

4th APAP Technical Workshop

Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME)

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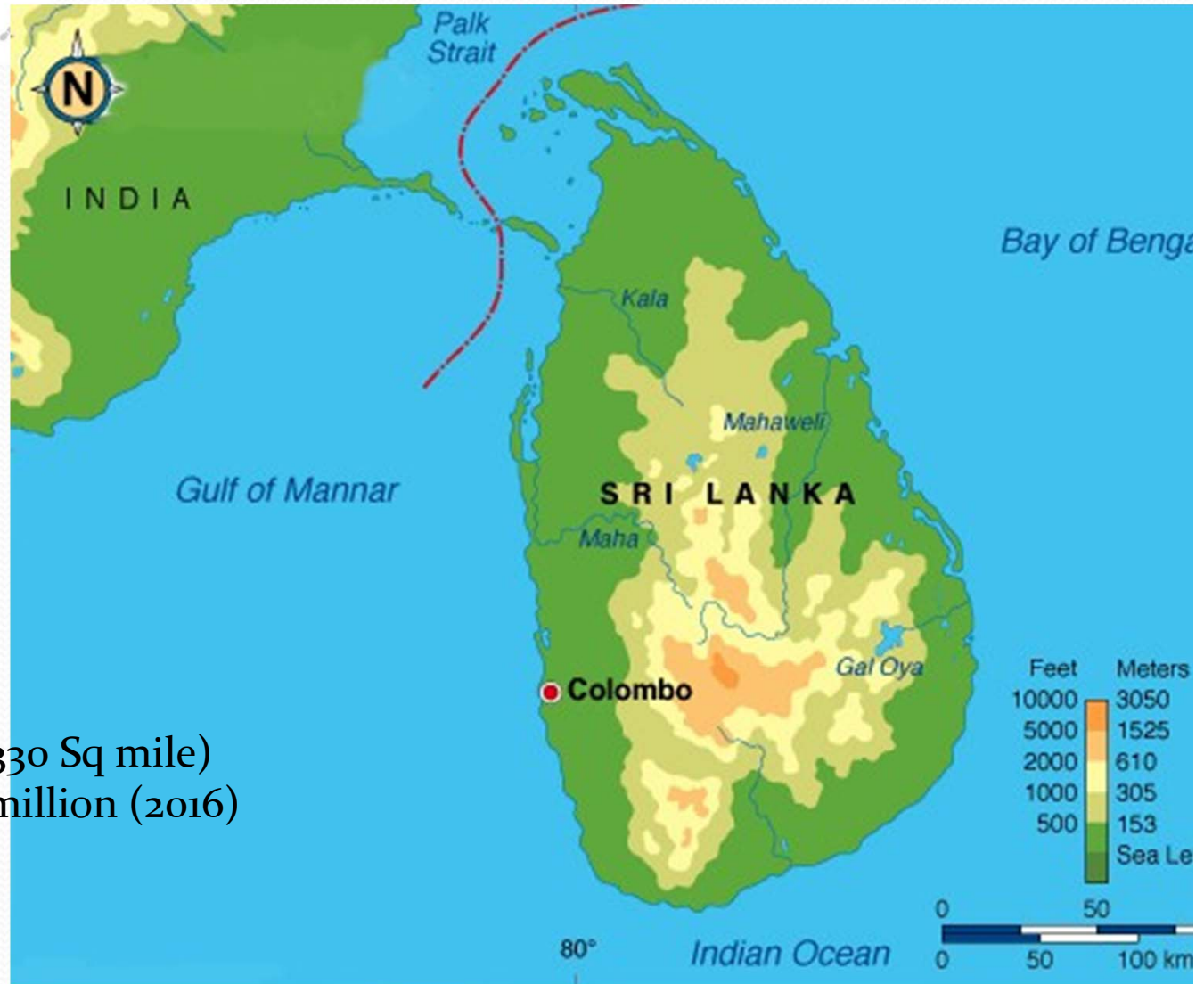
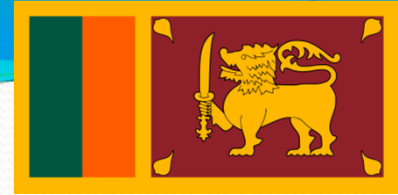
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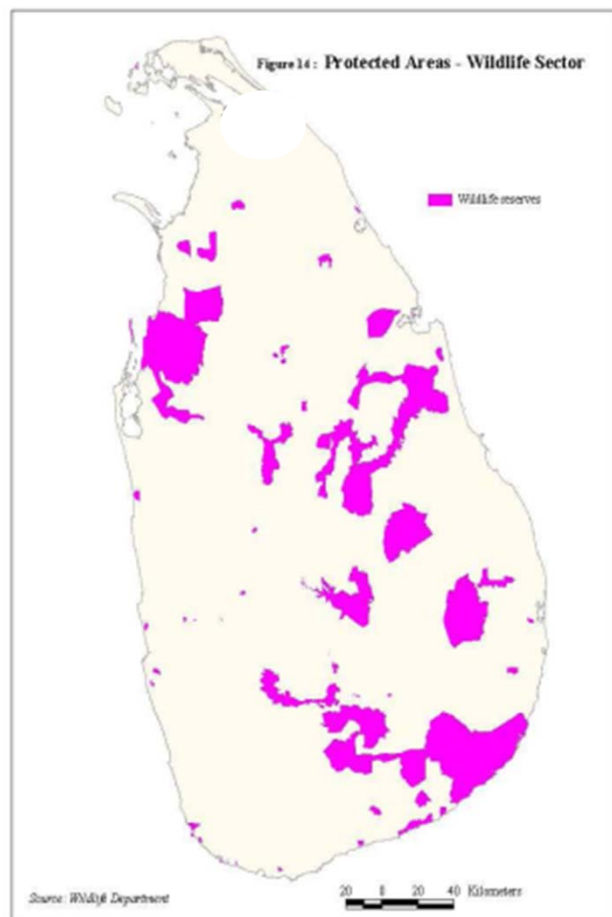
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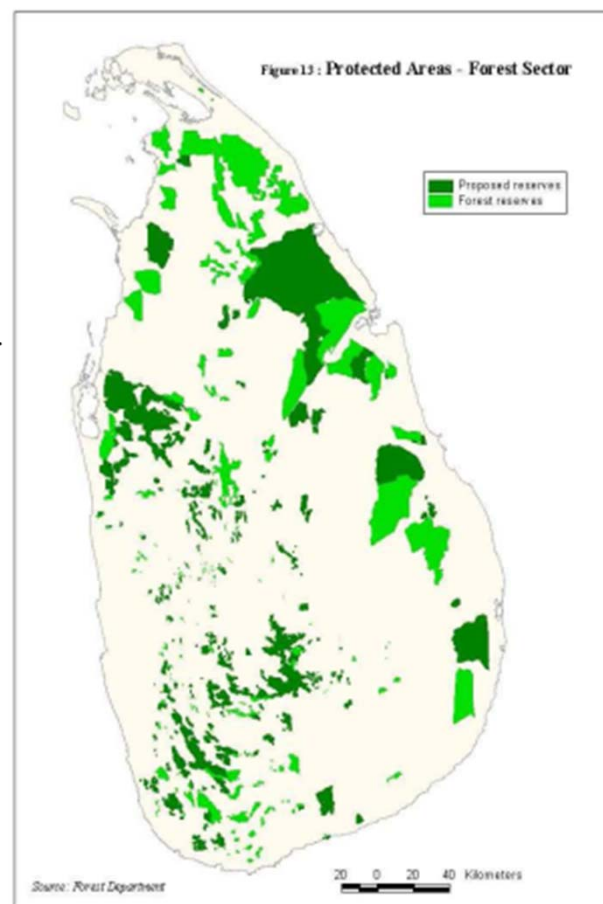


Area -65,610 sq km (25,330 Sq mile)
Mass Population-21.2 million (2016)

Distribution of Protected Areas in Sri Lanka



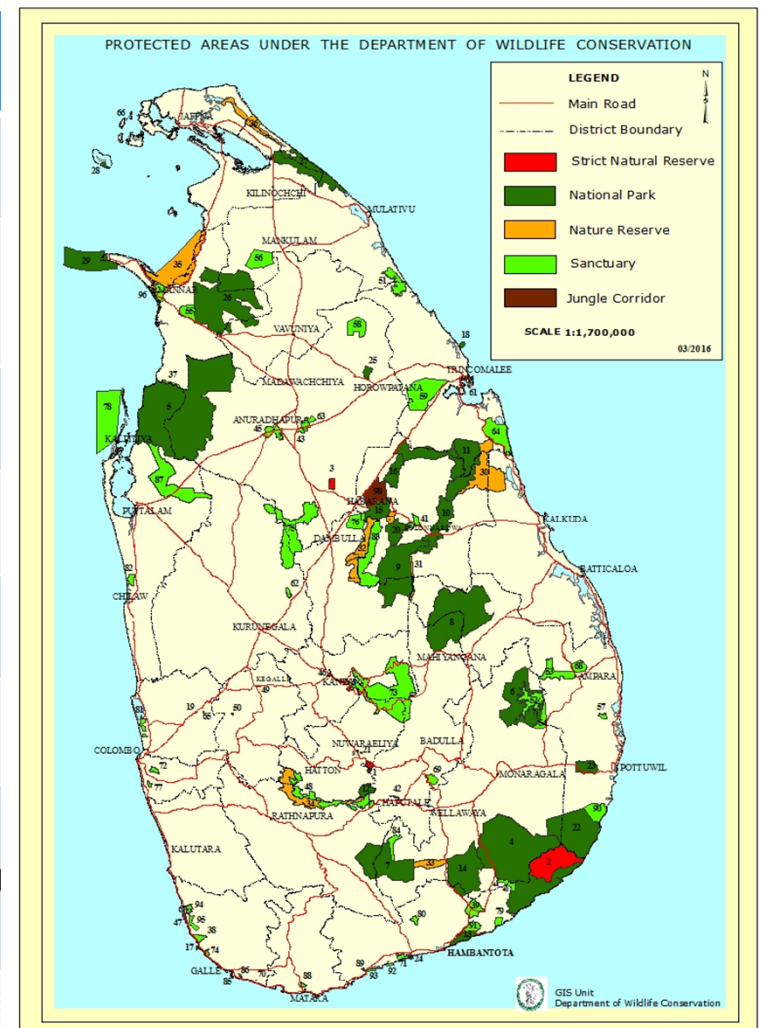
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Wildlife Protected Areas in Sri Lanka

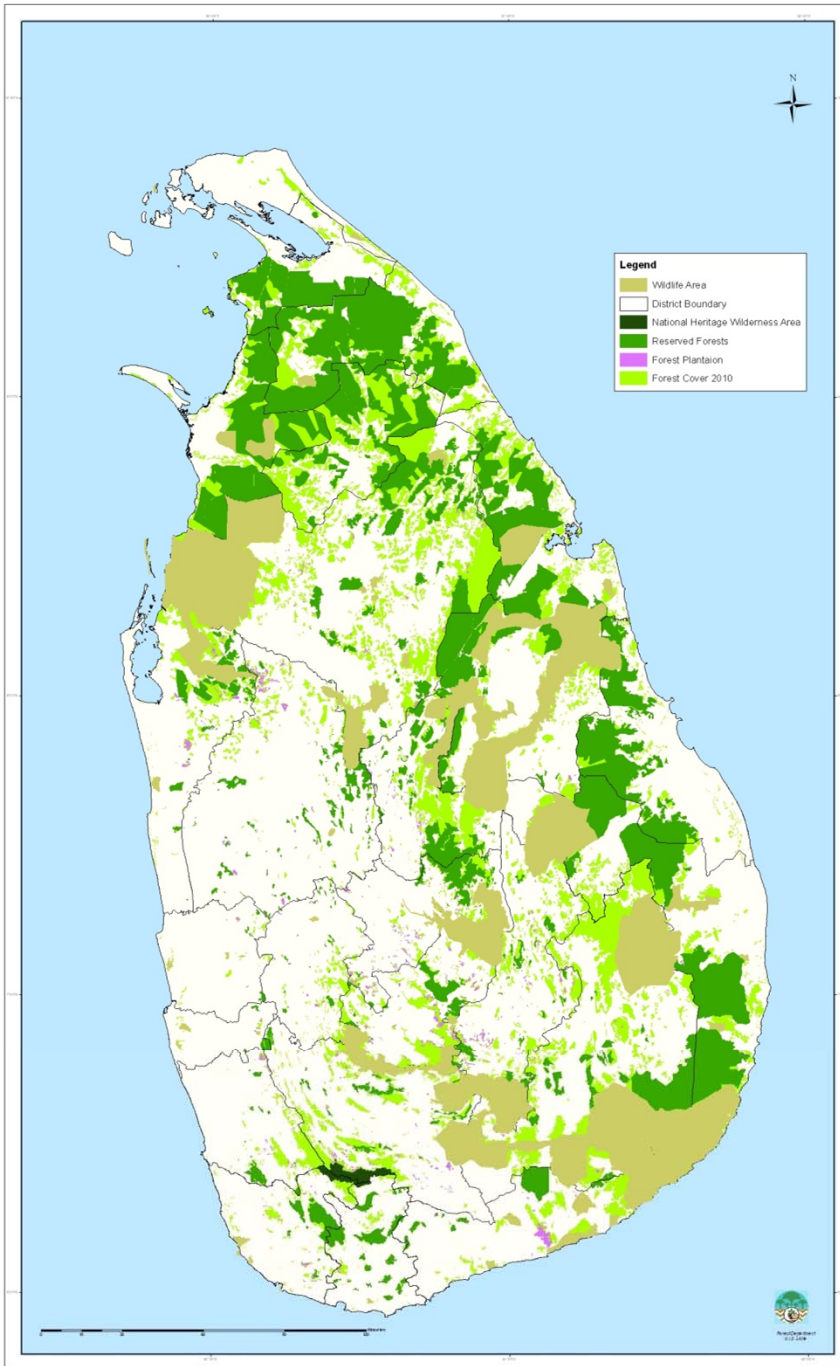
PA Category		Island wide Status	
		Number	Area (ha.)
National Reserve	Strict Natural Reserve	3	31,574.40
	National Park	26	738,650.49
	Nature Reserve	9	101,647.01
	Jungle Corridor	1	8,777.00
Sanctuary		63	289,493.6
Total		102	1,170,142.5



Protected Areas under Forest Department

National Heritage Wilderness areas:	11,127 ha
Forest Reserves:	956,459 ha
Conservation Forests:	117,389 ha
TOTAL	1,084,975 ha

Forest cover of country – 29.7%





Section-I

- **Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME) Methodologies and Tools**



What is the history of using PAME Methodologies and tools in Sri Lanka

- No long history
- Recently adopted in a few Protected Areas

How widely used are PAME methodologies /tools in Protected area system

- Not widely used. Applied in a very few PAs of the country

What are the benefits of using these PAME methodologies/tools

- Evaluate the status of PA
- Evaluate the threats, issues & problems of the PA
- Identification of the required management actions to the area.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of management methodologies of the PA

What are the most commonly used PAME methodologies/tools

- Tracking tool

What challenges have been encountered in using these PAME methodologies/ tools

- New concept & Not familiar to park managers
- Absence of Management plans for all of the PAs
- No training for applying the PAME tools

What are country plans for the use of PAME methodologies/ tools in the future

- Plan to Introduce suitable PAME methodologies/tools to Protected areas in Sri Lanka

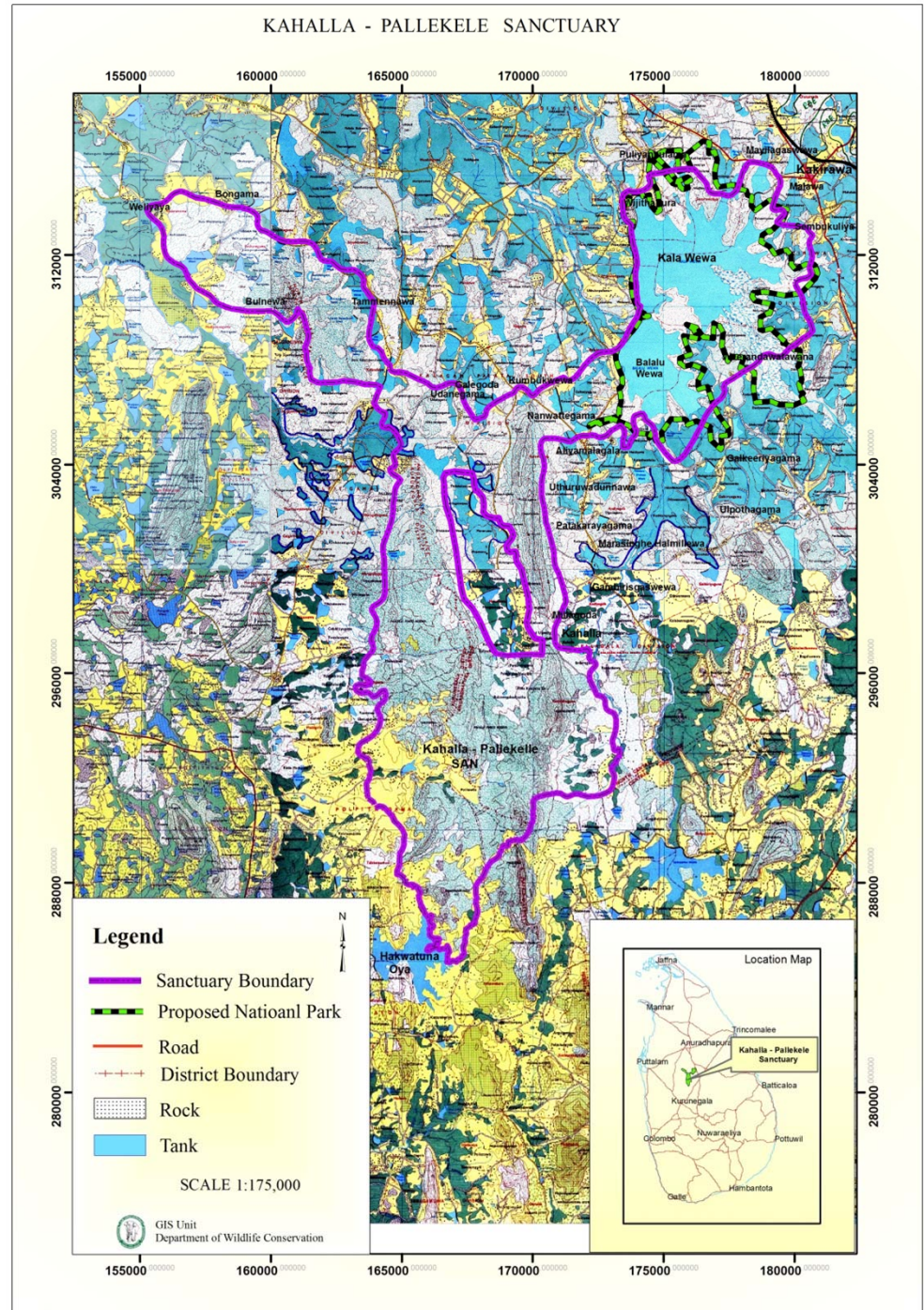


Section -II

Site Level Case Study of Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) Implementation

Brief overview of the site

- Name of the site- Kahalla Pallekele Sanctuary
- Size- 21690 ha
- Location- North western Province & North Central Province, Kurunegala & Anuradhapura Districts





Brief overview of the site...Ctd

- Legal Status- Declared as a sanctuary on 11. 07.1989, under the provisions of Fauna & Flora Protection Ordinance .
- Threats- Encroachments, Illegal felling, Poaching, Extraction of minerals (sand, gravel), Loosing habitat quality for elephants (invasive plants), HEC



Brief Summary of the MEE process.

- When- 2015
- Why- Before commencing Environment sensitive area (ESA) project (GEF funded),this process was conducted
- Who-Project Consultants of ESA project & wildlife officers were involved

Main findings

- Legal status of the sanctuary should be upgraded
- Staff / facilities/equipment need to be increased.
- Requirement of the Management plan for the sanctuary .
- Size of the PA need to be increased.
- Requirement for increasing law enforcement activities to control Illegal activities

How have the MEE results been used to strengthen actual Management of the site?

- Planning to upgrade the sanctuary as a National Park
- Staff & facilities are being upgrading.
- Management plan was prepared.
- Adjoining lands are identified for increasing the extent of the sanctuary.
- Established new beat office and regular patrolling conducting

Were there any important lessons learned from the MEE experience at this particular site?

- This is the one of few site under pilot study, and still in the first phase of implementation.
- Need of a strong Legal status
- Preparation of management plan for each PA
- Strengthening the patrolling and legal action




What are the future plans for MEE in this Protected Area?

- Replication of the MEE to evaluate the management actions of the site and Introduce to other Protected areas of the country.



Section III

IUCN Green list of Protected Area and Conserved Areas

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- Is your country interested in adopting the IUCN Green list Standard? YES
 - Sri Lanka do not have a plan to adopt the Green List Standards so far. But we would like to adopt this standard to Protected area network of the country in future.



Section -IV

Other International Standards

- Is your country using other international PA management standards(ex . Conservation assured/Tiger standards (CA/TS)- **No but introduced SMART recently**
- Is your country interested in adopting any other international PA management standards?
YES , we would like to adopt appropriate standards to the Sri Lanka



Thank you !