* Typhlops mirus	Jan's blind snake	Heenkanualla	NA
Typhlops porrectus	NA	NA	NA
* Typhlops tenebrarum	NA	NA	NA
* Typhlops veddae	NA	NA	NA
* Typhlops violaceus	NA	NA	NA
Family: UROPELTIDAE			
*Cylindrophis maculatus	Pipe snake	Depath naya, Wataulla	NA
*Platyplecturus madurensis	NA	NA	NA
*Pseudotyphlops philippinus	Large shield snake	Maha bim ulla	Manallay pambu
*Rhinophis blythi	Blyth's earth snake	Gomarathudulla	NA
*Rhinophis dorsimaculatus	NA	NA	NA
*Rhinophis drummondhayi snake	Drummond-Hay's earth	Thapothudulla	NA
*Rhinophis oxyrhynchus snake	Schneider's earth	Ulthudulla	NA
*Rhinophis philippinus	Peter's earth snake	NA	NA
*Rhinophis porrectus	Willey's earth snake	Digthudulla	NA
*Rhinophis punctatus	Muller's earth snake	Tictudulla	NA
*Rhinophis trevelyanus	Trevelyan's earth	Depath-thudulla	NA
*Rhinophis tricolorata	NA	NA	NA
*Uropeltis melanogaster	Gray's earth snake	Kaluwakatulla	NA
*Uropeltis phillipsi	Phillip's earth snake	Iriwakatulla	NA

*Uropeltis ruhunae	NA	NA	NA
Family: BOIDAE			
*Eryx conicus brevis	Sand boa	Vali pimbura Kota pimbura	Munn pudeyan
Python molurus molurus	Indian python	Pimbura	Periya pambu
Family: ACROCHORDUS			
Acrochordus granulatus	Wart snake Cloth snake	Diya goya Redi naya	NA
Family: COLUBRIDAE			
Ahaetulla nasuta	Green vine snake	Ahaetulla	Kan kuthi pambu
Ahaetulla pulverulenta	Thunderbolt snake	Henakandaya	NA
Amphiesma stolata	Buff stripped keelback	Aharukuka	Nikitan kutti
Argyrogena fasciolata	Banded racer	Wal gerandiya	Wahdu kalipambu
*Aspidura brachyorrhos	Boie's rough-side	Le madilla	NA
*Aspidura copei	Cope's rough-side	Kalu medilla	NA
*Aspidura deraniyagalae	Deraniyagala's rough-side	Kalu medilla	NA
*Aspidura drummondhayi	Drummond-Hay's rough-side	Keti wal medilla	NA
*Aspidura guentheri	Guenther's rough-side	Kudamadilla	NA
*Aspidura trachyprocta	Common rough-side	Dalawa madilla	NA
Atretium schistosum	Olive keelback	Diyawarna	Pachai thanni
*Balanophis ceylonensis	Blossom krait	Mal karawala	NA
*Boiga barnesi	Barne's catsnake	Panduru mapila	NA
Boiga ceylonensis	Sri Lanka catsnake	Nidi mapila	NA
Boiga forsteni	Forsten's catsnake	Le mapila	Poonai pambu
Boiga trigonata trigonata	Common catsnake	Ran mapila	NA
Cerberus rhynchops rhynchops	Dog-faced watersnake	Kuna diya kaluwa	Uppa-Ar pambu
*Cercaspis carinatus	Sri Lanka wolf snake	Dhara karawala	NA
Chrysopelea ornata ornata	Ornate flying snake	Polmal karawala	Parrakum pambu
*Chrysopelea taprobanica	NA	Dangara danda	NA
Dendrelaphis bifrenalis	Boulenger's bronze-back	Haldanda	Komberimuka
Dendrelaphis caudolineolatus	Gunther's bonze-back	Viri haldanda	Komberimuken
*Dendrelaphis oliveri	Oliver's bronze-back	NA	NA
Dendrelaphis tristis	Common bronze-back	Tura haldanda	Komberimukan
Dryocalamus gracilis	Scarce bridal snake	Megata karawala	Katlawarian
Dryocalamus nympha	Bridal snake	Geta karawala	Katlawarian

<i>Elaphe helena</i>	Trinket snake	Katakaluwa	Kattu pambu
<i>Gerarda prevostiana</i>	Gerard's water snake	NA	NA
* <i>Haplocercus ceylonensis</i>	Mould snake	Kurunkarawala	NA
<i>Liopeltis calamaria</i>	Reed snake	Punbariya	NA
<i>Lycodon aulicus</i>	Wolf snake	Alu polonga	Vala panayan
* <i>Lycodon striatus sinhaleyus</i>	Shaw's wolf snake	Kabara radanakaya	Utha surita
<i>Macropisthodon plumbicolor</i>	Green keelback	Palabariya	Pachcha naga
<i>Oligodon arnensis</i>	Common kukri snake	Arani dath ketiya	Kattu viriyan
* <i>Oligodon calamarius</i>	Templeton's kukri snake	Kabara dath ketiya	NA
* <i>Oligodon sublineatus</i>	Dumeril's kukri snake	Pulli dath ketiya	NA
* <i>Oligodon taeniolatus ceylonicus</i>	Varigated kukri snake	Wairi dath ketiya	NA
<i>Oligodon taenioloatus fasciatus</i>	Russell's kukri snake	Pulli dath ketiya	NA
<i>Ptyas mucosus</i>	Rat snake	Gerandiya	Saray pambu
<i>Sibynophis subpunctatus</i>	Jerdon's polyodent	Dathigomaraya	NA
* <i>Xenochrophis asperrimus</i>	Checkered keelback	Diya bariya	Tanni pambu
<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	Checkered keelback	Diya bariya	Tanni pambu
Family: ELAPIDAE			
<i>Bungarus caeruleus</i>	Indian krait	Thel karawala	Yennai virian
* <i>Bungarus ceylonicus</i>	Ceylon krait	Madu karawala	Yennai virian
* <i>Calliophis melanurus sinhaleyus</i>	Ceylon coral snake	Depath kaluwa	NA
<i>Naja naja naja</i>	Indian cobra	Naya	Nalla pambu
Family: HYDROPHIIDAE			
<i>Hydrophis bituberculatus</i>	Peter's sea snake	NA	NA
<i>Hydrophis lapemoides</i>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Hydrophis ornatus ornatus</i>	Gray's sea snake	Muhudu naya	NA
<i>Hydrophis stricticollis</i>	Gunther's sea snake	NA	NA
<i>Hydrophis (Disteira)schistosa</i>	Hook-nosed snake	Valakkadiya	Vallakkadiyan
<i>Hydrophis (Disteira)stokesi</i>	Stoke's sea snake	Maha valakkadiya	NA
<i>Hydrophis gracilis</i>	John's sea snake	Mudu naya	Milagu kadiyan
<i>Hydrophis (Leioselasma) cyanocinctus</i>	Chittul	NA	NA
<i>Hydrophis (Leioselasma) spiralis</i>	Narrow banded sea snake	Mudhu naya	Kadel nagam
<i>Kerilia jerdoni jerdoni</i>	Jerdon's sea snake	Muhudu naya	Shiddil
<i>Lapemis curtus</i>	Shaw's sea snake	NA	Potai pambu

Lapemis viperinus	Schmidt's sea snake	NA	NA
Pelamis platurus	Yellow bellied sea snake	Badakaha muhudu naya	NA
Family:VIPERIDAE			
Echis carinatus carinatus	Saw-scaled viper	Vali polonga	Surattai pambu
Hypnale hypnale	Merrem's hump-nosed viper	Kunakatuwa	Kopi viriyan
*Hypnale nepa	Millard's hump-nosed viper	Mukalan thelissa	Viriyan pambu
*Hypnale walli	Gloyd's hump-nosed viper	Kuda mukalan thelissa	NA
*Trimeresurus trigonocephalus	Green pit viper	Pala polonga	Pachi viriyan
*Vipera russelli pulchella	Russell's viper	Tith polonga	Kannadi viriyan

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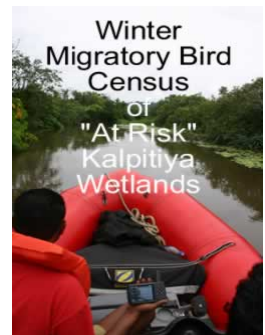
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CLASS: MAMMALIA ORDER: Insectivora FAMILY: Soricidae SUB-FAMILY: Crocidurinae (White-toothed Shrews)			
Feroculus feroculus	Kelaart's long-tailed shrew	-	-
Suncus murinus murinus	Common Indian musk-shrew	-	-
Suncus murinus caerulescens	Indian grey musk-rat	-	-
Suncus murinus kandianus	Kandyan shrew	-	-
Suncus murinus montanus	Ceylon highland shrew	-	-
Suncus zeylanicus	Ceylon jungle shrew	-	-
Suncus etruscus fellowes-gordoni	Ceylon pigmy shrew	-	-
Crocidura miya	Ceylon long-tailed shrew	-	-
Crocidura horsfield horsfield	Horsfield's shrew	-	-
Solisorex pearsoni	Pearson's long-clawed shrew	-	-
ORDER: Chiroptera (BATS) SUB-ORDER: Megachiroptera FAMILY: Pteropidae (Fruit Bats)			
Pteropus giganteus giganteus	Common flying fox	-	-
Rousettus seminudus	Ceylon fruit bat	-	-
Cynopterus sphinx sphinx	Indian short-nosed fruit bat	-	-
Cynopterus sphinx ceylonensis	Ceylon short-nosed fruit bat	-	-
SUB-ORDER: Microchiroptera (Insectivorous & Carnivorous Bats) FAMILY: Rhinolophidae (Horse-Shoe Bats)			
Rhinolophus luctus sobrinus	Ceylon Great Horse-Shoe Bat	-	-
Rhinolophus rouxi rouxi	Rufous Horse-Shoe Bat	-	-
FAMILY: Hipposiderosidae (Leaf-Nosed Bats)			
Hipposideros lankadiva lankadiva	Great Ceylon Leaf-Nosed Bat	-	-
Hipposideros speoris speoris	Schneider=s Leaf-Nosed Bat	-	-
Hipposideros galeritus brachyotus	Dekhan Leaf-Nosed Bat	-	-

Hipposideros bicolor ater	Ceylon Bi-Coloured Leaf-Nosed Bat	-	-
FAMILY: Megadermatidae (False Vampire Bats)			
Megaderma spasma ceylonense	Ceylon False Vampire Bat	-	-
Megaderma lyra lyra	Indian False Vampire Bat	-	-
FAMILY: Vespertilionidae (Typical Insectivorous Bats)			
Pipistrellus mordax	Grizzled Pipistrel	-	-
Pipistrellus ceylonicus ceylonicus	Kelaart's Pipistrel	-	-
Pipistrellus coromandra coromandra	Indian Pipistrel	-	-
Pipistrellus mimus mimus	Indian Pigmy Pipistrel	-	-
Hesperoptenus tickelli	Tickell's Bat	-	-
Scotophilus heathi heathi	Greater Yellow Bat	-	-
Scotophilus temmincki wroughtoni	Lesser Yellow Bat	-	-
Myotis hasselti	Van Hasselt's Bat	-	-
Sub-Family: Murininae (Tube-Nosed Bats)			
Murina cyclotis eileenae	Ceylon Tube-Nosed Bat	-	-
Sub-Family: Kerivoulinae (Painted Bats)			
Kerivoula picta picta	Painted Bat	-	-
Kerivoula hardwickei malpasi	Malpas=s Bat	-	-
Sub-Family: Miniopterinae (Long-Winged Bats)			
Miniopterus schreiberst fuliginosus	Long-Winged Bat	-	-
FAMILY: Emballonuridae (Sheath-Tailed Bats)			
Taphozous longimanus	Long-Armed Sheath-Tailed Bat	-	-
Taphozous melanopogon	Black-Bearded Sheath-Tailed Bat	-	-
Taphozous saccolaimus crassus	Pouch-Bearing Sheath-Tailed Bat	-	-
FAMILY: Molossidae (Free-Tailed Bats)			
Tadarida aegyptiaca	Indian Wrinkled-Lipped Bat	-	-
Tadarida plicara insularis	Ceylon Wrinkled-Lipped Bat	-	-
ORDER: Primates (Apes, Baboons, Monkeys, Lemurs etc.)			
Sub-Order: Prosimii (Lemurs, bush-Babies & Lorises)			
FAMILY: Lorisidae (Lorises)			
Loris tardigradus tardigradus	Western Ceylon Slender Loris	-	-
Loris tardigradus grandis	Highland Ceylon Slender Loris	-	-
Loris tardigradus nordicus	Northern Ceylon Slender Loris	-	-

<i>Loris tardigradus nycticeboides</i>	Ceylon Mountain Slender Loris	-	-
Sub-Order: Anthroipoidea FAMILY: Cercopithecidae Sub-family: Colobinae (Langurs or Leaf Monkeys)			
<i>Semnopithecus priam thersites</i>	Ceylon Grey Langur	-	-
<i>Trachypithecus vetulus vetulus</i>	Purple-Faced Leaf Monkey	-	-
<i>Trachypithecus vetulus nestor</i>	Western Purple-Faced Leaf Monkey	-	-
<i>Trachypithecus vetulus monticola</i>	Bear Monkey	-	-
<i>Trachypithecus vetulus philbricki</i>	Northern Purple-Faces Leaf Monkey	-	-
Sub-Family: Cercopithecinae (Macaques)			
<i>Macaca sinica sinica</i>	Toque Monkey	-	-
<i>Macaca sinica aurifrons</i>	Western or Dusky Toque Monkey	-	-
<i>Macaca sinica pithomelas</i>	Mountain Toque Monkey	-	-
ORDER: Pholidota FAMILY: Manidae (Pangolins)			
<i>Manis crassicaudata</i>	Indian Pangolin or Scaly Anteater	-	-
ORDER: Lagomorpha (Mouse-Hares, Hares and Rabbits) FAMILY: Leporidae (Hares and Rabbits)			
<i>Lepus nigricollis singhala</i>	Ceylon Black-Naped Hare	-	-
ORDER: Rodentia (Rodents) Sub-Order: Sciuromorpha (Marmots, Gophers, Squirrels, etc.) FAMILY: Scuridae (Squirrels)			
<i>Petaurista petaurista lanka</i>	Large Ceylon Flying-Squirrel	-	-
<i>Petinomys fuscocapillus layardi</i>	Small Ceylon Flying Squirrel	-	-
<i>Funambulus palmarum brodiei</i>	Northern Ceylon Palm squirrel	-	-
<i>Funambulus palmarum kelaarti</i>	Eastern Ceylon Palm Squirrel	-	-
<i>Funambulus palmarum olympius</i>	Highland Ceylon Palm Squirrel	-	-
<i>Funambulus palmarum favonicus</i>	Western Ceylon Palm Squirrel	-	-
<i>Funambulus layardi layardi</i>	Flame-Stripped jungle Squirrel	-	-
<i>Funambulus layardi signatus</i>	Western Flame-Stripped Jungle Squirrel	-	-
<i>Funambulus sublineatus obscurus</i>	Ceylon Dusky-Stripped jungle Squirrel	-	-
<i>Ratufa macroura macroura</i>	Highland Ceylon Giant Squirrel	-	-
<i>Ratufa macroura melanochra</i>	Western Ceylon Giant Squirrel	-	-

<i>Ratufa macroura dandolena</i>	Common Ceylon Giant Squirrel	-	-
Sub-Order: Hystricomorpha (Porcupines) FAMILY: Hystericidae (Porcupines)			
<i>Hystrix indica</i>	Indian Porcupine	-	-
Sub-Order: Myomorpha FAMILY: Muridae (Rats, Mice and rat-like rodents) Sub-family: Gerbillinae (Gerbils)			
<i>Tatera indica ceylonica</i>	Ceylon Gerbil or Antelope-Rat	-	-
Sub-family: Murinae (Rats and Mice)			
<i>Bandicota indica</i>	Indian Bandicoot or Bandicoot-Rat	-	-
<i>Bandicota bengalensis gracilis</i>	Ceylon Mole Rat or Lesser Bandicoot	-	-
<i>Bandicota bengalensis insularis</i>	Northern Ceylon Mole Rat	-	-
<i>Mus musculus castaneus</i>	Indian House Mouse	-	-
<i>Mus cervicolor fulvidiventris</i>	Ceylon Field Mouse	-	-
<i>Mus fernandoni</i>	Ceylon Spiny Mouse	-	-
<i>Mus (Coelomys) mayori mayori</i>	Ceylon Spiny-Rat or Coelomys	-	-
<i>Mus (Coelomys) mayori pococki</i>	Bi-Coloured Spiny-Rat or Coelomys	-	-
<i>Rattus rattus rattus</i>	Common House-Rat or Black Rat	-	-
<i>Rattus rattus alexandricus</i>	Egyptian House-Rat	-	-
<i>Rattus rattus rufescens</i>	Indian House-Rat	-	-
<i>Rattus rattus kandianus</i>	Common Ceylon House-Rat	-	-
<i>Rattus rattus kelaarti</i>	Ceylon Highland Rat	-	-
<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	European Brown Rat	-	-
<i>Rattus blanfordi</i>	White-Tailed Rat	-	-
<i>Rattus ohiensis</i>	Ceylon Bi-Coloured Rat	-	-
<i>Rattus montanus</i>	Nillu Rat	-	-
<i>Golunda ellioti ellioti</i>	Indian Bush-Rat	-	-
<i>Golunda ellioti newara</i>	Ceylon Highland Bush-Rat or Coffee-Rat	-	-
<i>Milardia meltada meltada</i>	Indian Soft-Furred Rat	-	-
<i>Vandeleuria oleracea nilagirica</i>	Indian Long-Tailed Tree Mouse	-	-
<i>Vandeleuria oleracea nolthenii</i>	Ceylon Highland Long-Tailed Tree Mouse	-	-

ORDER: Cetacea (Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises)
Sub-Order: Mysticeti (Whale-Bone Whales)
FAMILY: Balaenopteridae (Rorquals and Hump-Nosed Whales)

Balaenoptera acutorostrata	Little Picked Whale, Minke Whale or Lesser Rorqual	-	-
Balaenoptera physalus	Common Rorqual or Fin Whale	-	-
Balaenoptera musculus	Great Blue Whale	-	-
Megaptera novaeangliae	Hump-Backed Whale	-	-

FAMILY: Eschrichtiidae (Grey Whales)

Eschrichtius gibbosus	California Grey Whale	-	-
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Sub-Order: Odontoceti (Toothed Whales and Dolphins)
FAMILY: Physeteridae (Sperm Whales)

Kogia breviceps	Pigmy Sperm Whale	-	-
Physeter catodon	Sperm Whale or Cachalot	-	-

FAMILY: Ziphiidae (Beaked Whales)

Ziphius cavirostris	Goose-Beaked or Cuvier's Beaked Whale	-	-
Mesoplodon ginkgodens	Ginkgo-Tooth Beaked Whale	-	-
Hyperoodon planifrons	Bottle-Nosed Whale	-	-

FAMILY: Phocoenidae (Porpoises)

Neophocaena phocaenoides	Little indian Porpoise	-	-
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FAMILY: Delphinidae (Dolphins and Killer Whales)

Delphinus delphis	Common Dolphin	-	-
Stenella longirostris	Long-Beaked Dolphin	-	-
Sotalia lentiginosa	Speckled Dolphin	-	-
Sotalia plumbea	Plumbeous Dolphin	-	-
Tursiops truncatus	Bottle-Nosed Dolphin	-	-
Pseudorca crassidens	False Killer Whales	-	-
Orcinus orca	Killer Whale or Grampus	-	-

ORDER: Carnivora (Carnivores)
FAMILY: Mustelidae (Weasels, Otters, etc.)

Lutra lutra (ceylonica) nair	Ceylon Otter	-	-
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FAMILY: Canidae (Wolves, Jackals, Foxes, etc.)

Canis aureus lanka	Ceylon Jackal	-	-
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FAMILY: Ursidae (Bears)

Melursus ursinus inornatus	Ceylon Sloth Bear	-	-
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FAMILY: Viverridae (Civets, Palm-cats, Mongooses, etc.)
Sub-Family: Viverrinae (Civets)

Viverricula indica mayori	Ceylon Small Civet-Cat	-	-
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Sub-Family: Paradoxurinae (Palm-Cats or Palm Civets)

Paradoxurus hermaphroditus	Common Indian Palm-Cat	-	-
Paradoxurus zeylonensis	Golden Palm-Civet	-	-

Sub-Family: Herpestinae (Mongooses)

Herpestes edwardsi lanka	Common Ceylon Grey Mongoose	-	-
Herpestes fuscus flavidents	Highland Ceylon Brown Mongoose	-	-
Herpestes fuscus rubidior	Western Ceylon Brown Mongoose	-	-
Herpestes fuscus macarthiaie	Northern Ceylon Brown Mongoose	-	-
Herpestes smithi zeylanicus	Ceylon Ruddy Mongoose	-	-
Herpestes vitticollis	Striped-Necked Mongoose	-	-

FAMILY: Felidae (Lions, Tigers, Leopards, Cats, etc.)

Felis (Proinailurus) rubiginosa phillipsi	Ceylon Rusty-Spotted Cat	-	-
Felis (Zibethailurus) viverrina	Indian Fishing Cat	-	-
Felis chaus kelaarti	Ceylon Jungle Cat	-	-
Panthera pardus lankae	Ceylon Leopard	-	-

ORDER: Proboscidea (Elephants and their allies)
FAMILY: Elephantidae (Elephants)

Elephas maximus maximus	Ceylon Elephant	-	-
Elephas maximus vil-aliya	Ceylon Marsh Elephant	-	-

ORDER: Sirenia (Dugongs, Sea-Cows)
FAMILY: Dugongidae (Dugongs)

Dugong dugong	Common Dugong	-	-
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ORDER: Perissodactyla (Odd-Toed Ungulates)
FAMILY: Equidae (Horses and Donkeys)

Equus equus	Mannar Pony	-	-
Equus caballus	Mannar Pigmy Donkey	-	-

ORDER: Artiodactyla (Even-Toed Ungulates)
Sub-Order: Suiformes (Pigs and Pig-Like Mammals)
FAMILY: Suidae (Pigs)

Sus scrofa cristatus	Indian Wild Pig	-	-
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Sub-Order: Ruminantia (Ruminants)
FAMILY: Tragulidae (Cheverotains or Mouse Deer)

Tragulus meminna	Indian Mouse Deer or Chevrotain	-	-
FAMILY: Cervidae (Deer)			
Muntiacus muntjak malabaricus	Indian Muntjak or Barking Deer	-	-
Axis (axis) axis ceylonensis	Ceylon Spotted Deer	-	-
Cervus unicolor unicolor	Sambhur	-	-
FAMILY: Bovidae (Wild Cattle and Buffalos)			
Bubalus bubalis bubalis	Indian Water Buffalo	-	-

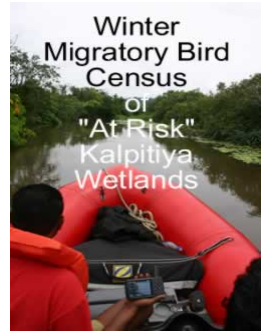
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Geographic & Demographic Information

Location	: Sri Lanka is an island located in the Indian Ocean of the southern most tip of India
Latitude	: 5.55' - 9.51' North
Longitude	: 79.41' - 81.54' East
Area	: 25,324 square miles (66,000 square kilometers)
Coastline	: 840 miles (1,340 kilometers)
Length	: 270 miles (432 kilometers) along the North-South axis
Width	: 140 miles (272 kilometers) at the widest point
<u>Climatic zones</u>	: Dry zone (65%), Intermediate zone (12%), Wet zone (23%)
Climate	: Hot, humid, tropical

Average Temperatures:	Maximum	Minimum
Colombo:	87.7 F	75.2 F
Kandy:	83.7 F	68.4 F
Nuwara Eliya:	68.4 F	52.5 F

<u>Terrain</u>	: Three Peneplains (Erosion Levels) First Peneplain (Coastal Plains), from Sea Level to 885.8 feet (270 meters) Second Peneplain (The Uplands), from 885.8 - 3477.6 feet (1060 meters) Third Peneplain (The Highlands), from 2985.6 - 7939.6 feet (910 meters - 2420 meters)
Rainfall	: Average annual rainfall: 37" - 288"
Seasons	: South West Monsoon (May - September) North East Monsoon (December - February) Inter Monsoons (March/April & October/November)
<u>Vegetational Zones</u>	: Desert Monsoon Scrub Jungle Monsoon forest and grassland Inter-monsoon forest Rainforest and grassland below 2,998.6 feet (914 meters) Rainforest and grassland from 2,998.6 - 5,000 feet (914 - 1,524 meters) Rainforest and grassland above 5,000 feet (1,524 meters)
Highest peak	: Pidurutalagala (8,284 feet)

Provinces :

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- NCP = North Central Province
- NP = Northern Province

Population : ~20 million

Growth : 1.2% annually (1993)

People : 74% Sinhala, 18% Tamil, 8% Muslims

Languages : Sinhala, Tamil, English

Religions : 69% Buddhists, 15% Hindus, 8% Islam, 8% Christian

Literacy rate : 90%

Government : Democracy

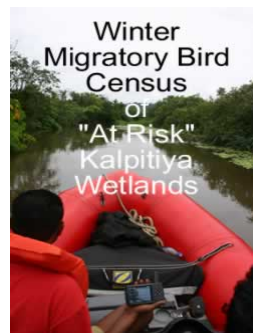
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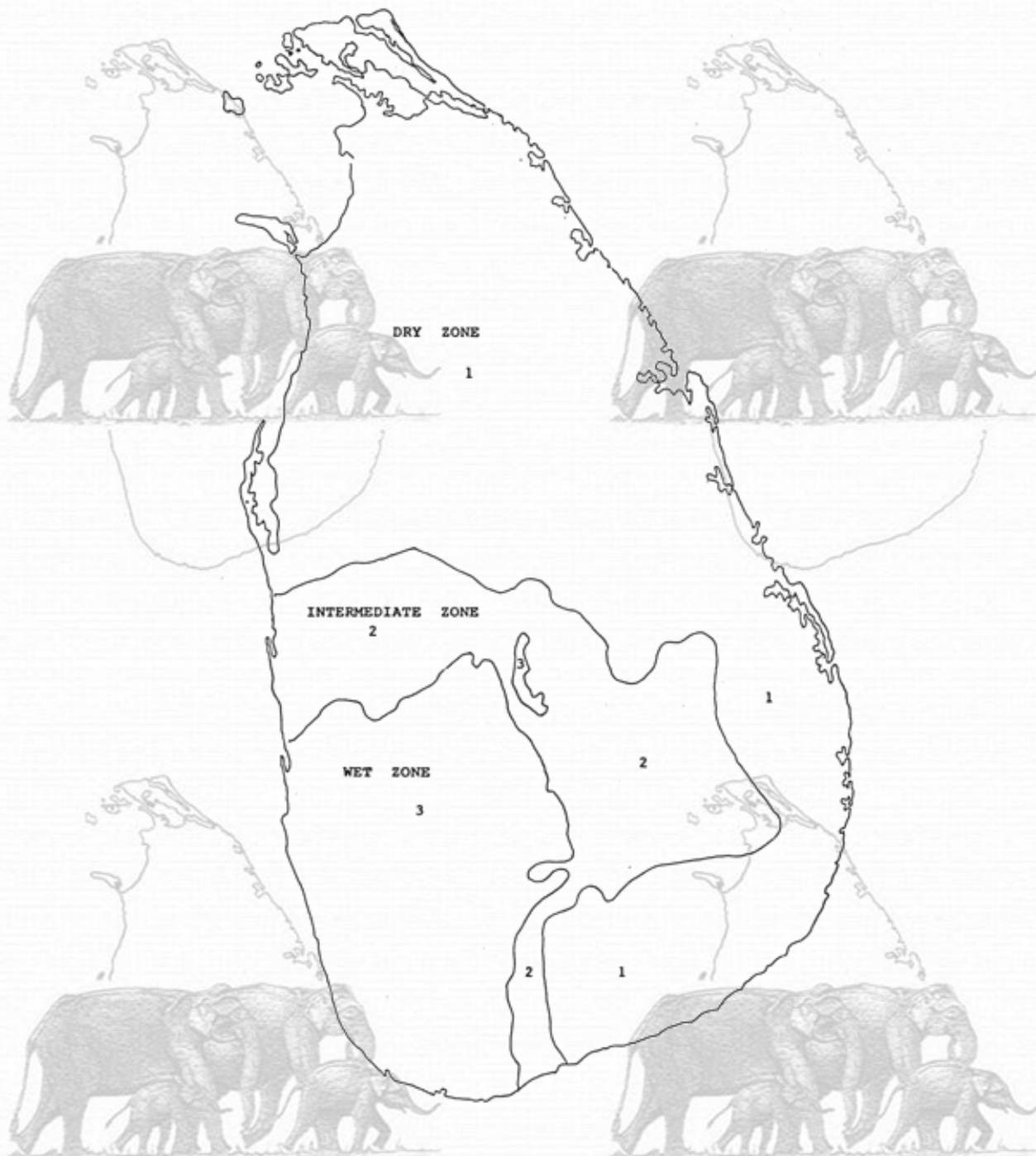


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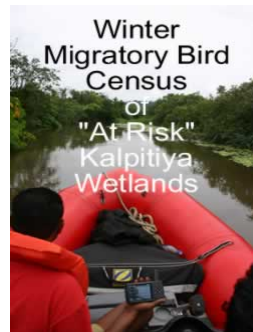
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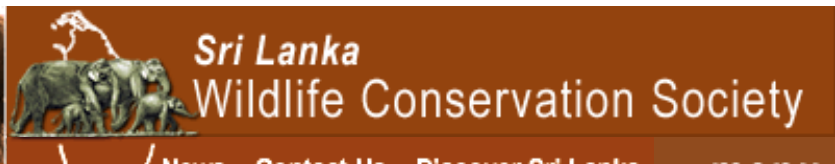
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BIODIVERSITY STATISTICS OF SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka is a global biodiversity hot spot. [\[1\]](#) About half of its species are endemic to the island. The island also provides critical habitat for internationally mobile species, including 5 species of endangered marine turtles, about 100 species of waterfowl, and many other migratory birds.

Biodiversity Statistics:

FLORA

Flowering plants - of the known 3,368 species 26% is endemic.

Species richness of the native flora is extreme and, although little studied, there are known to be over:

314 species of Ferns

575 species of Mosses

190 species of Liverworts

896 species of Algae

1,920 species of Fungi

FAUNA

Invertebrates

- Nearly 75% of all the following invertebrates are endemic.
- 400 species of Arachnids (spiders)
- 242 species of Butterflies
- 117 species of Dragonflies and damselflies
- 139 species of Mosquitoes
- 525 species of Carabid beetles
- 266 species of Land snails
- All 35 species (100%) of land snails are endemic.

Vertebrates

- Freshwater fish– of 78 species 50% is endemic
- Amphibians - of nearly 250 species 90% is endemic.
- Reptiles: 25% of the following reptiles are endemic
 - Snakes – 92 species
 - Gekkos – 21 species
 - Skinks – 21 species
- Non-migrant birds – of 322 species 14% is endemic
- Mammals – of the 86 species 14% is endemic.

[\[1\]](#) Myers, N., R.A. Mittermeier, C.G. Mittermeier, G.A.B. da Fonseca, and J. Kent, 2000. Biodiversity Hot spots for Conservation Priorities. *Nature* 403: 853-858.

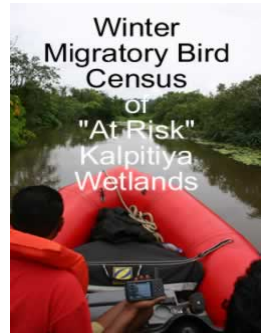
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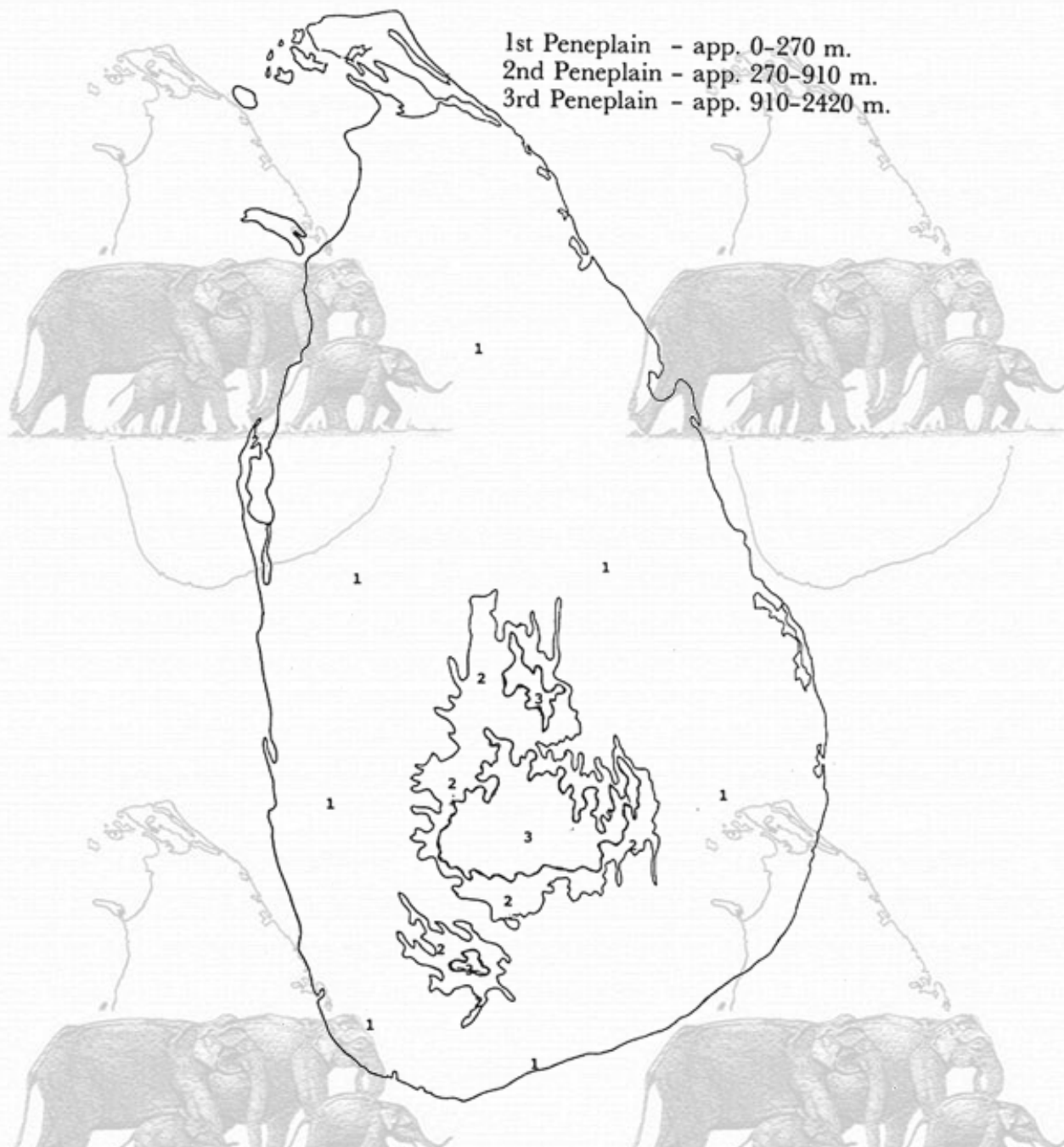
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SRI LANKA - THE THREE PENEPLAINS

1st Peneplain - app. 0-270 m.
2nd Peneplain - app. 270-910 m.
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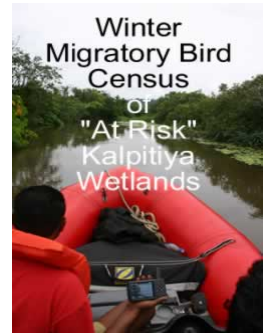
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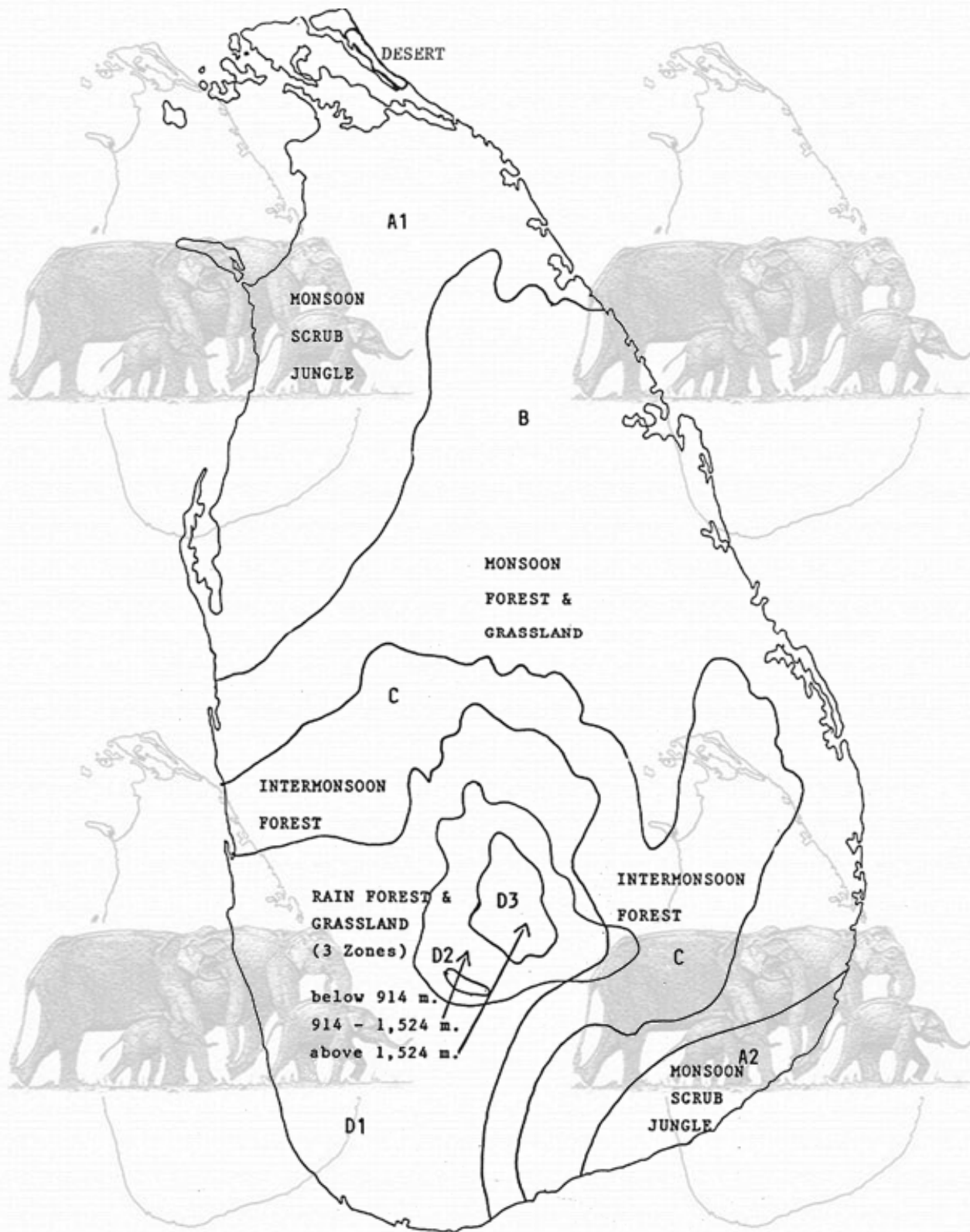
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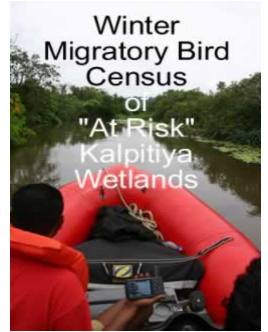
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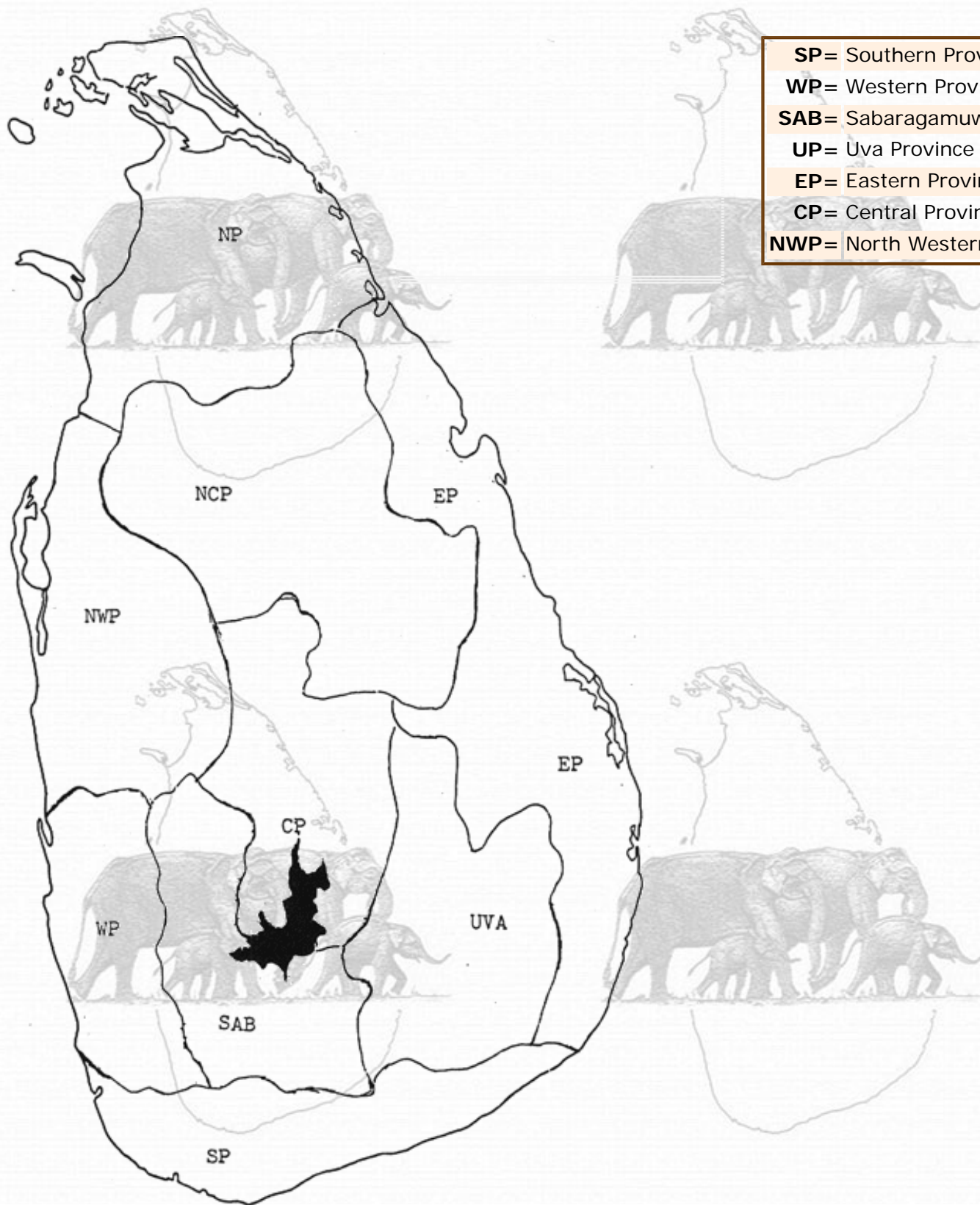
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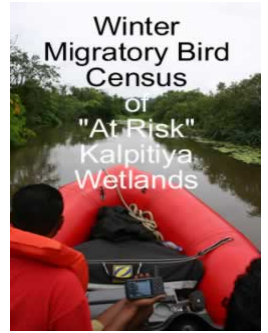
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