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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A survey on selected faunal groups in the Mahausakande regenerating tropical rainforest (MRF) in Kiriella was carried out using rapid assessment techniques. The survey was intended to document the species richness of selected vertebrate and invertebrate fauna, and evaluate their temporal changes over the past five years in relation to forest regeneration. A total of 117 vertebrates and 123 invertebrates were recorded MRF, including 50 endemic species. Among the faunal species recorded, 15 are listed as nationally threatened. The invertebrate fauna recorded in MRF included Odonates (32 species - 8 endemic), Butterflies (75 species - 5 endemic and 5 threatened), Freshwater crabs (3 species – all endemic), Land snails (11 species – all endemic), Theraphosid spiders (2 species, both endemic). The vertebrates included Mammals (20 species - 4 endemic and 5 threatened), Birds (89 species - 11 endemic and 2 threatened), and Freshwater fish (8 species - 5 endemic and 1 threatened). The observations of the present survey indicate that the species richness of fauna in MRF has increased over the past five years. The vertebrate fauna shows a 25% increase in species richness, while the butterflies exhibit a 50% increase over the past five years.

Key Words: Species Richness, Vertebrates, Invertebrates, Endemic species

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Faunal Diversity in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka harbours a rich diversity of vertebrate and invertebrate fauna. Among the vertebrates are 490 species of birds (33 endemic)¹; 88 freshwater fish species (44 endemic)²⁻⁵; and 93 species of mammals (19 endemic)⁶⁻⁸. The invertebrate fauna documented to date includes 51 freshwater crab species (50 endemic)⁹; 244 species of butterflies (20 endemic)¹⁰; seven species of mygalomorph spiders (5 endemic)¹¹; 247 species of land snails (205 endemic)¹²; and 122 species of damselflies and dragonflies (59 endemics).¹³ A majority of the endemic fauna are restricted to the wet zone, including the central highlands.

1.2 The Study Area

The Mahausakande regenerating tropical rainforest (MRF) is situated in Kiriella (6°76' 68.9" N and 80°25' 38.4" E) of Ratnapura district (Sabaragamuwa Province) of Sri Lanka. The site consists of approximately 40 acres spread across a hilly terrain, 190-320 m a.s.l. The Bambarakande Forest Reserve is located in the vicinity of the MRF site at a higher altitude (280-700 m a.s.l.), and most of the peripheral lands are used for tea plantations, rubber plantations and semi wild tree dominated home gardens. The MRF site was managed as a rubber plantation till year 2002, which was subsequently abandoned. A forest restoration programme was initiated by the Ellawala Foundation Trust (EFT) to convert the site into a tropical rainforest ecosystem through assisted forest regeneration activities. At present, the main forest community is composed of rubber trees mixed with pioneers and primary forest species typical of lowland wet zone rainforest areas. The area receives an annual rainfall of over 4000 mm, and the mean temperature is around 31 °C. Over 6000 saplings of rainforest plants have been introduced to the site over the past decade. Two major streams flow across the MRF site, and this mosaic habitat is a paradise for rainforest associate faunal groups. The habitat types of the site consists of abandoned rubber, agricultural land, regenerating forest, secondary forest, rock-outcrop, riparian forest, manmade ponds and home garden. Preliminary investigations carried out at the MRF from 2004-2010 has documented 53 species of butterflies, 4 species of freshwater fish, 11 amphibian species, 21 reptiles species, 60 bird species, and 14 mammal species.

1.3 Rationale

The Mahausakande tropical rainforest restoration initiative provides a unique opportunity to study the temporal changes in biodiversity associated with tropical forest regeneration. Therefore, a systematic study was undertaken to document the diversity and richness of selected groups of vertebrate (birds, freshwater fishes, mammals) and invertebrate fauna (freshwater crabs, tarantulas, butterflies, land snails, dragonflies and damselflies) associated with the different habitat types of MRF.

1.4 Research Hypothesis

The main hypothesis investigated through the present research was that the forest regeneration in MRF has resulted in an increase in the species richness of fauna.

1.5 Objectives

The present survey intended to fulfill the following specific objectives related to selected faunal groups in MRF:

- 1. Update the knowledge base on the occurrence of birds, freshwater fishes, mammals, freshwater crabs, tarantulas, butterflies, land snails, dragonflies and damselflies.
- 2. Determine the distribution pattern and habitat relationships of selected fauna.

2. METHODOLOGY

The biodiversity surveys of MFR were conducted during the month of April 2012. All faunal groups selected were primarily surveyed using the Visual Encounter Survey (VES) method conducted at day and night with the aid of headlamps and flash lights. The specific sampling methods used to document different species of vertebrates and invertebrates are summarized in Table 2.1. The species were identified using relevant field guides and taxonomic keys (see Table 2.2). The threatened species were based on the most recent national Red List (IUCN-SL & MENR-SL, 2007).

Group	Methodology		
Freshwater Fish	Qualitative Surveys in Streams, Ponds to document species present.		
	Hand/cast nets were used to capture species for identification, and		
	released back into water body.		
Birds	Quantitative surveys through transect walks: 15 minute records from		
	7:00AM to 10:00AM and 4:00PM to 6:00PM, repeated over 3 days (the		
	transect walk should cover 2 transects during each morning and evening.		
	E-W and N-S): the birds on 25m either side of transect were recorded by		
	direct observation and/or calls.		
Mammals	Diurnal and nocturnal visual encounter surveys along transect walks		
	covering representative habitats (qualitative); used nine traps to capture		
	small mammals and mist nets for bats – captured mammals were		
	released after identification. Also used indirect observations to		
	document species (tracks, scat etc.).		
Butterflies	Quantitative surveys through transect walks: 15 minute records from		
	8:00AM to 12:00AM noon, repeated for 2 days. A sweep net was used		
	to capture species only for identification purposes.		
Odonates	Qualitative records (near streams and ponds): Species were captured		
	using a sweep net for identification.		
Land snails	Quadrate surveys (Quantitative): three 5x5m quadrates in each habitat		
	(managed rubber plot; abandoned rubber plot, secondary forest,		
	regenerating forest; riparian forest along stream, home garden around		
	bungalow; rock-outcrop forest), identified live species and counted		
	individuals		
Freshwater crabs	Diurnal qualitative surveys along streams, and in ponds		
Theraphosid spiders	Nocturnal qualitative surveys in ground/arboreal (tree hole/crevice)		
T T T T	habitats		

 Table 2.1: Survey methods

Taxonomic Group	Guide/s
Freshwater Fish	Pethiyagoda (1991); Goonatilake (2007
Birds	Warakagoda et al (2012); Rasmussen & Anderton (2005)
Mammals	DeSilva Wijeyaratne (2008); Phillips (1980); Weerakoon &
	Goonatilake (2006)
Butterflies	D'Abrera (1998); Gamage (2007)
Dragon Flies	De Fonseka (2000); Bedjanic et al. (2007)
Land Snails	Naggs and Raheem (2002); Raheem and Naggs (2004)
Freshwater Crabs	Bahir (2008)
Theraphosid spiders	Samarawickrama et al. (2009)

 Table 2.2: Resources for identification and nomenclature of fauna

Plate 1: Placement of traps to capture small mammals for identification



3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of approximately 500 man hours were spent in the field to document the selected groups of fauna in MRF. The sampling effort included 21 litter cleaning and loose soil digging plots for land snails, 27 trap cages for mammals, over 100 sweep netting for butterflies, over 150 sweep netting for odonates, about 50 hand netting and mesh netting for freshwater fish, at least 80 sites searched for freshwater crabs, and 72 visual encounter surveys conducted during day and night time at MRF. Among the different sampling methods adopted, the VES conducted during day and diurnal time enabled to document the highest number of species and individuals of most faunal groups in different habitats types of MRF. Most of the mygalomorph spiders, freshwater crabs, butterflies and dragonflies were recorded during the morning hours than evening hours (7.00 am to 10.00 am). But small mammals were recorded at midnight (1.00am to 3.00 am). More than half of dragonflies were observed in shaded areas of the MRF.

The main findings related to the fauna surveyed in MRF are elaborated below, while the checklists of species recorded from MRF are provided in Appendix I.

3.1 Species richness and relative abundance of selected vertebrate fauna

The survey enabled to document eight species of freshwater fish (5 endemic), 89 species of birds (11 endemic) and 21 species of mammals (5 endemic). As highlighted in Table 1, the survey shows an increase in species richness among the vertebrate fauna in MRF over the past five years, and this supports the hypothesis of this study. The birds included 10 species of winter migrants as well. Among the vertebrates recorded, one fish, five mammals, and two bird species are considered as nationally threatened.

Among the freshwater fish species recorded in aquatic habitats, the Striped Rasbora (*Rasbora dandia*) was the most common species in MRF, followed by the Filamented Barb (*Puntius singhala*) (see Appendix IIA). The most commonly encountered birds species in MRF included Alexandrine Parakeet (*Psittacula eupatria*), Red-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus cafer*), and the Black Bulbul (*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*) (see Appendix IIC). The mammals in MRF were dominated by the Common Palm Squirrel (*Funambulus palmarum*) (see Appendix IIB).

3.2 Species richness and relative abundance of selected invertebrate fauna

The selected invertebrate recorded in MRF included 77 species of butterflies (5 endemic), 32 species of odonates (8 endemic), 11 land snail species (all endemic), three freshwater crab species (all endemic), and two mygalomorph ('tarantula') spiders (both endemic to Sri Lanka). As highlighted in Table 1, the present survey shows a 50% increase in the species richness of butterflies in MRF over the past five years, which is another fact that supports the survey hypothesis. The other four invertebrate groups have been surveyed for the first time in MRF since the initiation of forest restoration work there. Among the invertebrates recorded in MRF, five species of butterflies, and one land snail are considered as nationally threatened.

The butterflies in MRF were dominated by the White Four Ring (*Ypthima ceylonica*) (see Appendix IID), followed by the Common Cerulean (*Jamides celeno*) and Common Crow (*Euploea core*). The most commonly encountered odonate was Dark Forest Damsel (*Platysticta* cf. *apicalis*) followed by Brinck's Shadow Damsel (*Drepanosticta brincki*) (see Appendix IIE). The land snails in MRF were dominated by *Cyclophorus menkeanus* (see Appendix IIF).

Group	Total Native Species in	Fauna Recorded in Mahausakande	
	Sri Lanka	April 2007	April 2012
Freshwater fish	88 (44E)	06 (2E)	08 (5E)
Amphibians	111+(93E)	11 (7E)	22 (15E)
Inland Reptiles	186 (125E)	33 (6E)	45 (26E)
Birds	226 (33E)	78 (11E); 6WV	89 (11E);10VW
Mammals	93 (19E)	20 (4E)	21 (5E)
Total Vertebrates	701 (312E)	148 (30E)	185 (62E)
Butterflies	243 (20E)	50 (2E)	77 (5E)
Odonates	122 (59E)	NS	32 (8E)
Land Snails	247 (205E)	NS	11 (11E)
Freshwater Crabs	51 (50E)	NS	3 (3E)
Theraphosid Spiders	7 (5E)	NS	2 (2E)

Table 1: Statistics of faunal species recorded from Mahausakande regenerating rainforest

Note: E – Endemic; WV – Winter Visitor; NS – Not Surveyed

3.3 Habitat affinities of some fauna in MRF

Earlier studies conducted in MRF had documented several species of freshwater fish inhabiting the two streams "Heen dola" and "Themkapu dola" flowing through MRF. These included *Garra ceylonensis, Puntius dorsalis, P. pleurotaenia, Devario malabaricus, Rasbora dandia, Heteropneuestes fossilis, Clarias brachysoma, Schistura notostigma and Channa orientalis.* However, only *S. notostigma* and *C. orientalis* were recorded in these two streams during the present study, although suitable habitat for species such as *G. ceylonensis, D. malabaricus* and *R. dandia* prevail in these streams. Interestingly, several species of freshwater fish (*P. kelumi, P. singhala, S. notostigma, R. dandia, D. malabariucs, G. ceylonensis, A. day*) were recorded in these streams outside the boundary of MRF. The Sudu olu vila (Nelum pokuna) pond harboured the highest number of freshwater fish species in MRF, including *P. singhala, P. cumingii, A. dayi , R. dandia, P. vittatus* and *Trichogaster trichopterus*. This shady deep pond with organic debris, muddy bottom and submerged roots provide suitable habitat that is conducive for breeding of the freshwater fishes recorded.

The species richness of small mammals was higher in rock-outcrop forest (ROF) and buildings (BUD). Few caves and rock crevices in MRF are important as a roosting and resting site for insectivorous bats.

According to odonate data in MRF, their species richness and abundance was much higher in home garden habitats around the bungalow (HGB) and riparian forest along stream (RFS), while they were low in regenerating forest (REF) and rock-outcrop forest (ROF).

Among the land snails, the families Corillidae and Cyclophoridae seems to prefer riparian forest habitats along streams, as highlighted by the data gathered during this survey. They prefer to inhabit the ground surface with the leaf litter of *Artocarpus nobilis* (Wal del tree)s. The family Acavidae chooses trees with loose outer bark for hiding day time. *Ratnadvipia irradians* was found in trees. The critically endangered *Tortulosa decora* was recorded only in a single site which is close to Nana-dola. The two species *Cryptozona chenui* and *Cyclophorus menkeanus* were found in almost all habitat types, and they live in groups.

PHOTO LOG Invertebrate Fauna of Mahausakande Regenerating Tropical Rainforest



Photo 5: Cryptozona chenui

Photo 6: Cyclophorus menkeanus

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Appendix I

Checklists of Fauna of MRF

(A) List of Freshwater fishes observed in MRF

Family	Species name	Common name	Sinhala name
Aplocheilidae	Aplocheilus dayi ^E	Day's Killifish	Uda Handeya
Belontiidae	Trichogaster trichopterus ^{IN}	Three spot Gourami	Gourami
Channidae	Channa orientalis ^E	Smooth breasted Snakehead	Kola Kanaya
Cuprinidae	Puntius cumingii ^{E,VU}	Cuming's Barb	Depulliya
	Puntius singhala ^E	Filamented Barb	Dankola Pethiya
Cyprinitae	Puntius vittatus	Silver Barb	Bandi Titteya
	Rasbora dandia	Striped Rasbora	Iri Dandiya
Balitoridae	Schistura notostigma ^E	Banded mountain Loach	Puwak Badilla

(Abbreviations: E = Endemic; IN = Introduced; VU = Vulnerable).

(B) List of Mammals Observed in MRF

(Abbreviations: E = Endemic; EN = Endangered; VU = Vulnerable).

Family	Species name	Common name	Sinhala name
Manidae	Manis crassicaudata	Pangolin	Kaballewa
Pteropodidae	Pteropus giganteus	Flying Fox	Ma Vavula
Mustelidae	Lutra lutra ^{VU}	Otter	Diya Balla
Viverridae	Paradoxurus aureus ^E	Golden wetzone palm Civet	Sri Lanka Ran Kalawedda
Tragulidae	Moschiola kathygre ^E	Mouse Deer	Meminna
Leporidae	Lepus nigricollis	Black-naped Hare	Wal Hawa
Megadermatidae	Megaderma lyra	False vampire Bat	Boru ley Vavula
Rhinolophidae	Rhinolophus beddomei ^{EN}	Great horse-shoe Bat	Maha ashwaladan Vavula
Vespertillionidae	Pipistrellus tenuis	Pigmy Pipistrel	Heen koseta Vavula
Concentithesides	Semnopithecus vetulus ^{E,VU}	Purple-faced leaf Monkey	Sri Lanka kalu Wandura
Cercopilnecidae	Macaca sinica ^E	Sri Lanka toque monkey	Sri Lanka Rilawa
Suidae	Sus scrofa	Wild Boar	Wal Ura
Hystricidae	Hystrix indica	Porcupine	Ittewa
	Mus mayori ^{E,VU}	Sri Lanka spiny Rat	Depahe-katu heen Miya
Muridae	Rattus rattus	Common Rat	Podu ge Miya
	Bandicota bengalensis	Mole Rat	Heen uru Miya
Sojuridoo	Funambulus palmarum	Palm Squirrel	Leena
Sciuridae	Ratufa macroura ^{VU}	Giant Squirrel	Dandu Leena
Hormostidoo	Herpestes vitticollis	Stripe-necked Mongoose	Maha Mugatiya
nerpestidae	Herpestes brachyurus	Brown Mongoose	Bora Mugatiya

Family	Species name	Common name	Sinhala name
	Dendrocopus nanus	Brown-capped Woodpecker	Bora esasi gomara Karela
Disidaa	Picus chlorolophus	Yellow-napped Woodpecker	Heen kaha-gelasi Karela
Picidae	Dinopium benghalense	Black-rumped Flameback	Rath Karela
	Chrysocolaptes lucidus ^E	Greater Flameback	Lepita maha Karela
	Megalaima zeylanica	Brown-headed Barbet	Polos Kottoruwa
Ramphastidae	Megalaima flavifrons ^E	Yellow-fronted Barbet	Sri Lanka Kottoruwa
_	Megalaima rubricapilla ^E	Crimson-fronted Barbet	Rathmhunath Kottoruwa
Bucerotidae	Ocyceros gingalensis ^E	Grey Hornbill	Alu Kandaththa
A 1 3 ¹ ¹	Alcedo atthis	Common Kingfisher	Mal Pilihuduwa
Alcedinidae	Halcyon smyrnensis	White-throated Kingfisher	Layasudu Pilihuduwa
Meropidae	Merops philippinus ^{WV}	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Nilpenda Binguharaya
	Cuculus micropterus ^{WV}	Indian Cuckoo	Indu Kookilaya
	Clamator coromandus ^{WV}	Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	Thambala-piya Kondakoha
Cuculidae	Cuculus varius ^{WV}	Common hawk Cuckoo	Ukusukoha
	Eudynamys scolopacea	Asian Koel	Kowula
	Centropus sinensis	Greater Coucal	Ati Kukula
	Loriculus beryllinus ^E	Hanging Parakeet	Giramaliththa
	Psittacula eupatria	Alexandrine Parakeet	Labu Girawa
Psittacidae	Psittacula krameri	Rose-ringed Parakeet	Rana Girawa
	Psittacula cyanocephala	Plum-headed Parakeet	Pandu Girawa
	Psittacula calthropae ^E	Layard's Parakeet	Alu Girawa
	Apus affinis	House Swift	Punchi Thurithaya
Apodidae	Collocalia unicolor	Indian Swiftlet	Indu upa Thurithaya
•	Cypsiurus balasiensis	Asian palm Swift	Asiaa thal Thurithaya
	Bubo nipalensis	Spot-bellied eagle Owl	Ulama
a	Glaucidium radiatum	Jungle Owlet	Wana Upabassa
Strigidae	Ketupa zeylonensis	Brown fish Owl	Bora kewul Bakamoona
	Otus bakkamoena	Collard scops Owl	Karapati Kanbassa
Podargidae	Batrachostomus moniliger	Frogmouth	Madi Muhuna
	Chalcophaps indica	Emerald Dove	Neela Kobeiyya
	Columba livia	Feral Pigeon	Podu Paraviya
Colored Stars	Ducula aenea	Green imperial Pigeon	Neela Mahagoya
Columbidae	Streptopelia chinensis	Spotted Dove	Alu Kobeiyya
	Treron bicincta	Orange-breasted green Pigeon	Laya-ran Batagoya
	Treron pompadora ^E	Sri Lanka green Pigeon	Lanka Batagoya
	Rallina eurizonoides ^{wv}	Slaty-legged Crake	Alu-pa Keraliya
Kallidae	Amaurornis phoenicurus	White-breasted Waterhen	Laya-sudu Korawakka
	Accipiter badius	Shikra	Kurulugoya
	Haliastur indus	Brahminy Kite	Bamunu Piyakussa
	Ictinaetus malayensis	Black Eagle	Kalukussa
Accipitridae	Pernis ptilorhyncus	Oriental honey Buzzard	Silu Bambarakussa
	Spilornis cheela	Crested serpent Eagle	Silu Sarapakussa
	Spizaetus cirrhatus	Changeable hawk Eagle	Perali Kondakussa
Phalacrocoracidae	Phalacrocorax niger	Little Cormorant	Punchi Divakaya

(C) List of Birds Observed in MRF (Abbreviations: E = Endemic; EN = Endangered; VU = Vulnerable; VW = Winter visitor).

	Ardeola gravii	Indian pond Heron	Kana Kkoka
Ardeidae	Egretta garzetta	Little Egret	Punchi Koka
Pittidae	Pitta brachyura ^{WV}	Indian Pitta	Avichchiya
Chloropseidae	Chloropsis jerdoni	Blue-winged Leafbird	Nilpiya Kolarisiya
Laniidae	Lanius cristatus ^{WV}	Brown Shrike	Bora Sabariththa
Oriolidae	Oriolus xanthornus	Black-hooded Oriole	Kahakurulla
Dicruidae	Dicrurus caerulescens	White-bellied Drongo	Kawuda
	Hypothymis azurea	Black-napped Monarch	Kalu-gelasi Radamara
Monarchidae	Terpsiphone paradisi	Asian Paradise- flycatcher	Asia Rahanmara
a	Corvus splendens	House Crow	Kolamba Kaputa
Corvidae	Corvus levaillantii	Large-billed Crow	Kalu Kaputa
	Coracina melanoptera	Black-headed Cuckooshrike	Kalu-his kovul Saratiththa
	Pericrocotus cinnamomeus	Small Minivet	Punchi Miniviththa
Campephagidae	Pericrocotus flammeus	Scarlet Minivet	Dilirath Miniviththa
	Hemipus picatus	Bar-winged flycatcher shrike	Wairapiya masi Saratiththa
Aegithinidae	Aegithina tiphia	Common Iora	Podu Iorawa
	Copsychus saularis	Oriental magpie Robin	Polkichcha
Maasioonidoo	Cyornis tickelliae	Tickell's blue Flycatcher	Tickel nil Masimara
Muscicapidae	Muscicapa daurica ^{wv}	Asian brown Flycatcher	Asia bora Masimara
	Saxicoloides fulicata	Indian Robin	Indu Kalukichcha
Stumidaa	Acridotheres tristis	Common Myna	Mayna
Sturmuae	Gracula religiosa	Hill Myna	Salalihiniya
Sittidae	Sitta frontalis	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Villuda nalal Yatikuriththa
Hirundinidaa	Hirundo domicola ^{EN}	Hill Swallow	Sethkara Wahilihiniya
	Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	Atu Wahilihiniya
	Pycnonotus melanicterus ^E	Black-crested Bulbul	Kalu hisasi Kondaya
	Pycnonotus cafer	Red-vented Bulbul	Kondaya
Pycnonotidae	Pycnonotus luteolus	White-browed Bulbul	Bamasudu Kondaya
	Iole indica	Yellow-browed Bulbul	Bamakaha Guluguduwa
	Hypsipetes leucocephalus	Black Bulbul	Kalu Kondaya
Cisticolidae	Prinia sylvatica	Jungle Prinia	Wana Priniya
Zosteropidae	Zosterops palpebrosus	Oriental White-eye	Peradigu Sithasiya
Sylviidaa	Orthotomus sutorius	Common Tailorbird	Battichcha
Sylviluae	Phylloscopus magnirostris ^{WV}	Large-billed leaf Warbler	Mathusu Gassraviya
	Pellorneum fuscocapillum ^E	Brown-capped Babbler	Boraga Demalichcha
Timalidaa	Pomatorhinus melanurus ^E	Scimitar Babbler	Da Demalichcha
Timanuae	Rhopocichla atriceps	Dark-fronted Babbler	Wathanduru Demalichcha
	Turdoides affinis	Yellow-billed Babbler	Demalichcha
Dicaaidaa	Dicaeum vincens ^{E,VU}	Legge's Flowerpecker	Lanka Pililichcha
Dicaciuae	Dicaeum erythrorhynchos	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	Lathudu Pililichcha
Naatariniidaa	Nectarina zeylonica	Purple-rumped Sunbird	Nithamba Dam Sutikka
	Nectarina lotenia	Loten's Sunbird	Lotenge Sutikka
Motacillidae	Motacilla cinerea ^{WV}	Grey Wagtail	Alu Halapenda
Ploceidae	Ploceus manyar	Streaked Weaver	Pan Wadukurulla
Estrididae	Lonchura striata	White-rumped Munia	Nithamba-sudu Weekurulla

Family	Species name	Common name	Sinhala name
	Troides darsius ^E	Ceylon Birdwing	Maha kurulu piya Papilia
	Pachliopta hector	Crimson Rose	Maha rosa Papilia
	Pachliopta aristolochiae	Common Rose	Podu rosa Papilia
	Papilio domoleus	Lime Butterfly	Kaha Papilia
D 11 11	Papilio polytes	Common Mormon	Kalu Papilia
rapinomuae	Papilio polymnestor	Blue Mormon	Maha Nilaya
	Papilio clytia	Mime	Rawana Papilia
	Graphium sarpedon	Blue Bottle	Nil Papilia
	Graphium doson	Common Jay	podu Papilia
	Graphium agamemnon	Tailed Jay	Kola Papilia
	Leptosia nina	Psyche	Kalu-thith Sudda
	Delias eucharis	Jezebel	Podu Maha Sudda
	Appias indra ^{CR}	Plain Puffin	Dumbra Sudana
	Appias albina	Common Albatross	Podu Sudana
	Hebomoia glaucippe	Great Orange-tip	Yoda Sudana
Pieridae	Catopsilia pyranthe	Mottled Emigrant	Thith-piya Piyasariya
	Catopsilia pomona	Lemon Emigrant	Kaha Piyasariya
	Catopsilia Scylla	Orange Migrant	Thabili Piyasariya
	Pareronia ceylanica	Dark Wanderer	Anduru nil Piyasariya
	Eurema hecabe	Common grass Yellow	Maha Kahakolaya
	Eurema blanda	Three-spot grass Yellow	Thun-thith Kahakolaya
	Idea iasonia ^E	Tree Nymph	Pawenna
	Tirumala limniace	Blue Tiger	Podu nil Kotithiya
	Parantica aglea	Glassy Tiger	Suduwan nil Kotithiya
	Danaus chrysippus	Plain Tiger	Podu koti Thambiliya
	Danaus genutia	Common Tiger	Iri Koti Thambiliya
	Euploea core	Common Crow	Podu kaka Kotithiyaya
	Phalantha phantha	Leopard	Podu thith Thambiliya
	Vindula erota	Cruiser	Yoda Thambiliya
	Cethosia nietneri	Ceylon lace Wing	Lanka seda Piyapatha
	Junonia atlites	Grey Pansy	Aluwan Alankarikya
N 7 1 1 1	Junonia iphita	Chocolate Soldier	Podu Alankarikya
Nymphalidae	Junonia almana	Peacock Pansy	Monera Alankarikya
	Hypolimnas bolina	Great Eggfly	Mana Alankarikya
	Hypolimnas misippus	Danald Eggily	Kela Alankarikya
	Pantoporia horaonia	Common Lasker	Kaha Selaruwa
	Neptis nylas	Common Sallor	Gomara Selaruwa
	Neptis jumban	Cnestnut-streaked Sallor	Maha Salamuna
	Moduza procris	Clinner	Mana Selaruwa
	Futhalia acouthac	Daran	A ababilaya
	Poburg athemas	Nawah	Automaya Kaba Kumaraya
	Charayas psaphor	Tawau Taway Rajah	Naha Kumaraya
	Acraea violae	Tawny Kajan Tawny Costor	Thambily nanduru Boraluwa

(D) List of Butterflies Observed in MRF (Abbreviations: E = Endemic; CR = Critically Endangered; EN = Endangered; VU = Vulnerable).

	Melanitis leda	Common evening Brown	Podu Dumburuwa
	Melanitis phedima	Dark evening Brown	Anduru Dumburuwa
	Orsotriaena medus	Nigger	Maha-iri panduru Dumburuwa
	Mycalesis perseus	Common Bushbrown	Podu panduru Dumburuwa
	Nissanga patina	Gladeye Bushbrown	Visithuru panduru Dumburuwa
	Ypthima ceylonica	White Four-ring	Podu heen Dumburuwa
	Elymnias hypermnestra	Common Palmfly	Podu thal Dumburuwa
	Abisara echerius	Plum Judy	Kela Rathambalaya
	Arhopala amantes	Large Oakblue	Maha gas Nilaya
	Caleta decidia	Angled Pierrot	Gomara mal Nilaya
	Castalius rosimon	Common Pierrot	Podu mal Nilaya
	Everes lacturnus	Indian Cupid	Indiyanu Panduru Nilaya
	Hypolycaena nilgirica ^{VU}	Nilgiri Tit	Nilgiri Nilaya
	Jamides bochus	Dark Cerulean	Anduruwan seru Nilaya
Lycaenidae	Jamides celeno	Common Cerulean	Podu seru Nilaya
	Jamides coruscans ^{E,EN}	Ceylon Cerulean	Lanka seru Nilaya
	Jamides lacteata ^E	Milky Cerulean	Sudu seru Nilaya
	Loxura atymnus	Yamfly	Kaha gas Nilaya
	Neopithicops zalmora	Quaker	Maha thith dumburu Nilaya
	Rathinda amor	Monkey-puzzle	Visituru vanduru Nilaya
	Spalgis epeus	Apefly	Wanduru Nilaya
	Talicada nyseus	Red Pierrot	Rathu panduru Nilaya
	Ampittia dioscorides	Bush Hopper	
	Celaenorrhinus spilothyrus ^{E,VU}	Black Flat	
	Iambrix salsala	Chestnut Bob	
	Panara bada	Smallest Swift	
Hesperiidae	Spialia galba	Indian Skipper	
	Suastus gremius	Indian palm Bob	
	Taractrocera maevius	Common grass Dart	
	Telicota colon	Pale palm Dart	
	Udaspes folus ^{EN}	Grass Demon	

Family	Species name	Common name
Colontomygidaa	Neurobasis chinensis	Oriental green Wing
Calopterygluae	Vestalis apicalis ^E	Black-tipped Flashwing
Chlorocyphidae	Libellago greeni ^E	Green's Gem
Euphaeidae	Euphaea splendens ^E	Shining Gossamerwing
	Agriocnemis pygmaea	Wandering Wisp
	Onychargia atrocyana	Marsh Dancer
Coenagrionidae	Ischnura aurora	Dawn Bluetail
	Ceriagrion cerinorubellum	Painted Waxtail
	Ceriagrion coromandelianum	Yellow Waxtail
Platycnemididae	Copera marginipes	Yellow Featherleg
Platystictidae	Drepanosticta brincki ^E	Brinck's Shadowdamsel
Tatystictiuae	Platysticta cf. apicalis ^E	Dark Forestdamsel
Protonouridoo	Elattoneura bigemmata ^E	Two-spotted Threadtail
Protoneuridae	Elattoneura centralis ^E	Dark-glittering Threadtail
Gomphidae	Megalogomphus ceylonicus ^E	Sri Lanka Sabretail
	Ictinogomphus rapax	Rapacious Flangetail
	Orthetrum chrysis	Spine-tufted Skimmer
	Orthetrum glaucum	Asian Skimmer
	Orthetrum luzonicum	Marsh Skimmer
	Orthetrum pruinosum	Pink Skimmer
	Orthetrum Sabina	Green Skimmer
	Acisoma panorpoides	Asian Pintail
	Neurothemis tullia	Pied Parasol
Liballulidaa	Trithemis aurora	Crimson Dropwing
Libenunuae	Trithemis festiva	Indigo Dropwing
	Rhodothemis rufa	Spine-legged Redbolt
	Rhyothemis triangularis	Sapphire Flutterer
	Rhyothemis variegate	Variegated Flutterer
	Brachythemis contaminata	Asian Groundling
	Tramea limbata	Sociable Glider
	Crocothemis servilia	Oriental Scarlet
	Diplacodes trivialis	Blue Percher

(E) List of Dragonflies and Damselflies Observed in MRF

(Abbreviations: E = Endemic)

(F) List of Freshwater Crabs observed in MRF (Abbreviations: E = Endemic)

Family	Species name	Common name	Sinhala name
	<i>Ceylonthelphusa</i> sp. ^E	-	Lanka miridiya Kakuluwa
Parathelphusidae	<i>Mahatha</i> sp. ^E	-	Mahatha miridiya Kakuluwa
	Perbrinckia sp. ^E	-	Kalu miridiya Kakuluwa

(G) List of Land Snails observed in MRF

Family	Species name	Common name
	Cryptozona chenui ^E	-
Ariophantidae	Cryptozona bristalis ^E	-
	Ratnadvipia irradians ^E	-
	Acavus haemastoma ^E	-
Acavidae	Acavus superbus ^E	-
	Oligospira polei ^E	-
Corillidae	Corilla colletti ^{E,VU}	-
	Cyc!ophorus menkeanus ^E	-
Cyclophoridae	Aulopoma itieri ^E	-
	Pterocyclus cumingi ^E	-
Pupinidae	Tortulosa decora ^{E,CR}	-

(Abbreviations: E = Endemic; VU = Vulnerable; CR = Critically endangered)

(H) List of Mygalomorph Theraphosid spiders observed in MRF (Abbreviations: E = Endemic; EN = endangered).

Family	Species name	Common name	Sinhala name
Thorophogidoo	<i>Chilobrachys</i> cf. <i>nitelinus</i> ^E	Ground Tarantula	Kalu divi Makuluwa
Theraphosidae	Poecilotheria ornata ^E	Bird-eating Tarantula	Gas divi Makuluwa

Appendix II

Faunal Species Abundance Data

(A). Abundance of freshwater fish recorded through sweep nets and cast nets in aquatic habitats of MRF (Abbreviation: NEP = Nelum pokuna; NGP = Naram gahayata pokuna; NDP = Nana dola pokuna; RUW = Rukattana vila; SOV = Sudu olu vila; AHV = Ahatu vila; ISV = Isso vila; TPK= Tikiri pokuna).

Species name	NEP	NGP	NDP	RUW	SOV	AHV	ISV	ТРК	Total
Aplocheilus dayi	00	07	00	00	12	02	00	05	26
Trichogaster trichopterus	00	00	00	00	02	00	00	00	02
Channa orientalis	00	00	02	00	00	00	01	00	03
Puntius cumingii	00	00	00	00	26	00	00	00	26
Puntius singhala	00	00	00	00	42	00	00	00	42
Puntius vittatus	00	00	00	00	05	00	00	00	05
Rasbora dandia	00	15	00	00	35	28	00	27	105
Schistura notostigma	00	08	03	00	00	02	00	03	16
Total	00	30	05	00	122	32	01	35	225

(B). Abundance of mammals recorded through trap cages and VES in MRF (Abbreviation: MRP = Managed rubber plot; ARP = Abandoned rubber plot; SEF = Secondary forest; REF = Regenerating forest; RFS = Riparian forest along stream; HGB = Home garden around bungalow; ROF = Rock-outcrop forest; BUD = buildings).

Species name	MRP	ARP	SEF	REF	RFS	HGB	ROF	BUD	Total
Megaderma lyra	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	01
Rhinolophus beddomei	00	00	00	00	00	00	03	00	03
Pipistrellus tenuis	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	04	04
Semnopithecus vetulus	00	00	00	00	00	05	00	00	05
Sus scrofa	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	01
Hystrix indica	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	01
Mus mayori	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	01
Rattus rattus	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01
Bandicota bengalensis	01	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	02
Funambulus palmarum	01	01	04	01	02	02	02	01	14
Ratufa macroura	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	01
Herpestes brachyurus	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
Total	03	03	05	01	02	07	07	07	35

(C). Abundance of Birds recorded through transect and VES in MRF (Abbreviation: M = morning; E = evening).

Succionance	Ν	/I]	E	N	A]	E	N	A		£	Total
Species name	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	
Dendrocopus nanus	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	02
Dinopium benghalense	02	00	00	01	00	00	00	03	00	00	01	01	08
Megalaima zeylanica	02	03	01	02	02	01	02	02	04	03	00	01	23
Megalaima flavifrons	01	02	02	01	01	02	01	01	03	00	02	01	17
Megalaima rubricapilla	00	00	00	01	01	00	00	00	02	01	00	00	05
Ocyceros gingalensis	00	01	00	00	02	00	00	00	01	00	00	01	05
Alcedo atthis	00	00	01	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	03
Halcyon smyrnensis	01	01	00	00	00	00	00	02	00	00	00	01	05
Eudynamys scolopacea	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	01	03
Centropus sinensis	01	00	00	02	00	01	00	00	02	01	02	01	10
Loriculus beryllinus	01	03	01	01	02	02	01	00	02	02	00	00	15
Psittacula eupatria	02	03	08	07	03	05	02	00	05	07	00	03	45
Psittacula cyanocephala	00	00	10	00	02	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	13
Psittacula calthropae	00	04	03	00	00	00	00	00	08	00	04	02	21
Collocalia unicolor	02	03	01	00	03	02	00	00	06	00	03	02	22
Chalcophaps indica	01	00	01	02	00	00	00	02	01	01	01	01	10
Ducula aenea	00	04	02	00	03	02	00	03	00	05	01	02	22
Streptopelia chinensis	01	01	00	02	00	01	00	00	01	00	00	01	07
Treron bicincta	01	00	00	05	03	03	00	02	05	02	00	00	21
Treron pompadora	00	03	04	00	00	03	01	00	03	03	01	00	18
Amaurornis phoenicurus	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	01	00	03
Accipiter badius	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	02
Pitta brachyura	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	01	00	02
Chloropsis jerdoni	02	01	04	02	00	03	02	00	01	02	00	00	17
Oriolus xanthornus	01	02	02	02	01	01	01	01	00	03	00	00	14
Dicrurus caerulescens	00	00	02	01	00	00	02	02	03	00	02	01	13
Hypothymis azurea	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	01	01	00	01	00	04
Terpsiphone paradisi	02	02	01	01	00	01	01	00	00	00	01	00	09
Corvus levaillantii	02	00	00	02	00	01	02	00	00	01	01	01	10
Pericrocotus flammeus	03	05	00	04	00	05	02	00	05	06	03	00	33
Hemipus picatus	00	03	02	00	00	02	00	00	00	00	01	00	08
Aegithina tiphia	00	02	01	01	00	01	00	00	02	01	01	00	09
Copsychus saularis	00	00	01	00	01	00	00	00	00	01	01	00	04
Cyornis tickelliae	01	01	02	01	00	02	02	01	00	00	01	01	12
Acridotheres tristis	02	03	00	02	02	00	00	00	03	00	05	03	20
Gracula religiosa	03	00	00	00	02	00	02	02	00	00	01	02	12
Sitta frontalis	00	00	02	00	00	00	00	00	03	00	01	00	06
Hirundo rustica	03	00	07	02	00	02	00	06	00	00	01	02	23
Pycnonotus melanicterus	02	03	00	03	02	02	02	03	02	02	02	02	25

Pycnonotus cafer	03	06	03	02	03	03	03	07	03	02	00	05	40
Iole indica	03	06	04	03	05	03	00	03	04	03	01	01	36
Hypsipetes leucocephalus	04	05	02	03	02	06	00	07	03	02	02	04	40
Zosterops palpebrosus	04	01	04	05	01	03	00	00	02	04	01	02	27
Orthotomus sutorius	00	00	02	00	00	01	00	00	01	02	02	01	09
Phylloscopus magnirostris	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	02	04
Pellorneum fuscocapillum	00	00	01	01	02	00	00	01	01	01	02	02	11
Pomatorhinus melanurus	01	00	00	00	00	01	02	00	00	00	00	00	04
Rhopocichla atriceps	04	00	00	00	00	00	00	05	00	00	03	00	12
Turdoides affinis	00	05	00	05	00	00	00	03	06	08	05	04	36
Dicaeum vincens	01	01	00	00	01	01	00	00	00	00	01	01	06
Dicaeum erythrorhynchos	02	00	02	01	03	00	00	03	00	05	03	01	20
Nectarina zeylonica	01	00	01	00	01	02	00	00	02	01	02	00	10
Nectarina lotenia	00	02	01	01	01	00	02	00	00	01	01	01	10
Total	60	77	81	66	51	63	31	62	85	70	64	56	766

(D). Abundance of Butterflies documented through transect and VES in MRF (Abbreviation: T = transects).

Species name	T1	T2	T2	T2	T3	T3	T4	T4	Total
Troides darsius	00	00	01	01	00	00	00	02	04
Pachliopta hector	01	00	00	00	01	00	01	00	03
Pachliopta aristolochiae	00	02	00	00	01	00	01	02	06
Papilio polytes	01	00	00	02	00	00	02	01	06
Papilio polymnestor	00	01	01	02	01	00	00	02	07
Papilio clytia	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	01	02
Graphium doson	01	03	00	00	00	00	02	00	06
Leptosia nina	02	01	00	00	00	00	05	02	10
Delias eucharis	02	00	00	00	00	00	01	01	04
Appias indra	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	01
Hebomoia glaucippe	00	00	00	02	00	00	01	00	03
Catopsilia pyranthe	02	02	00	00	00	00	00	04	08
Pareronia ceylanica	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	01	03
Eurema hecabe	02	03	02	00	00	00	06	02	15
Idea iasonia	00	00	00	01	02	00	01	00	04
Parantica aglea	01	04	00	00	00	00	02	00	07
Euploea core	02	01	04	00	06	00	03	05	21
Cethosia nietneri	00	01	00	00	00	01	00	01	03
Junonia atlites	02	00	01	02	00	02	01	02	10
Junonia iphita	01	00	02	03	00	03	01	02	12
Pantoporia hordonia	00	01	00	01	00	02	00	01	05

Neptis hylas	02	01	02	02	00	04	01	03	15
Moduza procris	00	00	01	00	01	00	00	00	02
Parthenos sylvia	00	01	00	00	03	02	01	01	08
Nissanga patnia	00	01	00	00	00	02	00	00	03
Ypthima ceylonica	02	01	03	17	28	14	05	11	81
Elymnias hypermnestra	00	01	00	00	02	00	02	00	05
Abisara echerius	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	01
Arhopala amantes	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	01
Caleta decidia	00	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	02
Castalius rosimon	00	00	00	03	00	00	00	01	04
Everes lacturnus	02	00	00	03	02	00	01	02	10
Jamides bochus	00	01	03	00	00	01	00	02	07
Jamides celeno	01	05	02	20	07	04	03	05	47
Jamides coruscans	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	01
Jamides lacteata	00	00	02	00	00	00	00	00	02
Loxura atymnus	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
Neopithicops zalmora	00	01	00	00	02	00	00	00	03
Talicada nyseus	00	01	01	00	00	00	01	00	03
Spialia galba	00	00	00	02	00	02	01	01	06
Taractrocera maevius	01	02	00	00	00	00	00	00	03
Telicota colon	00	00	01	00	01	00	02	00	04
Total	26	35	27	61	58	39	47	56	349

(E). Abundance of odonates documented through transect and VES in MRF

(Abbreviation: MRP = Managed rubber plot; ARP = Abandoned rubber plot; SEF = Secondary forest; REF = Regenerating forest; RFS = Riparian forest along stream; HGB = Home garden around bungalow; ROF = Rock-outcrop forest).

Species name	MRP	ARP	SEF	REF	RFS	HGB	ROF	Total
Neurobasis chinensis	00	00	00	00	08	00	00	08
Vestalis apicalis	00	00	00	00	03	00	00	03
Libellago greeni	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	01
Euphaea splendens	00	00	00	00	11	00	00	11
Agriocnemis pygmaea	00	00	00	00	00	05	00	05
Onychargia atrocyana	00	00	00	00	04	02	00	06
Ischneura aurora	00	00	00	00	00	13	00	13
Ceriagrion cerinorubellum	03	00	00	00	00	02	00	05
Ceriagrion coromandelianum	00	00	00	00	00	07	00	07
Copera marginipes	00	00	00	00	00	03	00	03
Drepanosticta brincki	02	05	03	03	01	00	04	18
Platysticta cf. apicalis	03	02	04	02	07	00	02	20
Elattoneura bigemmata	00	00	00	00	02	00	00	02
Elattoneura centralis	00	00	00	00	04	00	00	04
Megalogomphus ceylonicus	00	00	00	00	02	00	00	02
Ictinogomphus rapax	00	00	00	00	00	05	00	05
Orthetrum chrysis	00	00	00	00	00	03	00	03

Orthetrum glaucum	00	00	00	00	00	15	00	15
Orthetrum luzonicum	00	00	00	00	00	06	00	06
Orthetrum pruinosum	00	00	00	00	00	02	00	02
Orthetrum sabina	00	00	00	00	00	09	00	09
Acisoma panorpoides	00	00	00	00	00	04	00	04
Neurothemis tullia	00	00	00	00	00	08	00	08
Trithemis aurora	00	00	00	00	00	03	00	03
Trithemis festiva	00	00	00	00	00	12	00	12
Rhodothemis rufa	00	00	00	00	00	02	00	02
Rhyothemis triangularis	00	00	00	00	00	07	00	07
Rhyothemis variegata	00	00	00	00	00	02	00	02
Brachythemis contaminata	00	00	00	00	00	05	00	05
Tramea limbata	00	00	00	00	00	02	00	02
Crocothemis servilia	00	00	00	00	00	06	00	06
Diplacodes trivialis	00	00	00	00	00	02	00	02
Total	08	07	07	05	43	125	06	201

(F). Abundance of Land Snail documented through transect and VES in MRF

(Abbreviation: ROF = Rock-outcrop forest; ARP = Abandoned rubber plot; MRP = Managed rubber plot; RFS = Riparian forest along stream; REF = Regenerating forest; HGB = Home garden around bungalow; SEF = Secondary forest).

Species name	ROF	ARP	MRP	RFS	REF	HGB	SEF	Total
Cryptozona chenui	07	00	02	04	01	02	03	19
Cryptozona bristalis	00	02	00	00	00	00	00	02
Ratnadvipia irradians	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	01
Acavus haemastoma	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	01
Acavus superbus	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Oligospira polei	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Corilla colletti	00	00	00	10	00	00	00	10
Cyclophorus menkeanus	06	00	01	08	00	63	00	78
Aulopoma itieri	01	00	00	02	00	00	03	06
Pterocyclus cumingi	08	00	01	02	00	03	02	16
Tortulosa decora	00	00	00	12	00	00	00	12
Total	22	2	4	39	1	69	8	145