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#### Summary

The Maduganga estuary and mangrove islets are a complex coastal wetland ecosystem situated in the Galle District of Southern Sri Lanka. The total area of the estuary is 915 ha, of which 770 ha consist of open water, while islands account for 145 ha. With the view of safeguarding the ecological functions, resources and values of the Madu ganga estuary for conservation and future sustenance of biodiversity, IUCN Sri Lanka carried out a systematic assessment of biodiversity during a six-month period, from May to October 2000. Field monitoring of fauna and flora was carried out at fortnightly intervals, in a systematic manner, using scientifically accepted biodiversity assessment techniques. A zoning exercise was carried out according to ecological significance and threats to biodiversity, using appropriate indicators.

The survey revealed that the Maduganga wetland consists of 10 major wetland vegetation types. These vegetation types harboured a total of 303 species of plants belonging to 95 families. The total plant species included 19 endemics, 8 nationally threatened species and 9 invasive alien species. Based on the extent of occurrence (ha), mangroves and mangrove mixed swamps were the dominant wetland vegetation types in Maduganga. In addition to these wetland vegetation types, three major terrestrial vegetation types are also found in the islands and the surrounding mainland area of the Maduganga estuary. Perennial crops (mainly cinnamon) dominated the terrestrial vegetation types. A total of 98 plant species were recorded from the multi-species home gardens. When considering the species richness of flora in different wetland vegetation types, mangroves harboured the highest number of species, closely followed by mangrove mixed swamps. Maduganga estuary harbours a small population of a very rare, threatened mangrove species - Lumnitzera littorea. A total of 248 species of vertebrate fauna, belonging to 121 families were recorded from Maduganga. These included 20 species (8 %) of endemics, while 30 species (12 %) are nationally threatened. The native vertebrate fauna of Maduganga represents 30% of Sri Lanka's native inland vertebrate species.

Maduganga, perhaps one of the last remaining tracts of pristine mangrove forest in Sri Lanka with a rich biodiversity, now appears to be threatened with the same predicament that many of the island's mangroves now find themselves in, owing to increasing human activity. At present, this wetland is not a protected area under any Government Department. Therefore, it is envisaged that the findings of this survey will contribute to the conservation of this unique coastal wetland.

**Key words:** Maduganga mangrove estuary, biodiversity, threats

#### 1. Introduction

Mangroves are evergreen forests that occur in the inter-tidal zone along sheltered coastlines, mainly in the tropical region. The mangrove vegetation possesses physiological and structural adaptations to grow in saline and muddy conditions. Being highly productive ecosystems, mangroves serve multiple functions/uses, including ecological and socio-economic benefits (Aksornkoae, 1993).

Mangroves in Sri Lanka occur in a patchy distribution in the island's coastline, in areas adjacent to lagoons, estuaries and river-mouths. In most areas in the island, mangroves are restricted to a narrow strip, due to the low (<1m) tidal amplitude. Based on the topography, flooding characteristics and floristic composition, five types of mangrove, namely, riverine, fringing, scrub, overwash and basin have been identified in the island (Balasubramaniam, 1985). According to an analysis of satellite images carried out in 1992 (Legg and Jewell, 1995), the total area of mangrove habitats in the island was estimated to be 8,687 ha, which is about 0.13% of the total land area. The future sustenance of mangrove ecosystems in Sri Lanka is undermined by the steady deterioration of mangrove habitats from over-exploitation of resources and from clearing for coastal aquaculture, agriculture and urban development.

The Maduganga estuary is an area that harbours a relatively undisturbed mangrove habitat that is spread over several small islands. It is situated within the two Divisional Secretariats of Balapitiya and Karandeniya in the Galle District of Southern Sri Lanka (Figure 1). The total area of the estuary is 915 ha, of which 770 ha consist of open water, while islands account for 145 ha. A total of 15 islands are surrounded by water throughout the year. Maduganga estuary has three major inflows: Boralessa Ela, Heen Ela and Magala Ela. The area falls within the South-Western Lowland Wet Zone of Sri Lanka and hence experiences a perennially wet climate. Thick mangrove vegetation is prevalent along the northern and northwestern banks of Maduganga, at the lagoon mouth and on majority of the islands. A highlight of this area is the presence of a rare and threatened mangrove species - *Lumnitzera littorea*, commonly referred to as 'Rathamilla'. Cinnamon cultivations form the dominant land use type in the area. At present, a nature based tourism industry is developing rapidly at Maduganga. In addition, resident traditional fishermen are involved in commercial fishing activities in the Maduganga estuary (CEA/Euroconsult, 1997).

Although no detailed studies on the biodiversity of Maduganga have been carried out previously, the importance of this wetland in terms of its high ecological, biological and aesthetic significance has already been identified, through information gathered from preliminary surveys. The area has been recognized as a priority wetland for conservation, with two conservation management plans being developed during the last decade by the Central Environmental Authority (CEA/ Euroconsult, 1997) and the Forest Department (Anonymous, 2000). Amidst these initiatives, activities related to the growing human population pressure are threatening the Maduganga wetland, by causing considerable stress on the ecology and biodiversity of this ecosystem.

Therefore, with a view to contributing towards safeguarding the ecological functions, resources and values of the Maduganga estuary for conservation and future sustenance of biodiversity, IUCN Sri Lanka undertook a systematic survey to document the status of biodiversity in this coastal wetland. This paper intends to highlight the biodiversity of Maduganga, and provide scientific knowledge in a simplified manner to facilitate future initiatives to conserve this valuable coastal wetland ecosystem.

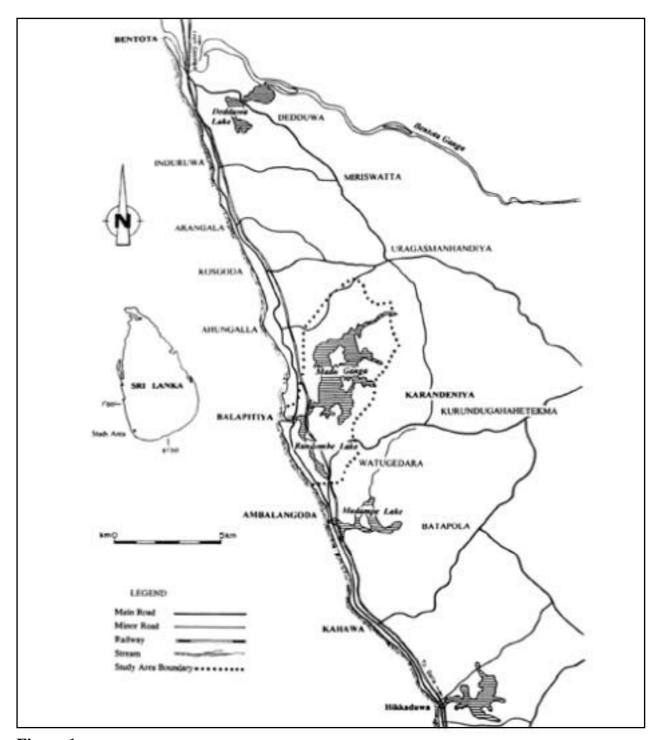


Figure 1.

Location of the Maduganga mangrove estuary (Source: CEA/Euroconsult, 1997)

#### 2. Methodology

#### Period of field survey, sampling frequency and time

A six-month field survey commenced at the beginning of May, 2000 and was completed by the end of October, 2000. Field sampling was carried out at fortnightly intervals; each sampling session spanning over six continuous days. In order to avoid a time bias for a particular sampling site when recording fauna, each selected sampling site was covered at different times of the day during the above survey period. Nocturnal visits were also made to all sampling sites, during each sampling session.

#### Sampling sites

After an initial reconnaissance survey, the Maduganga ecosystem was divided into six major strata (Table 1; Figure 2), based on the occurrence of different plant communities and a hypothetical salinity gradient (Upper reaches of estuary - lower salinity; Lower reaches of estuary - higher salinity). These strata were sampled for fauna and flora at 2-3 random sampling sites. Apart from the islands, the mainland area around the estuary was surveyed up to a maximum of 50m from the edge of water.

Table 1 Sampling sites in Maduganga estuary

Re	egion	Strata & Physical features	<b>Major vegetation Community</b>
1.	Upper areas (Low salinity)	<ul><li>1.1. Streams, Marshland</li><li>1.2. Kothduwa &amp; Dikduwa islands</li></ul>	Cerbera-Syzygium-Bruguiera Rhizophora-Bruguiera-Exoecaria
2.	Mid areas (Moderate salinity)	<ul> <li>2.1. Honduwa, Erawanaduwa, Dimiduwa, Maduwa &amp; Mimaduwa islands.</li> <li>2.2. Miraladuwa, Naiduwa &amp; Muwanduwa islands.</li> </ul>	Mixed vegetation  Rhizophora-Bruguiera- Exoecaria-mixed vegetation.
3.	Lower areas (High salinity)	<ul> <li>3.1. Katuduwa, Thiniyaduwa, Mahaladuwa, Galmanduwa, Gonaduwa &amp; Madaduwa Islands</li> <li>3.2. Rivermouth, Randombe lake</li> </ul>	Rhizophora dominant, Bruguiera- Exoecaria- Dolichandron mixed vegetation Rhizophora dominant mangrove system

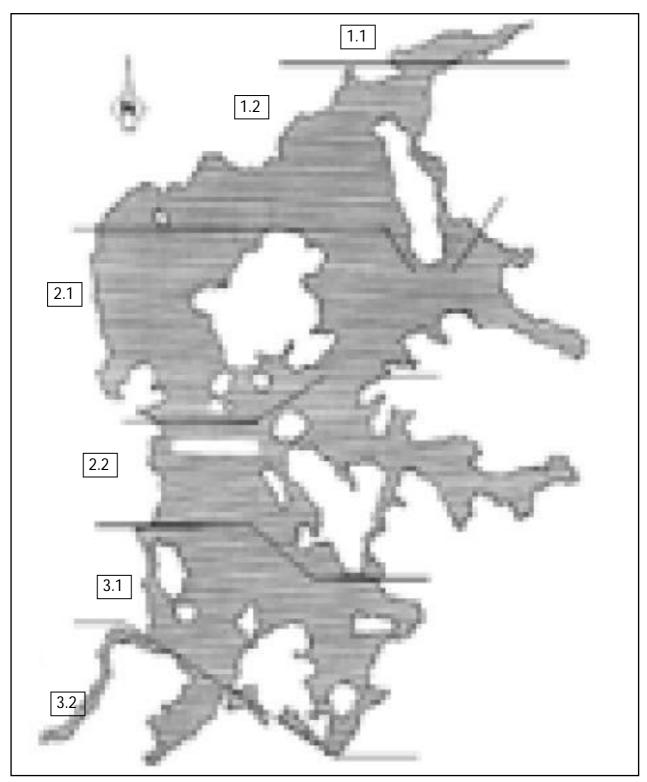


Figure 2
Sampling Strata of Maduganga estuary

#### Preparation of digitized maps on vegetation types

The aerial photographs of the Maduganga mangrove wetland taken in 1995 were subjected to ground-truthing to ascertain the different vegetation types and their extent. This information was used in developing a GIS database, from which a digitized map on vegetation types in Maduganga was produced.

#### Field sampling techniques

Sampling methods were designed to identify and quantify all groups of vertebrates, some selected groups of invertebrate taxa, and floral communities in representative habitats within the study area. Flora was enumerated using the belt transect technique (25m x 5m). Distinct vegetation types were identified according to the vegetation structure and composition. At least 3 replicates were taken from each vegetation type to accommodate the floristic variations within a site. Abundance of each plant species in a given plot was recorded according to Braun-Blanquet method (cited in Sutherland, 1996).

The fauna sampled regularly included all groups of vertebrates and also two groups of invertebrates (butterflies and molluscs) for which there is adequate information in Sri Lanka. Standard sampling techniques specified in Sutherland (1996) were adopted, with slight modifications to suit the existing field condition. Fish were sampled by cast netting (10 random casts/site/strata) and by observing the commercial catch. Herpetofauna in islands and mainland were sampled along transects (50m x 5m) and by placing pitfall traps. Birds were documented by 0.5 hour point counts (100m radius; 3 sites/strata). Mammals were documented in a qualitative manner, using direct observations and indirect methods (defecation, tracks). Butterflies in islands and mainland were documented along 50m x 5m transects. Terrestrial molluscs were documented in 2m x 5m belt transects. Aquatic crustaceans and molluscs were documented in a qualitative manner, using the commercial catch, and collection of specimens.

#### Identification and nomenclature of fauna and flora

The fauna and flora of Maduganga were identified and classified using the guides stated in Table 2 below:

Table 2
Guides used for the identification and taxonomy of flora and fauna

Group	Source
Flora	Dassanayake, M. D. & Fosberg, F. R. (eds.) (1980 - 1991); Dassanayake, M. D., Fosberg, F. R. and Clayton, W. D. (eds.) (1994 - 1995) Dassanayake, M. D., and Clayton, W. D. (eds.) (1996 - 1999)
Fish	Pethiyagoda (1990); De Bruin et al. (1994)
Amphibians	Dutta & Manamendra-Aarachchi (1996)
Reptiles	Deraniyagala (1953); De Silva (1990)
Birds	Harrison & Worfolk (1999)
Mammals	Phillips (1980)
Butterflies	D'Abrera (1998)
Molluscs	Brackish water - Pinto (1986); Terrestrial - Naggs & Raheem (2000)
Crustaceans	Pinto (1986); De Bruin et al. (1994)

#### Identification of ecologically important areas (critical habitats)

Areas of high ecological significance, which are critical habitats that needs priority conservation action, were identified using the following ecological criteria:

- Biodiversity the variety or richness of habitats, communities and species (the latter was assessed using species richness of woody plants and birds as surrogates of biodiversity).
- Naturalness extent to which the area has been protected from, or has not been subjected to, human-induced destruction, degradation or modification. (Assessed by the status of habitat degradation/deterioration)
- Representativeness the degree to which the area represents a habitat type, ecological process, biological community or other natural characteristic, within the Maduganga mangrove estuary. (Assessed by the number of representative habitat and vegetation types)
- Dependency/Uniqueness in terms of providing habitat for endemic and/or threatened species of fauna and flora. (Assessed by number of endemic and/or threatened species in a strata)
- Integrity the degree to which the area is an effective, self-sustaining ecological entity, in time and space, within Maduganga mangrove estuary. (Assessed by the overall status of above criteria)

The six major strata surveyed were assessed for each of the above ecological criteria, using a set of scores ranging from 1-5; the highest score being given to the higher significance of each criteria. The strata that received a cumulative score of above 20 were considered as areas of high ecological significance in Maduganga.

#### Assessment of threats

The threats were categorised under habitat deterioration/degradation, direct exploitation of species and spread of invasive alien species. The various threats to biodiversity under the above categories in each strata were assessed at three levels of significance; low, moderate and high, and the overall threat status of each strata was determined according to the frequency of threat significance levels.

#### 3. Flora of Maduganga

#### Floristic composition and vegetation types

The Maduganga wetland consists of 10 major wetland vegetation types (Table 3; Figure 3). A total of 302 species of plants belonging to 95 families (Appendix 1) were documented from these vegetation types. When considering the woody plants in the different vegetation types, 121 species under 43 families were documented in the sampling plots. The total plant species include 19 endemics and 8 nationally threatened species (IUCN Sri Lanka, 2000), while 9 are invasive alien species. Herbs represent the dominant plant life-form (59%) in Maduganga, while non-woody climbers forms the least common (1%) plant life-form (Figure 4). Based on the extent of occurrence, mangroves and mangrove mixed swamps are the dominant wetland vegetation type in Maduganga. The mangrove scrubs, mangrove mixed swamps, and bank scrubs represent different stages of degraded mangrove vegetation. The most abundant mangrove species is *Rhizophora apiculata*, while *Lumnitzera littorea* is the least found mangrove species.

In addition to these wetland vegetation types, three major terrestrial vegetation types are also found in the islands and the surrounding mainland area of the Maduganga estuary (Table 3). Perennial crops (Cinnamon, Coconut and Rubber) dominate the terrestrial vegetation types. The northern mainland of Maduganga is dominated by Cinnamon cultivations, while Coconut and Rubber plantations are more common in the southern mainland area. A small patch of degraded remnant lowland rainforest is located in the uppermost reaches of Maduganga. A total of 98 plant species, consisting of 41 woody species were recorded from the multi-species home gardens (Appendix 2).

When considering the species richness of flora in different wetland vegetation types in Maduganga, mangroves harbour the highest number of species, closely followed by mangrove mixed swamps (Figure 5). A total of 14 species of true mangrove and mangrove associate plants were recorded from these two vegetation types. The tall shrub swamps, palm swamps, lentic macrophyte assemblages and tall sedge brackish marshes harbour a lower number of plant species.

#### Distribution patterns of mangrove and non-mangrove woody flora

Analysis of the distribution of mangrove plant species in sampling plots within Maduganga showed some interesting patterns. The sampling plots located within 3 km range from the estuary mouth were considered as proximal plots, and those located above 3 km were considered as distal plots. *Bruguiera sexangula* occurred mostly in distal plots indicating their preference for low salinity. Similarly, relatively high abundance of *Bruguiera gymnorrhiza* and *Sonneratia caseolaria* was observed in distal plots indicating their preference for low salinity. Conversely, *Xylocarpus granatum* and *Lumnitzera littorea* were found mainly in the proximal

plots, while *Excoecaria agallocha* and *Rhizophora apiculata* occurred in high abundance in the proximal plots, indicating their preference for high salinity. Other true Mangrove species did not show such a zonation. The width of the mangrove strip along the mainland area was generally wider, compared to that of the islands. The relatively narrow strip of mangrove in islands could be attributed to the steep gradient of islands, and the resultant low tidal amplitude.

Table 3
Wetland and terrestrial vegetation types, their major plant communities and extent in the islands and mainland area of the Maduganga estuary

Wetland Vegetation Type	Plant community	Extent (ha)
1. Mangroves	Rhizophora-Bruguiera-Sonneratia	61
2. Mangrove scrubs	Excoecaria-Lumnitzera-Clerodendrum	20
3. Mangrove mixed swamps	Rhizophora-Dolichandrone-Hibiscus	63
4. Bank scrubs	Hibiscus-Pandanus-Derris	10
5. Tall shrub swamps	Annona glabra assemblage	2
6. Palm swamps	Nypa fruticans assemblage	0.5
7. Tall sedge brackish marshes	Typha angustifolia assemblage	1
8. Dwarf sedge brackish marshes	Cyperus- Eleaocharis- Xyris	19
9. Graminious bogs	Ischaemum-Panicum-Cyperus	23
10. Lentic macrophytes	Nymphaea-Salvinia-Utricularia	0.2
<b>Terrestrial Vegetation Type</b>	Plant community	Extent (ha)
Remnant lowland rainforest	Alstonia-Artocarpus-Wormia-Dillenia	5 -8
2. Multi-species home gardens	Cocos-Artocarpus-Mangifera	20-25
3. Perennial crops	Cinnamomum; Cocos; Hevea	190 - 200

It is interesting to note that among the indigenous non-mangrove woody plants documented, 12 species (including 5 endemics) were restricted to the plots surveyed in islands of Maduganga. These included *Mesua ferrea* (Clusiaceae), *Dillenia retusa* (Dilleniaceae), *Schefflera stellata* (Araliaceae), *Cleistanthus pallidus* (Euphorbiaceae), *Chionanthus albidiflorus* (Oleaceae), *Antidesma pyrifolium* (Euphorbiaceae), *Apama siliquosa* (Aristolochiaceae), *Myristica dactyloides* (Myristicaceae), *Olax zeylanica* (Olacaceae), *Ziziphus oenoplea* (Rhamnaceae), *Gardenia latifolia* (Rubiaceae), and *Symplocos cochinchinensis* (Symplocaceae). Most of these species prefer undisturbed habitats.

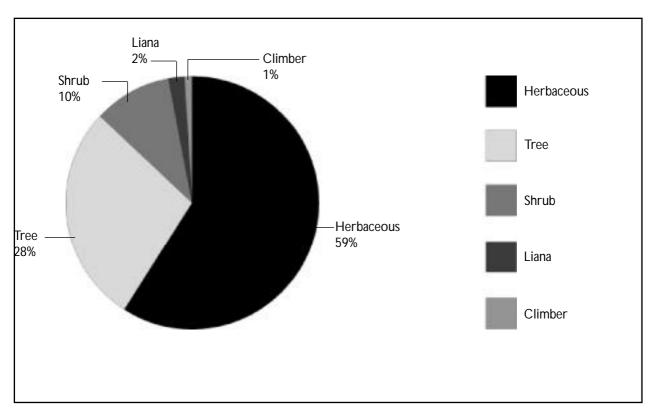


Figure 4
Plant life forms observed in Madhuganga

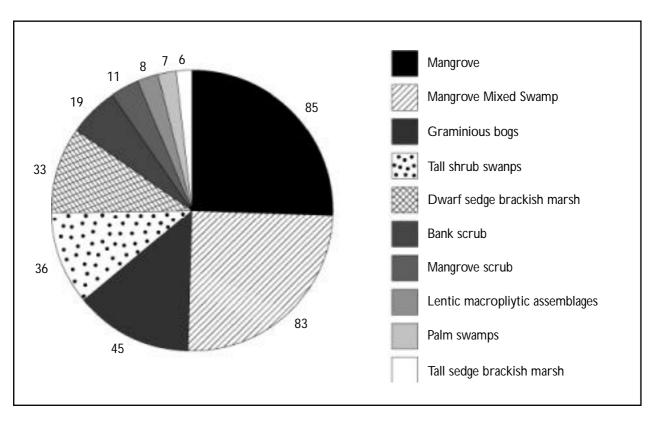


Figure 5
Species richness of flora in different wetland vegetation types at Maduganga

#### 4. Fauna of Maduganga

#### Species composition and relative abundance of vertebrate fauna

A total of 248 species of vertebrate fauna, belonging to 121 families were recorded from Maduganga. These included 20 species (8 %) of endemics, while 30 species (12 %) are nationally threatened (IUCN Sri Lanka, 2000). Among the endemic vertebrate species at Maduganga, 70% are nationally threatened. A comparison of the status of vertebrate fauna of Sri Lanka and in the Maduganga wetland is shown in Table 4. The native vertebrate fauna of Maduganga represents 30% of Sri Lanka's native inland vertebrate species. This is a significant proportion, when considering the size of this wetland. It is interesting to note that about 42% of the vertebrate species documented during the present survey are new records to the Maduganga wetland. Compared to the survey carried out by the Central Environmental Authority (CEA, 1997), the present survey enabled to document a higher number of fish and bird species.

Table 4 A comparison of vertebrate fauna in Sri Lanka and Maduganga wetland.

Group	Sri Lanka	Maduganga
Fish	Freshwater 78 (32E,39T)	70¹ (2E, 2T)
Amphibians	58 (38E, 33T)	12 (3E, 4T)
Reptiles	155 (81E, 86T)	31 (7E, 11T)
Birds	226 + 200 WM (23E,61T)	111 (13 WM, 6E, 7T)
Mammals	90 (14E, 34T)	24 (2E, 6T)

E - Endemic, T - Threatened (IUCN - SL, 2000), WM - Winter migrant

The fish consisted of 70 species belonging to 41 families (Appendix 3). Among them, two species are endemic, two are nationally threatened, while 1 species is exotic. The fish include freshwater forms, brackish water forms, fresh-brackish water forms and marine-brackish migratory species. The typical freshwater species included Striped Rasbora (*Rasbora daniconius*), Giant Danio (*Danio malabaricus*), Horandandiya (*Horadandiya atukarali*), Barbs (*Puntius* spp.) and the Walking Catfish (*Clarias brachysoma*). These were observed only in the uppermost (north-east) reaches of Maduganga where water salinity is comparatively lower, due to the inflow of freshwater from streams. About one third (23 species) of the fish species in Maduganga consist of typical brackish water forms such as the ambassids (*Ambassis spp.*), Pony fish (*Leiognathus* spp.), Mono (*Monodactylus argenteus*), Target fish (*Therapon jabua*), Mud skipper (*Periopthalmus koelrenteri*) and the Milk fish (*Chanos chanos*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Fish species - Freshwater, brackish water & marine species.

The migratory species include both "catadromous" species (species that migrate from fresh to marine habitats for reproduction) and "anadromous" species (marine species which move into brackish/fresh water for spawning or to spend their juvenile period). A typical catadromous species include the Short-finned Eel (*Anguilla bicolor*), while anadromous species include the Snappers (*Lutjanus* spp.), Trevally (*Caranx* spp.), Silver Beddy (*Gerres* spp.), Surgeon fish (*Acanthurus* spp.) and Barracuda (*Sphyraena* spp.).

The amphibians consisted of 12 species belonging to 4 families (Appendix 4), including toads, narrow-mouthed frogs, aquatic frogs and tree frogs. These represent approximately 22% of the total amphibian species in the island. Among them, 3 species are endemic, while 5 species are nationally threatened.

The reptiles consisted of 31 species belonging to 12 families (Appendix 5), covering 20% of the island's reptilian fauna. These included 19 species of tetrapod reptiles and 12 species of serpents. Among the total species, 7 are endemic, while 11 are nationally threatened. The Water Monitor (*Varanus salvator*) is the most common reptile in Maduganga. Breeding populations of the two species of crocodiles (Estuarine Crocodile - *Crocodylus porosus* and Mugger - *C. palustris*) also occurs in Maduganga. Among the other reptiles, the Indian Python (*Python molurus*) and the Sri Lanka Kangaroo lizard (*Otocryptis weigmanni*) are two rare reptiles that occur in the remnant patch of lowland rainforest located in the upper reaches of Maduganga.

Maduganga harbours a rich avifauna. A total of 111 species belonging to 48 families (Appendix 6) were recorded during the survey, which is much higher than the number recorded by Siriwardena in 1997. These represented approximately 43% of Sri Lanka's native avifauna. Of the native species, 6 are endemic, while 7 are nationally threatened. About 10% (13 species) of the total bird species in Maduganga consisted of winter migrants. The mixture of vegetation types in the islands and the surrounding mainland area, together with the estuary, has made Maduganga an ideal ecotone for a variety of birds. About 35% of the bird species recorded included those associated with wetland ecosystems, such as herons, egrets, cormorants, teals, waders, kingfishers and terns that feed on aquatic organisms. The islands in the estuary serve as an ideal roosting site for the above species. A notable feature of the species composition of avifauna in Maduganga is the low occurrence of waders, which may be related to the lack of a shoreline and mudflats around the islands and mainland areas, which are the preferred habitats of wading birds.

The mammals of Maduganga consisted of 24 species belonging to 16 families (Appendix 7), representing approximately 26% of the island's mammalian fauna. Among them, 2 species are endemic, while 6 species are considered nationally threatened. The mainland area of Maduganga is one of the few refuges of the threatened Hog Deer (*Axis porcinus*). The small patch of remnant lowland rainforest in the upper reaches of Maduganga harbours three species of threatened arboreal mammals (Purple-faced Leaf Monkey - *Trachypithecus vetulus*, Golden Palm Civet - *Paradoxurus zeylonensis* and the Slender Loris - *Loris tardigradus*). The area also serves as an important refuge of three carnivorous mammals - the Fishing Cat (*Prionailurus viverrinus*), Eurasian Otter (*Lutra lutra*) and the Jackal (*Canis aureus*). Apart

from these mammals, a few species of insectivorous bats (micro-chiroptera) and shrews were frequently observed.

#### Species composition and relative abundance of selected invertebrate fauna

Only two groups of invertebrates - butterflies and molluscs were surveyed and the number of species recorded is presented in Table 5. Approximately 20% of the butterfly species of Sri Lanka were recorded from Maduganga (Appendix 8). These ranged from the small lycaenid species to the large swallowtail species. However, not a single endemic butterfly species was observed. About 10% of the butterfly species in Maduganga are threatened.

The molluscs recorded include 14 land snails (Appendix 9) and 11 brackish water species (Appendix 10). Approximately 60% of the land snails in Maduganga (mainland and islands) are endemic and threatened as well. Among the land snail species, two are invasive alien species (Giant African Snail - *Achatina fulica* and Slug - *Laevicaulis alte*). The endemic *Glessula paneantha* is a highly threatened land snail. In addition, the endemic *Acavus haemastoma* - a relict species that depicts Gondwanaland fauna is also present in some of the islands and mainland areas of Maduganga. The most common molluscs in mangrove habitats included *Telescopium telescopium*, *Cerithedia cingulata*, and *Nerita polita*.

The most common crustacean species recorded in the Maduganga estuary include the Mud Crab (*Scylla serrata*), Grapsid Crabs (*Chiromantes spp.*), the Mud Lobster (*Thalassina anomala*) and the White Prawn (*Penaeus indicus*).

Table 5 A comparison of butterflies and molluscs in Sri Lanka and Maduganga

Group	Sri Lanka	Maduganga
Butterflies	243 (20E, 76T)	50 (5T)
Terrestrial molluscs	235 (198E, 116T)	14 (8E,8T)
Aquatic molluscs (Brackish Water)	Unknown	11

E - Endemic, T - Threatened (IUCN Sri Lanka, 2000).

# 5. Ecological Zoning to Identify Critical Habitats in Maduganga

Based on the assessment of the six strata surveyed in Maduganga using five predetermined ecological criteria (Table 6), the upper areas of Maduganga, consisting of strata 1.1 and 1.2 (indicated in Figure 2), can be considered as areas of high ecological importance. These are critical habitats which needs priority conservation attention. The vegetation types that harboured a higher number of mangrove plant communities - mangrove, mangrove mixed-swamps and mangrove scrub extents were relatively higher in the upper region of Maduganga. The mangrove scrub vegetation in the Pathamulla area - located in the lower reaches of Maduganga (strata 3.2) harbours a small population of a vary rare, threatened mangrove species - *Lumnitzera littorea*, and hence is of conservation importance.

Table 6
Assessment of areas of high ecological significance in Maduganga

Region	Upper area		Mid area		Lower area	
Strata#	1.1	1.2	2.1	2.2	3.1	3.2
Biodiversity	5	5	4	3	3	2
Naturalness	4	4	3	3	2	2
Representativeness	4	4	3	3	3	3
Habitat Dependency/Uniqueness	4	4	3	3	3	4
Integrity	4	4	3	3	3	3
<b>Cumulative Score</b>	21	21	16	15	14	14

#### # Strata (arranged from upper to lower reaches of Maduganga estuary):

1.1 - Streams and marshland; 1.2 - Kothduwa & Dikduwa islands; 2.1 - Honduwa, Erawanaduwa, Dimiduwa, Maduwa & Mimaduwa islands; 2.2 - Miraladuwa, Naiduwa & Muwanduwa islands; 3.1 - Katuduwa, Thiniyaduwa, Mahaladuwa, Galmanduwa, Gonaduwa & Madaduwa; 3.2 - Rivermouth & Randombe lake

#### 6. Major Threats to Biodiversity in Maduganga

Maduganga, perhaps one of the last remaining tracts of pristine mangrove forest in Sri Lanka with a rich biodiversity, now appears to be threatened with the same predicament that many of the island's mangroves now find themselves in, owing to increasing human activity. The major threats that affect the biodiversity of Maduganga can be summarized under three major categories; habitat deterioration/degradation; direct exploitation of species and impact of invasive alien species. The different factors that contribute to these threat categories are given below:

#### Factors resulting in deterioration/degradation of habitats in Maduganga

Clearing of mangrove vegetation is evident in most islands as well as mainland areas. This has happened over several years, mainly to cultivate cinnamon on a commercial scale, while some areas have been cleared to construct houses and other temporary makeshifts, especially for the illegal liquor ('Kasippu') trade. Cultivation practices associated with cinnamon poses several threats to this wetland. For instance, agrochemicals (fertilisers, insecticides, fungicides and weedicides) are heavily used in cinnamon cultivations, and harmful residues of these chemicals are eventually washed off into the estuary, resulting in adverse impacts on aquatic biodiversity. The undergrowth of these cultivated lands is kept free of weeds by regular weeding, and this leads to soil erosion, resulting in siltation of the estuary. Even the leaf litter accumulated in most cinnamon land are collected and used to extract oil, and this too aggravates soil erosion. Another source of agricultural runoff that affects the quality of water in this estuary is the rice fields located upstream, where agro-chemicals are used heavily.

Discharge of sewage and other waste material from households as well as dumping of garbage (including sawdust) is on the increase at Maduganga. This has led to the accumulation of nutrients in aquatic habitats, and poses a severe health hazard as well. It has also affected the scenic value of this wetland. As the tidal amplitude in lagoons and estuaries in Sri Lanka is generally low, the tendency for the accumulation of chemical residues and silt in these coastal wetlands is high, and this is clearly evident in Maduganga. As a result of nutrient accumulation, certain shallow areas of the estuary where the water flow is also very slow shows signs of eutrophication and organic pollution. Land reclamation also takes place in many parts of Maduganga, especially for construction purposes.

The high powered (with 20-25 horse power diesel engines) motorized boats operating in Maduganga are also contributing to the deterioration of habitats. For instance, most boat operators drive these boats at very high speeds that cause high turbulence of water leading to erosion of banks in islands. This is clearly evident especially along narrow areas of the estuary, where fringing mangroves have also been destroyed. The constant turbulence (due to the operation of boats at regular intervals) also prevents the establishment of mangrove saplings in eroded areas, while the breeding sites of fish and crustaceans are also adversely affected. Discharge of oil from these boats also contributes to pollution of the estuary. Furthermore, the

noise emitted from these boat engines disturbs the animals of Maduganga, especially the nesting waterfowl.

Sand mining occurs mainly in the lower reaches of Maduganga. This practice disrupts the water currents, resulting river bank erosion, while the migration and breeding sites/habitats of some fish and prawns (especially the bottom dwelling species) are also affected.

#### Factors contributing to direct exploitation of species in Maduganga

Poaching of animals (ie., Hog deer, Mouse deer, Terrapins, Wild boar, Crocodile, Whistling teals and other water fowl) takes place regularly in Maduganga. According to local residents, this practice is now on the increase, as wild meat is purchased and served at some restaurants around Maduganga. Poaching may lead to the local extinction of animals such as the Hog deer (Axis porcinus) and Crocodile (Crocodylus porosus and C. palustris), which are nationally threatened. Some animals (ie., Hog deer, Langurs, Civet cats, Mongoose, Crocodiles, Python and birds) are captured and kept in captivity, under poor conditions. These animals are displayed for tourists who visit Maduganga.

Two ornamental fish varieties (Mono - Monodactylus argenteus and Spotted scat - Scatophagus argus) of export value are heavily exploited in Maduganga, which could lead to drastic reductions of their populations. According to the traditional local fishermen, there has been a decrease in their commercial fish catches over the past 5 years. Besides the effects of pollutants, unsustainable fishing practices may also have contributed towards a decrease in fish populations in Maduganga. For instance, some fishermen use nylon nets with small mesh size, resulting in capturing juvenile fish. Furthermore, certain fishermen leave the nets in the estuary for up to a week, resulting in trapping and drowning reptiles such as crocodiles, pythons and other serpents. Fish are also entangled in discarded nets in several places of the estuary. Overall, the fishery trade in Maduganga (both food fish and ornamental fish harvests) is not being regulated at present, and this may also be a major cause to the decrease of fish, due to over-exploitation.

Although village communities harvest plant species such as Pandanus and reeds to produce mats and bags, this is done in a sustainable manner. However, mangrove trees are cut in a non-sustainable manner by the producers of illegal liquor, to be used as firewood for the distillery process. Some hoteliers who take tourists to Maduganga removes colourful water lilies such as *Nymphaea stellata* in an unsustainable manner, mainly to prepare garlands for tourists.

#### Impacts of exotic species in Maduganga

Several species of invasive alien species and unmanaged domestic animals pose a threat to the biodiversity of Maduganga. The invasive alien fauna documented includes one species of fish (Tilapia - *Oreochromis mossambicus*), 2 species of molluscs (Giant African Snail - *Achatina fulica* and the slug - *Laevicaulis alte*) and 3 species of mammals (Common ship rat - *Rattus rattus*, House mouse - *Mus musculus*, and feral domestic cats - *Felis catus*). These invasive

alien faunal species affect the native biodiversity as direct exploiters (ie., predators - feral cats; disease vectors - molluscs, rats and mice) and superior competitors for resources (ie., Tilapia).

As mentioned earlier, 9 invasive alien plant species were also documented from Maduganga. The terrestrial invaders include *Annona glabra*, *Swietenia macrophylla*, *Alstonia macrophylla*, *Chromolaena odorata*, and *Lantana camara*, while the aquatic invaders include *Eichhornia crassipes*, *Salvinia molesta*, *Hydrilla verticillata* and *Najas marina*. Of these invasive plants, *Annona glabra*, *Hydrilla verticillata* and *Najas marina* have spread into many places in Maduganga. Unfortunately, the spread of *Annona glabra* has been facilitated by members of a local NGO in Maduganga, who have used this species for replanting purposes. According to local fishermen, the two submerged invaders - *Hydrilla verticillata* and *Najas marina* have entered Maduganga about 4-5 years ago. It is possible that the accumulation of nutrients (through agricultural runoff, and discharge of organic wastes) in the estuary may have led to the proliferation of these two species.

The invasive alien plants form thickets and shades out native vegetation, and thereby displace them gradually. At the extreme level, the invasive alien plants may entirely modify the structure and function of an ecosystem, which could occur in many ways. For instance, the invasive plant species can produce substances that are toxic to other native plant species (allelopathic substances) and thereby make the soil unsuitable for the original native plant communities. The aquatic invasive alien plants that form dense mats (ie., Floating species such as *Salvinia molesta* and *Eichhornia crassipes* and submerged species such as *Najas marina* and *Hydrilla verticillata*) tends to accumulate greater amount of sediment. In addition, species such as *Salvinia, Eichhornia* and *Annona* results in high loss of water through increased transpiration, resulting in gradual conversion of wetland into terrestrial habitats. Furthermore, the dense mats of aquatic invasive plants leads to drastic fluctuations of dissolved oxygen, hence affecting the aquatic fauna. The final outcome of such uniform stands of invasive alien plants is the narrowing down of native biological diversity in a particular locality.

#### Threatened areas of Maduganga

The threats discussed above were assessed at the different sampling strata of the Maduganga wetland, and the results are presented in Table 7. When considering the threats according to overall habitat degradation, direct exploitation of species, spread of invasive alien species and human population pressure, a few interesting features are evident in the six predetermined sampling strata of Maduganga. For instance, considering the overall status of habitat degradation, there is an increase from the upper to lower areas of Maduganga, corresponding to an increase in human population density. Conversely, illegal activities related to direct exploitation of species (ie., poaching) is high in upper areas of Maduganga, and decreases towards lower areas. Similarly, the threats related to the spread of invasive alien species is moderate to high in the upper reaches, compared to the lower areas of Maduganga. It is alarming to note that the upper reaches of Maduganga, which was found to be the region of high ecological significance, is threatened by direct exploitation of species as well as the spread of invasive alien species.

Table 7
Evaluation of threats associated with different areas of Maduganga (the indicator used to assess different categories of threat is given in parenthesis)

Region	Uppe	r area	Mid	area	Lower	r area
Strata#	1.1	1.2	2.1	2.2	3.1	3.2
Clearing of mangrove (area cleared)	M	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
• Dumping of garbage (number of dumping sites)	L	M	L	M	L	Н
Discharge of agro-chemicals	Н	Н	M	M	L	L
(area of agricultural land under agrochemical usage)						
<ul> <li>Fuel discharge from boats</li> </ul>	L	M	M	M	Н	Н
(signs of oil spillage in water)						
Discharge of sewage and other waste	L	L	L	L	M	Н
material from households						
(number of households discharging sewage/waste)						
• Siltation (area subjected to deposition of silt)	Н	M	M	L	L	L
Erosion of riverbanks (area eroded)	M	L	M	L	M	Н
• Sand mining (frequency of occurrence)					M	Н
Land reclamation (area reclaimed)		M	L	M	M	Н
Operation of motor boats		M	M	M	Н	Н
(motor boat traffic/frequency of use)						
Overall habitat degradation	L	M	M	M	M	H
Poaching (frequency of occurrence)	Н	M	Н	M	L	L
<ul> <li>Capturing of animals for Captivity</li> </ul>	Н	M	M	L	M	L
(frequency of occurrence)						
Unsustainable harvesting of fish	M	M	M	M	Н	Н
(field observations on harvesting methods						
and species exploited)						
Unsustainable harvesting of plants	Н	M	M	M	M	M
(field observations on species exploited)						_
Direct exploitation of species	H	M	M	M	M	L
Spread of invasive alien animals	M	M	M	M	L	M
(number of species and their spread)					_	_
• Spread of invasive alien plants	Н	Н	Н	M	L	L
(number of species and their spread)	3.5					
Threat of invasive alien species	M-H	М-Н	М-Н	M	L	L-M
Human population density	L	L	M	M	M	H

#### Severity of threat: L - Low; M - Moderate; H - High

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# 7. Recommendations for Conservation of the Maduganga Mangrove Estuary

The present survey has clearly revealed that the Maduganga wetland harbours a rich biodiversity, including several endemic as well as threatened species of plants and animals. However, the study also revealed that this wetland is now being threatened by various anthropogenic activities, including the nature-based tourism operations. While the Maduganga area has potential to be developed as a sustainable eco-tourism site due to its ecological, cultural and scenic value, it is important to conserve the area as this is one of the few extensive mangrove areas in the country which is still relatively undisturbed.

Considering the overall findings, the following recommendations are made to facilitate the future sustenance of this unique mangrove estuary.

- 1. Declare Maduganga wetland as a protected area (PA), under a relevant Government Conservation Department.
- 2. Initiate studies to document the current socio-economic status related to resource use in Maduganga, as well as the physico-chemical and hydrological status of Maduganga wetland.
- 3. Avoid the construction of irrigation structures that may alter the ecology and hydrology of Maduganga.
- 4. Ban the construction of tourism related infrastructure facilities (tourist hotels, guest houses etc.) in the islands of Maduganga.
- 5. Prepare a tourism master plan, in order to regulate tourism operations in Maduganga, and also to ensure that local communities reap the benefits of nature-based tourism operations in Maduganga.
- 6. Establish a coordinating body that consists of relevant stakeholders (local administrators, members from local communities, Government Conservation Departments and the Sri Lanka Tourist Board) to manage the Maduganga Wetland.
- 7. The local administrators and Government Conservation Agencies should take immediate steps to mitigate harmful practices that are degrading Maduganga, with particular emphasis on the northern reaches of the estuary, which is of high ecological significance.
- 8. A programme should be initiated to manage the spread of the two most problematic invasive alien plants in Maduganga *Annona glabra* and *Najas marina*.

- 9. The Department of Agriculture should take steps to promote soil conservation and organic agricultural practices among cinnamon cultivators in Maduganga.
- 10. With the help of local communities, initiate mangrove restoration activities under scientific guidance, especially in areas with mangrove scrubs, mangrove mixed swamps and bank scrub vegetation types that were identified and mapped during the present survey.
- 11. The local administration should regulate the operation of motorized boat, and introduce speed limits for boat operators.

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Appendix 1

List of flora recorded from Maduganga, their status and life-forms
(Status: IAS - Invasive Alien Species; E - Endemic; T - Nationally Threatened)

No.	Family	<b>Botanical name</b>	Status	Life-form
1	Acanthaceae	Barlaria prionites		Herbaceous
2	Adiantaceae	Vittaria sp.		Herbaceous
3	Aizoaceae	Trianthema portulacastrum		Herbaceous
4	Amaranthaceae	Alternanthera sessile		Herbaceous
5	Amaryllidaceae	Crinum zeylanicum		Herbaceous
6	Anacardiaceae	Anacardium occidentale		Tree
7	Anacardiaceae	Mangifera indica		Tree
8	Anacardiaceae	Mangifera zeylanica		Tree
9	Anacardiaceae	Semecarpus nigro-viridis		Tree
10	Anacardiaceae	Spondias dulcis		Tree
11	Annonaceae	Annona glabra	IAS	Tree
12	Annonaceae	Cananga odorata		Tree
13	Annonaceae	Cythocalyx zeylanica		Tree
14	Annonaceae	Enicosanthum acuminata	E	Tree
15	Annonaceae	Uvaria zeylanica		Liana
16	Apocynaceae	Alstonia macrophylla	IAS	Tree
17	Apocynaceae	Cerbera manghas		Tree
18	Apocynaceae	Pagiantha dichotoma		Tree
19	Apocynaceae	Walidda antidysenterica	E	Shrub
20	Araceae	Alocasia macrorrhiza		Herbaceous
21	Araceae	Amorphophallus campanulatus		Herbaceous
22	Araceae	Pothos scandens		Herbaceous
23	Araliaceae	Schefflera stellata		Shrub
24	Aristolochiaceae	Apama siliquosa		Shrub
25	Aristolochiaceae	Pentatropis carpensis		Herbaceous
26	Asclepiadaceae	Aristolochia indica		Herbaceous
27	Asclepiadaceae	Gymnema lactiferum		Herbaceous
28	Asclepiadaceae	Hemidesmus indicus		Herbaceous
29	Asteraceae	Ageratum conyzoides		Herbaceous
30	Asteraceae	Blainvillea acmella		Herbaceous
31	Asteraceae	Emilia sonchifolia		Herbaceous
32	Asteraceae	Eupatorium odoratum	IAS	Herbaceous

No.	Family	Botanical name	Status	Life-form
33	Asteraceae	Mikania cordata	IAS	Herbaceous
34	Asteraceae	Sphaeranthus sp.		Herbaceous
35	Asteraceae	Vernonia cinerea		Herbaceous
36	Balsaminaceae	Hydrocera trifoliata		Herbaceous
37	Bambusaceae	Bambusa vulgaris		Tree
38	Bignoniaceae	Dolichandrone spathacea		Tree
39	Bombacaceae	Ceiba pentandra		Tree
40	Boraginaceae	Cordia dichotoma		Tree
41	Butomaceae	Limnocharis flava		Herbaceous
42	Capparidaceae	Capparis moonii		Shrub
43	Capparidaceae	Cleome rutidosperma		Herbaceous
44	Caryophyllaceae	Drymaria cordata		Herbaceous
45	Celastraceae	Salacia reticulata	T	Liana
46	Ceratophyllaceae	Ceratophyllum demersum		Herbaceous
47	Characeae	Chara sp.		Herbaceous
48	Clusiaceae	Calophyllum inophyllum		Tree
49	Clusiaceae	Garcinia quaesita	E	Tree
50	Clusiaceae	Mesua ferrea	E	Tree
51	Combretaceae	Lumnitsera littorea	T	Shrub
52	Combretaceae	Lumnitsera racemosa		Shrub
53	Combretaceae	Terminalia bellirica		Tree
54	Combretaceae	Terminalia catappa		Tree
55	Commelinaceae	Commelina clavata		Herbaceous
56	Commelinaceae	Murdannia sp.		Herbaceous
57	Convolvulaceae	Argyreia populifolia		Herbaceous
58	Convolvulaceae	Argyreia thwaitesii		Herbaceous
59	Convolvulaceae	Cuscuta chinensis		Herbaceous
60	Cycadaceae	Cycus circinalis	T	Tree
61	Cyperaceae	Carex indica		Herbaceous
62	Cyperaceae	Cyperus compressus		Herbaceous
63	Cyperaceae	Cyperus haspan		Herbaceous
64	Cyperaceae	Cyperus pilosus		Herbaceous
65	Cyperaceae	Cyperus platystylis		Herbaceous
66	Cyperaceae	Cyperus sphacelatus		Herbaceous
67	Cyperaceae	Cyperus tenuispica		Herbaceous
68	Cyperaceae	Elaeocharis actangula		Herbaceous

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69	Cyperaceae	Elaeocharis dulcis		Herbaceous
70	Cyperaceae	Elaeocharis genticulata		Herbaceous
71	Cyperaceae	Elaeocharis spiralis		Herbaceous
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72	Cyperaceae	Fimbristylis acuminata		Herbaceous
73	Cyperaceae	Fimbristylis cinnamometorum		Herbaceous
74	Cyperaceae	Fimbristylis ferruginea		Herbaceous
75	Cyperaceae	Fimbristylis pubisquama		Herbaceous
76	Cyperaceae	Fimbristylis quinquangularis		Herbaceous
77	Cyperaceae	Fimbristylis tetragona		Herbaceous
78	Cyperaceae	Fimbristylis triflora		Herbaceous
79	Cyperaceae	Fimbristylis umbellaris		Herbaceous
80	Cyperaceae	Fuirena capitata		Herbaceous
81	Cyperaceae	Fuirena ciliaris		Herbaceous
82	Cyperaceae	Fuirena umbellata		Herbaceous
83	Cyperaceae	Polycarpea corymbosa		Herbaceous
84	Cyperaceae	Rhyncospora corymbosa		Herbaceous
85	Cyperaceae	Schoenoplectus juncoides		Herbaceous
86	Cyperaceae	Scleria levis		Herbaceous
87	Cyperaceae	Scleria sumatrensis		Herbaceous
88	Dilleniaceae	Dillenia retusa	E	Tree
89	Dilleniaceae	Wormia triquetra	E	Tree
90	Dipterocarpacea	Shorea affinis	T	Tree
91	Droseraceae	Drosera burmanii		Herbaceous
92	Elaeocarpaceae	Elaeocarpus serratus		Tree
93	Eriocaulaceae	Ericaulon quinquangulare		Herbaceous
94	Eriocaulaceae	Eriocaulon cinereum		Herbaceous
95	Eriocaulaceae	Eriocaulon setaceum		Herbaceous
96	Eriocaulaceae	Eriocaulon sexangulare		Herbaceous
97	Eriocaulaceae	Eriocaulon truncatum		Herbaceous
98	Eriocaulaceae	Eriocaulon willdenovioanum		Herbaceous
99	Euphorbiaceae	Antidesma pyrifolium	E	Tree
100	Euphorbiaceae	Breynia vitis-idea		Shrub
101	Euphorbiaceae	Cleistanthus pallidus	E	Tree
102	Euphorbiaceae	Cleistanthus sp.		Tree
103	Euphorbiaceae	Croton bonplandianus		Herbaceous
104	Euphorbiaceae	Croton hirta		Herbaceous
105	Euphorbiaceae	Croton laccifer		Shrub
106	Euphorbiaceae	Euphorbia hirta		Herbaceous
107	Euphorbiaceae	Excoecaria agallocha		Shrub

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No.	Family	Botanical name	Status	Life-form
150	Lauraceae	Casyththa filiformis		Herbaceous
151	Lauraceae	Cinnamomum zeylanicum	E	Tree
152	Lecythidaceae	Barringtonia racemosa		Tree
153	Lentibulariaceaea	Urticularia aurea		Herbaceous
154	Lentibulariaceaea	Utricularia caerulea		Herbaceous
155	Lentibulariaceaea	Utricularia reticulata		Herbaceous
156	Lentibulariaceaea	Utricularia uliginosa		Herbaceous
157	Liliaceae	Asparagus falcata		Herbaceous
158	Liliaceae	Gloriosa superba		Herbaceous
159	Linaceae	Hugonia ferruginea	E	Tree
160	Loranthaceae	Dendrophthoe falcata		Herbaceous
161	Loranthaceae	Dendrophthoe neelgherrensis		Herbaceous
162	Loranthaceae	Helixanthera ensifolia	T	Herbaceous
163	Lycopodiaceae	Lycopodium cernum		Herbaceous
164	Malvaceae	Hibiscus rosasinensis		Shrub
165	Malvaceae	Hibiscus tiliaceus		Shrub
166	Malvaceae	Sida acuta		Herbaceous
167	Malvaceae	Thespesia populnea		Tree
168	Melastomataceae	Melastoma malabathricum		Shrub
169	Melastomataceae	Memecylon rostratum	E	Shrub
170	Melastomataceae	Memecylon sp.		Shrub
171	Melastomataceae	Memecylon sylvaticum	E	Shrub
172	Melastomataceae	Osbeckia aspera		Herbaceous
173	Melastomataceae	Osbeckia octandra	E	Herbaceous
174	Meliaceae	Azadirachta indica		Tree
175	Meliaceae	Chukrasia tabularis		Tree
176	Meliaceae	Swietenia macrophylla	IAS	Tree
177	Meliaceae	Xylocarpus granatum		Tree
178	Menispermaceae	Anamirta cocculus		Liana
179	Menispermaceae	Cissampelos pereira		Herbaceous
180	Menispermaceae	Cyclea burmanni		Herbaceous
181	Menyanthaceae	Nymphoides aurantiaca	T	Herbaceous
182	Menyanthaceae	Nymphoides indica		Herbaceous
183	Moraceae	Artocarpus heterophyllus		Tree
184	Moraceae	Artocarpus incisus		Tree
185	Moraceae	Ficus amplisima		Tree
186	Moraceae	Ficus benghalensis		Tree
187	Moraceae	Ficus caulocarpa		Tree
188	Moraceae	Ficus hispida		Tree
189	Moraceae	Ficus religiosa		Tree
190	Musaceae	Musa acuminata		Herbaceous
191	Myristicaceae	Myristica dactyloides		Tree

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192	Myrtaceae	Syzygium caryophyllatum		Tree
193	Myrtaceae	Syzygium cumini		Tree
194	Myrtaceae	Syzygium operculatum		Tree
195	Najadaceae	Najas marina	IAS	Herbaceous
196	Nymphaeaceae	Nymphaea nouchali		Herbaceous
197	Nymphaeaceae	Nymphea pubescens		Herbaceous
198	Ochnaceae	Gomphia serrata		Tree
199	Ochnaceae	Ochna jabotapita		Tree
200	Olacaceae	Olax zeylanica		Tree
201	Oleaceae	Chionanthus albidiflorus	Е	Tree
202	Oleaceae	Jasminum angustifolium	Е	Herbaceous
203	Onagraceae	Ludwigia adscendens		Herbaceous
204	Onagraceae	Ludwigia decurrens		Herbaceous
205	Onagraceae	Ludwigia peruviana		Herbaceous
206	Opiliaceae	Cansjera rheedii		Shrub
207	Orchidaceae	Spathoglottis sp.		Herbaceous
208	Orchidaceae	Vanilla walkerae	T	Herbaceous
209	Palmae	Areca catechu		Tree
210	Palmae	Caryota urens		Tree
211	Palmae	Cocos nucifera		Tree
212	Palmae	Nypa fruticans	T	Herbaceous
213	Palmae	Phoenix zeylanica	E	Tree
214	Pandanaceae	Pandanus amaryllifolius		Shrub
215	Pandanaceae	Pandanus tectorius		Shrub
216	Parkeriaceae	Cerataptoris thalictroides		Herbaceous
217	Passifloraceae	Passiflora foetida		Herbaceous
218	Phytollaccaceae	Rivina humilis		Herbaceous
219	Poaceae	Axonopus affinis		Herbaceous
220	Poaceae	Axonopus compressus		Herbaceous
221	Poaceae	Brachiaria reptans		Herbaceous
222	Poaceae	Chrysopogon aciculatus		Herbaceous
223	Poaceae	Cirtococcum trigonum		Herbaceous
224	Poaceae	Dactyloctenium aegyptium		Herbaceous
225	Poaceae	Digitaria ciliaris		Herbaceous
226	Poaceae	Digitaria longiflora		Herbaceous
227	Poaceae	Dimeria fuscescens		Herbaceous
228	Poaceae	Echinocloa crusgali		Herbaceous
229	Poaceae	Eragostis atrovirens		Herbaceous
230	Poaceae	Eragrostis uniloides		Herbaceous
231	Poaceae	Isachne globosa		Herbaceous
232	Poaceae	Isachne kunthiana		Herbaceous
233	Poaceae	Ischeamum indicum		Herbaceous

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234	Poaceae	Ischeamum rugosum		Herbaceous
235	Poaceae	Leerasia hexandra		Herbaceous
236	Poaceae	Leptochloa chinensis		Herbaceous
237	Poaceae	Panicum notatum		Herbaceous
238	Poaceae	Panicum repens		Herbaceous
239	Poaceae	Paspalum scrobiculatum		Herbaceous
240	Poaceae	Paspalum vaginatum		Herbaceous
241	Poaceae	Pennesetum polystachion		Herbaceous
242	Poaceae	Setaria gracilis		Herbaceous
243	Poaceae	Setaria verticillata		Herbaceous
244	Polygonaceae	Antigonon leptopus		Herbaceous
245	Polypodiaceae	Drymoglossum sp.		Herbaceous
246	Polypodiaceae	Drynaria sp.		Herbaceous
247	Portulaccaceae	Portulaca oleracea		Herbaceous
248	Portulaccaceae	Portulaca suffruticosa		Herbaceous
249	Portulaccaceae	Talium triangulare		Herbaceous
250	Pteridaceae	Acrosticum aureum		Herbaceous
251	Rhamnaceae	Ziziphus lucida		Shrub
252	Rhamnaceae	Ziziphus oenoplea		Shrub
253	Rhamnaceae	Ziziphus rugosa		Shrub
254	Rhizophoraceae	Bruguiera gymnorhiza		Tree
255	Rhizophoraceae	Bruguiera sexangula		Tree
256	Rhizophoraceae	Carallia brachiata		Tree
257	Rhizophoraceae	Ceriops tagal		Tree
258	Rhizophoraceae	Rhizophora apiculata		Tree
259	Rhizophoraceae	Rhizophora mucronata		Tree
260	Rubiaceae	Canthium dicoccum		Tree
261	Rubiaceae	Dentella repens		Herbaceous
262	Rubiaceae	Gaertnera vaginans		Shrub
263	Rubiaceae	Gardenia latifolia		Shrub
264	Rubiaceae	Hedyotis cymosa	E	Herbaceous
265	Rubiaceae	Hedyotis fruticosa		Herbaceous
266	Rubiaceae	Hydyotis fruticosa		Herbaceous
267	Rubiaceae	Ixora coccinea		Shrub
268	Rubiaceae	Ixora parviflora		Shrub
269	Rubiaceae	Knoxia zeylanica		Herbaceous
270	Rubiaceae	Oldelandia herbacea		Herbaceous
271	Rubiaceae	Ophiorrhiza mungos		Herbaceous
272	Rubiaceae	Spermacoce mauritiana		Herbaceous
273	Rubiaceae	Spermoacoca hispida		Herbaceous
274	Rubiaceae	Tarenna asiatica		Tree
275	Rutaceae	Acronychia pedunculata		Tree

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276	Cal initiation	C 1 · · · 1 .	TAC	II. da
276	Salviniaceae	Salvinia molesta	IAS	Herbaceous
277	Sapindaceae	Cardiospermum halicacabum		Climber
278	Sapindaceae	Filicium decipiens		Tree
279	Schizaeaceae	Lygodium microphyllum		Herbaceous
280	Scrophulariaceae	Bacopa monnieri		Herbaceous
281	Scrophulariaceae	Lindernia rotundifolia		Herbaceous
282	Scrophulariaceae	Scoparia dulcis		Herbaceous
283	Smilacaceae	Smilax zeylanica		Herbaceous
284	Sonneratiaceae	Sonneratia caseolaris		Tree
285	Sterculiaceae	Heritiera littoralis		Tree
286	Sterculiaceae	Melochia corchorifolia		Herbaceous
287	Symplocaceae	Symplocos cochinchinensis		Tree
288	Thelypteridaceae	Cyclosorus sp.		Herbaceous
289	Tiliaceae	Corchorus fascicularis		Herbaceous
290	Tiliaceae	Triumfetta rotundifolia		Herbaceous
291	Typhaceae	Typha angustifolia		Herbaceous
292	Ulmaceae	Trema orientalis		Tree
293	Umbelliferae	Centella asiatica		Herbaceous
294	Verbenaceae	Clerodendrum indicum		Shrub
295	Verbenaceae	Clerodendrum inerme		Shrub
296	Verbenaceae	Lantana camara	IAS	Shrub
297	Verbenaceae	Stachytarpheta jamaicensis		Herbaceous
298	Verbenaceae	Vitex altissima		Tree
299	Viscacea	Viscum capitellatum		Herbaceous
300	Viscaceae	Notothixos floccosus	E	Herbaceous
301	Xyridaceae	Xyris complanata		Herbaceous
302	Xyridaceae	Xyris indica		Herbaceous

Appendix. 2

List of plant species observed in homegardens in the islands and mainland area of Maduganga wetland

1       Adiantaceae       Vittaria sp.       Herbaceous Epiphyte         2       Amaranthaceae       Alternanthera sessile       Mukunuwenna       Herb         3       Anacardiaceae       Anacardiinu occidentale       Kaju       Tree         4       Anacardiaceae       Mangifera indica       Amba       Tree         5       Anacardiaceae       Spondias dulcis       Emberella       Tree         6       Annonaceae       Cananga odorata       Tree         7       Apocynaceae       Alstonia macrophylla       Hawari nuga       Tree         8       Apocynaceae       Alstonia macrophylla       Habarala       Herb         9       Araceae       Alocasia macrorrhiza       Habarala       Herb         10       Araceae       Pothos scandens       Herbaceous Climber         11       Asclepiadaceae       Hemidesmus indicus       Iramusu       Herbaceous Climber         12       Asteraceae       Ageratum conyzoides       Hulan thala       Herb         13       Asteraceae       Emilia sonchifolia       Herb         14       Asteraceae       Eupatorium odoratum       Podisinno       Herb         15       Asteraceae       Vernonia cinerea       Monerakudumb	No.	Family	Botanical name	Common name (S)	Life- form
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	28	Cyperaceae	Fuirena capitata		Herb

No.	Family	Botanical name	Common name (S)	Life- form
29	Dilleniaceae	Dellinia retusa		Tree
30	Euphorbiaceae	Euphorbia hirta		Herb
31	Euphorbiaceae	Macaranga peltata	Kenda	Tree
32	Euphorbiaceae	Manihot esculenta	Maiyokka	Shrub
33	Euphorbiaceae	Phyllanthus emblica	Nelli	Tree
34	Euphorbiaceae	Phyllanthus niriuri		Herb
35	Fabaceae	Abrus precatorius	Olinda	Herbaceous Climber
36	Fabaceae	Albizia lebbeck		Tree
37	Fabaceae	Clitoria ternatea	Nilkatarodu	Herbaceous Climber
38	Fabaceae	Desmodium ferrugenium		Shrub
39	Fabaceae	Desmodium triflorum	Undupiyali	Herb
40	Fabaceae	Erythrina variegata		Tree
41	Fabaceae	Gliricidia sepium	Wetahira	Tree
42	Fabaceae	Indigofera linnaei	Naripila	Herb
43	Fabaceae	Mimosa pudica	Nidikumba	Herb
44	Fabaceae	Phaseolus vulgaris	Bonchi	Herbaceous Climber
45	Fabaceae	Samanea saman	Mara	Tree
46	Lauraceae	$Cinnamomum\ zeylanicum^E$	Kurundu	Tree
47	Liliaceae	Gloriosa superba		Herbaceous Climber
48	Loranthaceae	Dendrophthoe neelgherrensis		Parasitic Herb
49	Malvaceae	Hibiscus rosasinensis	Wada	Shrub
50	Malvaceae	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Belipatta	Shrub
51	Malvaceae	Sida acuta		Herb
52	Malvaceae	Thespesia populnea	Gan suriya	Tree
53	Meliaceae	Azadirachta indica	Kohomba	Tree
54	Meliaceae	Chukrasia tabularis		Tree
55	Meliaceae	Swietenia macrophylla	Mahogani	Tree
56	Menispermaceae	Anamirta cocculus	Thithawel	Woody Liana
57	Menispermaceae	Cissampelos pereira		Herbaceous Climber
58	Menispermaceae	Cyclea burmanni	Kesibisssan	Herbaceous Climber
59	Moraceae	Artocarpus heterophyllus	Kos	Tree

No.	Family	<b>Botanical name</b>	Common name (S)	Life- form
60	Moraceae	Artocarpus incisus	Del	Tree
61	Musaceae	Musa acuminata	Kesel	Herb
62	Palmae	Areca catechu	Puwak	Tree
63	Palmae	Caryota urens	Kithul	Tree
64	Palmae	Cocos nucifera	Pol	Tree
65	Pandanaceae	Pandanus tectorius	Wetakeyya	Shrub
66	Passifloraceae	Passiflora foetida	Padawel	Herbaceous Climber
67	Poaceae	Axonopus affinis		Herb
68	Poaceae	Axonopus compressus		Herb
69	Poaceae	Cirtococcum trigonum		Herb
70	Poaceae	Dactyloctenium aegyptium		Herb
71	Poaceae	Digitaria ciliaris		Herb
72	Poaceae	Digitaria longiflora		Herb
73	Poaceae	Dimeria fuscescens		Herb
74	Poaceae	Eragrostis uniloides		Herb
75	Poaceae	Isachne globosa		Herb
76	Poaceae	Isachne kunthiana		Herb
77	Poaceae	Ischeamum indicum		Herb
78	Poaceae	Ischeamum rugosum	Kudukedu	Herb
79	Poaceae	Leptochloa chinensis		Herb
80	Poaceae	Panicum notatum		Herb
81	Poaceae	Panicum repens	Etora	Herb
82	Poaceae	Paspalum scrobiculatum		Herb
83	Poaceae	Paspalum vaginatum		Herb
84	Poaceae	Pennesetum polystachion		Herb
85	Polygonaceae	Antigonon leptopus		Herbaceous Climber
86	Polypodiaceae	Drymoglossum sp.	Panampethi	Herbaceous Epiphyte
87	Polypodiaceae	Drynaria sp.		Herbaceous Epiphyte
88	Portulaccaceae	Talium triangulare		Herb
89	Rhizophoraceae	Carallia brachiata		Tree
90	Rutaceae	Acronychia pedunculata	Ankenda	Tree
91	Sapindaceae	Cardiospermum halicacabum	Penela	Herbaceous Climber

No.	Family	Botanical name	Common name (S)	Life- form
92	Sapindaceae	Filicium decipiens	Pihimbiya	Tree
93	Sonneratiaceae	Sonneratia caseolaris	Kirilla	Tree
94	Umbelliferae	Centella asiatica	Gotukola	Herb
95	Verbenaceae	Clerodendrum indicum	Pinna	Shrub
96	Verbenaceae	Lantana camara	Hinguru	Shrub
97	Verbenaceae	Stachytarpheta jamaicensis	Balunaguta	Herb
98	Verbenaceae	Vitex altissima	Milla	Tree

E - Endemic; T - Threatened

Abbreviations used in appendices 3 - 10:

Status: E - Endemic; T - Nationally Threatened (IUCN Sri Lanka, 2000); AIS - Alien Invasive

Species; Ex - Exotic species; WM - Winter migrant.

Abundance: VC - Very Common; C - Common; UC - Uncommon; R - Rare

Appendix 3
List of Fish recorded at Maduganga

Family	Species	Status	Abundance	Habitat
Anguillidae	Short-finned Eel - Anguilla bicolor		UC	FW,BW
Cyprinidae	Striped Rasbora - Rasbora daniconius		UC	FW
	Giant Danio - Danio malabaricus		UC	FW
	Swamp Barb - Puntius chola		UC	FW
	Filamented Barb - Puntius sinhalaya	E	UC	FW
	Redside Barb - Puntius bimaculatus		UC	FW
	Silver Barb - Puntius vittatus		UC	FW
	Horadandiya - Horadandiya atukorali	T	UC	FW
Clupeidae	Sardine - Sardinella spp.		C	BW,M
	Chacunda-gizzard Shad -		VC	BW,M
	Anodontosoma chacunda			
Heteropneustidae	Stinging Catfish - Heteropneustes fossilis		UC	FW,BW
Hemiramphidae	Congaturi Halfbeak - Hyporhamphus limbatus	VC	BW	
Oryziidae	Blue-eye - Oryzias melastigma		VC	BW
Aplocheilidae	Dwarf Panchax - Aplocheilus parvus		C	FW,BW
Ambassidae	Common Glassfish - Ambassis commersoni	VC	BW	
	Naked-head glass pearch - A. gymnocephalus	C	BW	
	Glass pearchlet - Ambassis urotaenia		UC	BW
Carangidae	Big-eye Trevally - Caranx sexfasciatus		VC	BW,M
	Black-tipped Trevally - Caranx heberi		UC	BW,M
Monodactylidae	Mono - Monodactylus argenteus		R	BW
Cichlidae	Orange Chromide - Etroplus maculatus		C	FW,BW
	Pearl Spot - Etroplus suratensis		UC	FW,BW
	Tilapia - Sarotherodon mossambicus	Ex	C	FW,BW
Gobiidae	Bar-eyed Goby - Glossogobius giuris		C	BW
	Scribbled Goby - Awaous melanocephalus	UC	FW,BW	
	Rhino-horned Goby - Redigobius balteatops		C	BW
Anabantidae	Climbing Perch - Anabas testudineus		C	FW,BW
Channidae	Murrel - Channa striata		UC	FW,BW

Family	Species	Status	Abundance	Habitat
Lutjanidae	Red Snapper - Lutjanus argentimaculatus		VC	BW,M
	Ehrenberg's Snapper - Lutjanus ehrenbergii		C	BW,M
	Black-spot Snapper - Lutjanus fulviflamma		С	BW,M
	Blubber-lip Snapper - <i>Lutjanus rivulatus</i>		C	BW,M
Clariidae	Walking Catfish - Clarias brachysoma	E;T	UC	FW
Therapontidae	Target Fish - Therapon jabua	,	VC	BW
Gerreidae	Deep-bodied Silver Beddy - Gerres abbreviatus		VC	BW,M
	Common Silver Beddy - Gerres oyana		VC	BW,M
	Whip-finned Silver Beddy - G. filamentosus		UC	BW,M
Scatophagidae	Spotted Scat - Scatophagus argus		UC	BW
Soleidae	Oriental Sole - Euryglossa orientalis		UC	BW
Leiognathidae	Pug-nosed Pony fish - Secutor insidiator		С	BW
C	Short-nose Pony fish - <i>Leiognathus brevirostris</i>		UC	BW
	Whip-finned Pony fish - <i>Leiognathus leuciscus</i>		UC	BW
Belonidae	Spot-tail Needle fish - Strongylura strongylura		C	BW
Sphyraenidae	Great Barracuda - Sphyraena barracuda		R	BW,M
	Pick-handle Barracuda - Sphyraena jello		R	BW,M
Apogonidae	Transluscent cardinal fish - Apogon thermalis		C	BW
Tetratodontidae	Gangetic Blow fish - Chelonodon patoca		UC	BW,M
	Puffer fish - Tetraodon fluviatalis		С	BW
Pomacentridae	Waigeu Demoiselle - Abudefduf sexfasciatus		UC	BW,M
Triacanthidae	Short-nosed Tripod fish - Triacanthus biaculeatus		UC	BW,M
Centropomidae	Giant Sea Perch - Lates calcarifer		C	BW
Serranidae	Peacock Grouper - Cephalopholis argus		UC	BW,M
	Malabar Grouper - Epinephelus malabaricus		UC	BW,M
Engraulididae	Indian Anchovy - Stolephorus indicus		VC	BW,M
Periopthalmidae	Mudskipper - Periopthalmus koelreuteri		C	BW
Siganidae	Streaked Spinefoot - Siganus javus		UC	BW
	Gold-lined Spinefoot - Siganus lineatus		UC	BW
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon decesatus		UC	BW,M
	Chaetodon trifascialis		C	BW,M
Haemulidae	Minstrel Sweetlip - Plectorhinchus schotaf		UC	BW,M
	Harry Hotlips - Plectorhinchus gibbosus		UC	BW,M
Muglidae	Green-backed Mullet - Liza subviridis		C	BW,M
-	Horn-lip Mullet - Oedalechilus labiosus		UC	BW,M
Dasyatididae	Honeycomb Stingray - Himantura uarnak		UC	BW,M
Acanthuridae	Elongate surgeon fish - Acanthurus mata		C	BW,M

Family	Species	Status	Abundance	Habitat
	Epaulette surgeon fish - Acanthurus nigricauda		UC	BW,M
Muraenesocidae	Indian Pike Conger - Congresox talabonoides		UC	BW
Bagridae	Long-whiskered Catfish - Mystus gulio		C	FW,BW
Eleotrididae	Upside down sleeper - Butis butis		C	FW,BW
Chanidae	Milkfish - Chanos chanos		C	BW

Habitat: FW - Fresh water, BW - Brackish Water, M - Marine.

Appendix 4
List of Amphibians recorded at Maduganga

Family	Species	Status	Relative Abundance
Bufonidae	Common Toad - Bufo melanostictus		VC
	Athokorale's Dwarf Toad - Bufo atukoralei	E;T	R
Microhylidae	Common Bull Frog - Kaloula taprobanica		UC
Ranidae	Common Paddy field Frog - Limnonectes limnocharis		C
	Indian Bull Frog - Hoplobatrachus crassus		R
	Common Wood Frog - Rana temporalis		UC
	Small Wood Frog - Rana aurantiaca	T	UC
	Sri Lanka Wood Frog - Rana gracilis	E;T	UC
	Six-toed Green Frog - Euphlyctis hexadactyla		VC
	Skipper Frog - Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis		C
Rhacophoridae	Hour-glass Tree Frog - Polypedates cruciger	E;T	R
	Variable Pigmy Tree-Frog - Philautus variabilis		UC

# Appendix 5 List of Reptiles recorded at Maduganga

Family	Species	Status	Relative Abundance
Crocodylidae	Estuarine Crocodile - Crocodylus porosus	T	UC
	Mugger - Crocodylus palustris	T	UC
Trionychidae	Flapshell Turtle - Lissemys punctata	T	R
Bataguridae	Parker's Black Turtle - Melanochelys trijuga	T	UC
Varanidae	Water Monitor - Varanus salvator		VC
	Land Monitor - Varanus bengalensis		UC
Agamidae	Green Garden Lizard - Calotes calotes		C
	Common Garden Lizard - Calotes versicolor		VC
	Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard - Otocryptis weigmanni	E,T	VR
Gekkonidae	Common House Gecko - Hemidactylus frenatus		VC
	Rough-belly Day Gecko - Cnemaspis tropidogaster	T	R
	Kandyan Day-Gecko - Cnemaspis kandyanus		UC
	Kandyan Gecko - Hemidactylus depressus	E;T	R
	Spotted House Gecko - Hemidactylus brookii	E	C
	Fourclaw Gecko - Gehyra mutilata		VC
Scincidae	Common Lanka Skink - Lankascincus fallax	E	UC
	Smooth Lanka Skink - Lankascincus taprobanensis	E;T	R
	Bronze-green Little Skink - Mabuya macularius		C
	Common skink - Mabuya carinata	E	UC
Colubridae	Green vine snake - Ahaetulla nasutus		UC
	The Olive Keelback - Atretium schistosum		UC
	Rat Snake - Ptyas mucosus		C
	Common Bronzeback - Dendrelaphis tristis		UC
	Common Pond Snake - Xenochrophis asperrimus	E;T	UC
	Checkered Keelback - Xenochrophis piscator		C
	Buff-striped Keelback - Amphiesma stolata		C
Acrochordidae	Wart Snake - Acrochordus granulatus	T	R
Elapidae	Cobra - <i>Naja naja</i>		UC
Viperidae	Russell's Viper - Daboia russellii		UC
	Merrem's Hump-nosed Viper - Hypnale hypnale		UC
Boidae	Indian Python - Python molurus	T	VR

### Appendix 6

#### List of Avifauna recorded at Maduganga

Family	Species	Status	Relative Abundance
Phalacrocoracidae	Little Cormorant - Phalacrocorax niger		VC
	Indian Cormorant - Phalacrocorax fuscicollis		UC
Anhingidae	Oriental Darter - Anhinga melanogaster		R
Ardeidae	Intermediate Egret - Mesophoyx intermedia		UC
	Little Egret - Egretta garzetta		UC
	Large Egret - Casmerodius albus		R
	Cattle Egret - Bubulcus ibis		UC
	Purple Heron - Ardea purpurea		R
	Indian Pond Heron - Ardeola grayii		UC
	Little Green Heron - Butorides striatus		UC
	Night Heron - Nycticorax nycticorax		R
	Yellow Bittern - Ixobrychus sinensis		R
	Black Bittern - Dupetor flavicollis		R
Ciconiidae	Asian Openbill - Anastomus oscitans		R
Threskiornithidae	White Ibis - Threskiornis melanocephalus		R
Jacanidae	Pheasant-tailed Jacana - Hydrophasianus chirurgu.	S	R
Rallidae	White-breasted Waterhen - Amaurornis phoenicura	ıs	C
	Indian Moorhen - Gallinula chloropus		R
	Purple Coot - Porphyrio porphyrio		R
Anatidae	Lesser Whistling Teal - Dendrocygna javanica		VC
Recurvirostridae	Black-winged Stilt - Himantopus himantopus		R
Scolopacidae	Whimbrel - Numenius phaeopus	WM	R
	Common Sandpiper - Actitis Hypoleucos	WM	R
Rostratulidae	Greater Painted-Snipe - Rostratula benghalensis	T	R
Burhinidae	Eurasian Thick-Knee - Burhinus oedicnemus		R
Charadriidae	Red-wattled Lapwing - Vanellus indicus		R
Laridae	Large Crested Tern - Sterna bergiivelox	WM	R
	Whiskered Tern - Chlidonias hybridus	WM	UC
	Little Tern - Sterna albifrons		R
Podicipedidae	Little Grebe - Tachybaptus ruficollis		VC
Alcedinidae	White-breasted Kingfisher - Halcyon smyrnensis		C
	Stork-billed Kingfisher - Pelargopsis capensis		R
	Common Kingfisher - Alcedo atthis		C

Family	Species	Status	Relative Abundance
	Pied Kingfisher - Ceryle rudis		R
Accipitridae	Shikra - Accipiter badius		R
	Serpent Eagle - Spilornis cheela		R
	White-bellied Sea Eagle - Haliaeetus nipalensis		R
	Mountain Hawk Eagle - Spizaetus nipalensis		R
	Brahminy Kite - Haliaster indus		VC
	Western Marsh Harrier - Circus aeruginosus	WM	R
	Pale Harrier - Circus macrourus	WM	R
Columbidae	Spotted Dove - Streptopelia chinensis		VC
	Rock Pigeon - Columba livia		R
	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon - Treron bicincta		UC
	Emerald Dove - Chalcophaps indica		R
	Green Imperial Pigeon - Ducula aenea		UC
	Pompadour Green Pigeon - Treron pompadora		UC
Turnicidae	Barred Button Quail - Turnix suscitator		R
Phasianidae	Jungle Fowl - Gallus lafayetti	E	R
Meropidae	Blue-tailed Bee-eater - Merops philippinus	WM	R
Cuculidae	Common Coucal - Centropus sinensis		C
	Blue-faced Malkoha - Phaenicophaeus viridirostris		R
	Asian Koel - Eudynamys scolopacea		VC
Psittacidae	Rose-ringed Parakeet - Psittacula kramerii		UC
	Layard's Parakeet - Psittacula calthropae	E;T	R
	Sri Lanka Lorikeet - Loriculus beryllinus	E;T	R
Hirundinidae	Barn Swallow - Hirundo rustica	WM	C
	Red-rumped Swallow - Hirundo daurica		R
Apodidae	Asian Palm Swift - Cypsiurus balasiensis		R
	Alpine swift - Apus melba	T	R
Caprimulgidae	Long-tailed Nightjar - Caprimulgus indicus		R
	Common Nightjar - Caprimulgus asiaticus		UC
Bucerotidae	Grey Hornbill - Tockus griseus	E;T	R
Corvidae	House Crow - Corvus splendens		C
	Jungle Crow - Corvus macrorhynchos		VC
Coraciidae	Indian Roller - Coracias benghalensis		R
Capitonidae	Brown-headed Barbet - Megalaima zeylanica		C
	Crimson-headed Barbet - Megalaima haemacephala		R

Family	Species	Status	Relative Abundance
	Small Barbet - Megalaima rubricapilla	E	R
Pycnonotidae	Red-vented Bulbul - Pycnonotus cafer		C
	White-browed Bulbul - Pycnonotus luteolus	VC	
Sturnidae	Common Mynah - Acridotheres tristis		C
Laniidae	Brown Shrike - Lanius cristatus	WM	R
Oriolidae	Black-headed Oriole - Oriolus xanthornus		R
Picidae	Red-backed Woodpecker - Dinopium benghalense		R
	Rufous Woodpecker - Micropternus brachyurus	T	R
Muscicapidae	Common Tailorbird - Orthotomus sutorius		C
	White-browed Prinia - Prinia inornata		UC
	Great Reed Warbler - Acrocephalus stentoreus		R
	Fantail Warbler - Cisticola juncidis		UC
	Ashy Prinia - Prinia socialis		UC
	Magpie Robin - Copsychus saularis		UC
	Brown-capped Babbler - Pellorneum fuscocapillum	E;T	R
	Common Babbler - Turdoides affinis		C
	Asian Paradise Flycatcher - Terpsiphone paradisi		R
	White-browed Fantail - Rhipidura aureola		R
	Orange-breast Blue Flycatcher - Muscicapa tickelliae		R
	Brown Flycatcher - Muscicapa daurica	WM	R
Motacillidae	Grey Wagtail - Motacilla cinerea	WM	R
	Forest Wagtail - Dendronanthus indicus	WM	R
	Indian Pipit - Anthus rufulus		UC
Nectariniidae	Purple Sunbird - Nectarinia asiatica		R
	Purple-rumped Sunbird - Nectarinia zeylonica		C
	Loten's Sunbird - Nectarinia lotenia		VC
Dicaeidae	Pale-billed Flowerpecker - Dicaeum erythrorhynchos	ï	VC
Ploceidae	White-rumped Munia - Lonchura striata		R
	House Sparrow - Passer domesticus		R
	Spotted Munia - Lonchura punctulata		UC
	Black-headed Munia - Lonchura malacca		UC
Dicruridae	White-vented Drongo - Dicrurus caerulescens		UC
Strigidae	Collared Scops Owl - Otus bakkamoena		R
	Little Scops Owl - Otus scops		R
	Brown Fish Owl - Ketupa zeylonensis		R

Family	Species	Status	Relative Abundance
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Alaudidae	Oriental Skylark - <i>Alauda gulgula</i>		R
Irenidae	Common Iora - Aegithina tiphia		C
	Gold-fronted Chloropsis - Chloropsis aurifrons		R
	Jerdon's Chloropsis - Chloropsis cochinchinensis		R
Artamidae	Ashy Swallow-Shrike - Artamus fuscus		R
Campephagidae	Little Minivet - Pericrocotus cinnamomeus		R
Zosteropidae	Common White-eye - Zosterops palpebrosa		R
Pittidae	Indian Pitta - Pitta brachyura	WM	R

# Appendix 7 List of Mammals recorded at Maduganga

Family	Species	Status	Abundance
Cercopithecidae	Purple-faced leaf monkey - Trachypithecus vetulus	E;T	UC
Loridae	Slender Loris - Loris tardigradus	T	R
Leporidae	Black-naped Hare - Lepus nigricollis		C
Scuridae	Palm squirrel - Funambulus palmarum		VC
Hystericidae	Indian Crested Porcupine - Hystrix indica		UC
Muridae	Indian Bandicoot - Bandicota bengalensis		VC
	House Rat - Rattus rattus		VC
	House Mouse - Mus musculus		VC
	Brown Mouse - Mus cervicolor		C
Soricidae	Musk Shrew - Suncus murinus		C
Pteropidae	Flying-Fox - Pteropus giganteus		C
	Fruit Bat - Rousettus seminudus		C
Rhinolophidae	Horse-shoe Bat - Rhinolopus spp.		UC
Hipposiderosidae	Leaf-nosed Bat - Hipposideros spp.		UC
Viverridae	Brown Mongoose - Herpestes fuscus		UC
	Indian Palm-Cat - Paradoxurus hermaphrodites		C
	Golden Palm Civet - Paradoxurus zeylonensis	E;T	R
	Small Civet-Cat - Viverricula indica		C
Mustellidae	Eurasian Otter - Lutra lutra	T	UC
Felidae	Indian Fishing Cat - Prionailurus viverrinus	T	R
Tragulidae	Mouse Deer - Tragulus meminna		R
Cervidae	Barking Deer - Muntiacus muntjak		R
	Hog Deer - Axis porcinus	T	UC
Canidae	Jackal - Canis aureus		UC

# Appendix 8 List of Butterflies recorded at Maduganga

Family	Species	Status	Abundance
Lycaenidae	Lesser Grass Blue - Zizina otis		UC
	Large Oak Blue - Arhopala amantes	T	C
	Dark Grass Blue - Zizeeria karsandra	T	R
	Tiny Grass Blue - Zizula hylax	T	UC
	Dark Cerulean - Jamides coruscans		R
	Common cerulean - Jamedes alecto		UC
	Indian Sunbeam - Curetis thetis		VC
Satyridae	Common Evening Brown - Melanitis leda		R
	Dark-Banded Bush Brown - Mycalesis mineus		R
	White Four-Ring - Ypthima ceylonica		UC
	Common Palm Fly - Elymnias hypermnestra		R
	Nigger - Orsotriaena medus		C
Danaidae	Double banded Crow - Euploea core		UC
	Glassy Tiger - Parantica aglea		VC
	Plain Tiger - Danaus chrysippus		UC
	Common Tiger - Danaus genutia		R
	Common Crow - Euploea core		R
	Brown King Crow - Euploea klugii		R
	Great Crow - Euploea phaenareta		UC
Nymphalidae	Common Leopard - Phalanta phalantha		UC
	Danaid Egg Fly - Hypolimnas misippus		R
	Common Sailor - Neptis hylas		UC
	Grey Pansy - Junonia atlites		C
	Peacock Pansy - Junonia almana		R
	Chocolate Soldier - junonia iphita		UC
	Baron - Euthalia aconthea		R
	Tamil Yeoman - Cirrochroa thais		R
Acraeidae	Tawny Coster - Acraea violae		UC
Pieridae	Psyche - Leptosia nina		C
	Jezebel - <i>Delias eucharis</i>		UC
	Chocolate Albatross - Appias lyncida		R
	Striped Albatross - Appias libythea	T	R
	Common Albatross - Appias albina		UC

Family	Species	Status	Abundance
	Lemon Emigrant - <i>Catopsilia pomona</i>		R
	Pioneer - Belenois aurata		R
	Crimson Tip - Colotis danae		R
	Small Grass Yellow - Eurema brigitta		R
	Three-spot Grass Yellow - Eurema blanda		R
	Common Grass Yellow - Eurema hecabe		UC
	The Plain Orange Tip - Colotis aurora	T	R
	The Little Orange Tip - Colotis etrida		R
Papilionidae	Blue Mormon - Papilio polymnestor		R
	Common Mormon - Papilio polytes		UC
	Common Rose - Pachliopta aristolochiae		R
	Crimson Rose - Pachliopta hector		UC
	Lime Butterfly - Papilio demoleus		R
	Common Blue Bottle - Graphium sarpedon		UC
	Common Jay - Graphium doson		UC
	Tailed Jay - Graphium agamemnon		C

### Appendix 9

#### List of aquatic molluscs recorded at Maduganga

Family	Species
Ancylidae	Ancylus ceylanicus
	Littorina scabra
	Meretrix easta
	Geloina coaxans
	Cassidula musterina
Unionidae	Lamellidens testudinarius
Ampullaridae	Pila globosa
Neritidae	Septaria squamata
	Telescopium telescopium
	Nerita polita
	Cerithedia cingulata

Appendix 10
List of terrestrial molluscs recorded at Maduganga

Family	Species	Status	Abundance
Ariophantidae	Cryptozona bistralis		C
	Euplecta emiliana	E;T	R
Cerastidae	Rachistia pulcher		C
Acavidae	Acavus haemastoma	E;T	R
Camaenidae	Beddomea albizonatus	E;T	R
Subulinidae	Allopeas gracile	T	R
Glessulidae	Glessula paneantha	E;HT	R
Cyclophoridae	Aulopoma helicinum	E;T	R
	Aulopoma itieri	E;T	R
	Leptopomoides halophilus	E	UC
	Tortulosa thwaitesi	E	UC
Ariophantidae	Mariella dussimieri	T	R
Veronicellidae	Laevicaulis alte	Ex	VC
Achatinidae	Achatina fulica	Ex	VC

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