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APPENDIX

Plant Species	Total No of Species (Endemic)	Vertebrate	Total No of Species (Endemic)	Invertebrate	Total No of Species (Endemic)
Flowering Plants	3771 (927)	Mammals	91 (16)	Bees	148 (21)
Gymnosperms	1 (0)	Birds	482 (33)	Ants	181 ()
Ferns & Fern allies	314 (59)	Reptiles	171 (101)	Butterflies	243 (20)
Mosses	561 (63)	Amphibians	106 + (90+)	Spiders	501()
Liverworts	227 ()	Fishes	82 (44)	Land Snails	246 (204)
Freshwater Algae	560 + ()			Dragon Flies	120 (57)
Fungi	2260 + ()			Crabs	51 (51)
Lichens	661()			Shrimps	23 (07)

Appendix 01: - Biodiversity of Sri Lanka

Table A.1.1: - Species Diversity of Sri Lanka

Aquatic Ecosystem Diversity	Present Extent (ha)	Terrestrial Ecosystem Diversity	Present Extent (ha)	
Costal Ecosystems		Natural Forest Ecosystems		
Coral Reefs	N/A	Tropical Lowland Rain Forests	141506	
Sea Grass Beds	23819	Tropical Sub-montane Forests	68616	
Salt Marshes	33573	Tropical montane Forests	243886	
Mangroves	12189	Tropical Moist Evergreen Forests	1090981	
Sea Shores/Beeches	N/A	Tropical Dry Mixed Evergreen Forests	464076	
Mud Flats	N/A	Thorn Scrub Forests	N/A	
Lagoons & Estuaries	158017			
Sand Dunes	7606	Natural Grassland Ecosystems		
		Dry Patanas	65000	
Inland Aquatic Systems		Damanas	10000	
Fresh Water Marshes	10000	Wet Patanas	N/A	
Rivers/Streams, Riverine Forests	22435	Savannas	N/A	
Reservoirs	170000	Thalavas	N/A	
		Villu	N/A	

Table A.1.2: - Ecosystem diversity of Sri Lanka

Appendix 02: - Case study of how newly introduced species come out as invasive later on with huge economic losses

A good illustration of the issue is the Nile perch (Lates niloticus) which was introduced into Lake Victoria for economic reasons. It has led to the extinction of dozens, perhaps hundreds, of species of cichlid fish endemic to the lake, and has led to deforestation around the lake because firewood is needed to dry the oily perch; forest clearing in turn is leading to siltation and eutrophication, thus adding additional pressure to the continued productivity of the lake (which is also infested with invasive water hyacinth). While the Nile perch fishery in Lake Victoria generates up to US\$400 million per year in export income, relatively few people living around the lake earn these economic benefits. Tons of perch end up on the plates of European diners, while protein malnutrition is a major problem around the lake (WRI, 2000). Great economic benefits are flowing to a few people from this IAS, but none of the money is being spent on managing the considerable economic and ecological costs imposed on the poor, or on the Lake Victoria ecosystem. The economics of the marketplace have proven more powerful than the ethics of equitable distribution of benefits".

Family	Species	Country of Origin	Year of Introduction	
Asteraceae	Ageratina riparia	Mexico	1905	
Asteraceae	Tithonia diversifolia	Mexico	1851	
Clusiaceae	Clusia rosea	West Indies	1866	
Dilleniaceae	Dillenia suffruticosa	Borneo	1882	
Fabaceae	Myroxylon balsamum	Venezuela	1870	
Fabaceae	Prosopis juliflora	Tropical America	1880	
Fabaceae	Ulex europaeus	Europe	1888	
Iridaceae	Aristia ecklonii	Guatemala	1889	
Melastomataceae	Clidemia hirta	Tropical America	1894	
Melastomataceae	Miconia calvescens	Mexico	1888	
Polygonaceae	Antigonon leptopus	Tropical America	1870	
Pontederiaceae	Eichhornia crassipes	Hong Kong	1905	
Solanaceae	Cestrum aurantiacum	Cape of Good Hope	1889	
Verbenaceae	Lantana camara	Tropical America	1826	

Appendix 03: - IAS introduced by Royal Botanical Garden of Sri Lanka



