Data Article

Dataset of distribution, habitats and conservation status of the Indian pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*) in Sri Lanka

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**Abstract**

Indian pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*) is the only pangolin species present in Sri Lanka. There is no comprehensive assessment of its ecology or conservation status carried out in the Sri Lankan context. The dataset described herein is a compilation of information on the distribution, habitats and conservation status of Indian pangolins in Sri Lanka which is collected from a variety of primary and secondary data sources. All information included in the dataset has been recorded between January 2000 and December 2018. The data on distribution, crimes and rescue activities involving Indian pangolins all over the country were collected from the registries maintained by the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Department of National Zoological Gardens and non governmental organizations committed to the conservation of wildlife in Sri Lanka. Verified records from mass media and reliable field data gathered by the authors and their contact networks were further included in the dataset. The data on the distribution can be analyzed to identify the different habitats of the Indian pangolins and their abundance in different climatic zones. The data on distribution include the recorded area, habitat and approximate GPS coordinates of the recorded locality. The data on crimes involving pangolins was extracted from the offices of the Department of Wildlife Conservation which record the crime, date of crime, approximate GPS coordinates of localities where crimes occurred, nature of the crime and fines/actions taken against the offenders. Data on the rescue events include approximate GPS coordinates of rescue locations, the number of individuals rescued and the reason for rescue.

**Keywords:**
Indian pangolin, Distribution, Habitats, Crime, Rescue

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coordinates of the places where the Indian pangolins were rescued, health conditions at the point of rescue and post rescue status [1].
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### Specifications Table

| Subject | Ecology |
|---------|---------|
| Specific subject area | Ecology and identification of threats |
| Type of data | Tables |
| How data were acquired | The data on distribution, crimes and rescue activities involving pangolins all over the country were collected from the registries maintained by the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Department of National Zoological Gardens, Sri Lanka and nongovernmental organizations committed to the conservation of wildlife. Records from mass media and field data gathered by the authors and their contact networks were further included to the data set after verifying the authenticity. |
| Data format | Raw and Filtered |
| Parameters for data collection | Due to the difficulty of retrieving old records, only the cases reported between January 2000 to December 2018 were collected. |
| Description of data collection | The records on crimes and rescue events involving Indian pangolins were collected from the registries maintained by the beat offices, range offices, regional offices and national park offices of the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC), Sri Lanka. Furthermore, records on rescued Indian pangolins were collected from animal rescue records maintained at the Pinnawala Zoological Garden of the Department of National Zoological Gardens, Sri Lanka, animal rescue centers managed by the DWC, and similar facilities operated by non-governmental organizations. The records on distribution is produced by combining the rescue and crime data collected from the above sources, and verified media (newspapers and web-media reports) records. |
| Data source location | **Institution:**  
Department of Wildlife Conservation  
Department of National Zoological Gardens  
Wildlife health care center managed by NGO  
**City/Town/Region:**  
Department of Wildlife Conservation – beat/range/national park/regional offices and health care centers in island wide, Sri Lanka  
Department of National Zoological Gardens – National Zoological Garden, Pinnawala, Sri Lanka  
Wildlife health care center managed by NGO – Hiyare, Sri Lanka  
**Country: Sri Lanka**  
5° 55’ to 9° 51’ North latitude and between 79° 42’ to 81° 53’ East longitude |
| Data accessibility | Date is with this Article |
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### Value of the Data
- The dataset in this article includes updated information on distribution, and habitats of the Indian Pangolin present in Sri Lanka.
- The dataset holds national and global importance in assessing the conservation status of the Indian Pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*).
- The records on crimes involving pangolins will be useful to understand the nature and trends in illegal trading of pangolins and their derivatives in local and international markets.
- Data on rescues and crimes related to Indian Pangolin has implications on the conservation planning of this species in Sri Lanka.
1. Data description

The dataset described in this article has been used to update the distribution, habitats and conservation status of the Indian Pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*) in Sri Lanka [1]. Data on the distribution of Indian pangolin include recorded areas, habitats of the species and approximate GPS coordinates of recorded areas throughout Sri Lanka (Table 1). The recorded habitats were further classified according to the different habitat types as described in the IUCN, habitats classification scheme 2019 (version 3.1). Data on the crimes involving the Indian pangolins consist the nature of crime, date of crime, charges from the offenders or the present conditions of the investigations, recorded locality, related to the Indian pangolin (Table 2). The nature of crime describes the category of crime which may include the killing of pangolin, possession or selling flesh, possession of scales and other body parts or nonpurposive kills due to human activities. Data on the rescue records related to the Indian Pangolins include the locality where the rescue event was carried; approximate GPS coordinates of those localities, health conditions of pangolins at the event of rescue and post-rescue status (Table 3).

| Area                  | Habitat                                      | Longitude | Latitude |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Kanakapuram           | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°23'14.07"E | 9°23'0.27"N |
| Kilinochchi           | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°22'37.20"E | 9°22'49.04"N |
| Trincomalee           | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 81°12'54.76"E | 8°35'14.51"N |
| Kahatagas wewa        | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°53'25.83"E | 8°26'42.41"N |
| Puliyankulama         | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°34'44.27"E | 8°28'38.25"N |
| Kakerawa              | Tropical Dry Forest                          | 80°35'37.80"E | 8°2'31.57"N |
| Palugas wewa          | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°41'17.42"E | 8°3'37.59"N |
| Mullaitivu             | Tropical Dry Forest                          | 80°48'47.3"E  | 9°15'50.9"N |
| Pubbogama             | Tropical Dry Forest                          | 80°35'48.55"E | 7°55'41.09"N |
| Wilpattu              | Tropical Dry Forest                          | 80°2'51.50"E  | 8°27'22.94"N |
| Hunuvila gama         | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°10'11.30"E | 8°19'2.14"N |
| Nikaweratiya          | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°7'54.09"E  | 7°44'46.99"N |
| Maduru oya            | Tropical Dry Forest                          | 81°11'9.67"E  | 7°39'24.87"N |
| Panamure              | Tropical Moist Shrubland                    | 80°46'6.78"E  | 6°20'37.77"N |
| Kalamatiya            | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°56'14.50"E | 6°5'31.87"N |
| Udawalawa             | Tropical Dry Forest                          | 80°49'26.28"E | 6°25'6.61"N |
| Kolambage ara         | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°46'49.17"E | 6°25'6.08"N |
| Dikwella              | Tropical Moist Shrubland                    | 80°41'42.38"E | 5°58'18.04"N |
| Kahawatta             | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                | 80°34'27.83"E | 6°34'57.18"N |
| Lellopitya            | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                | 80°28'55.09"E | 6°40'0.29"N |
| Udawalawa             | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°48'16.65"E | 6°28'20.57"N |
| Balangoda             | Tropical Moist Shrubland                    | 80°42'17.31"E | 6°40'0.70"N |
| Dahaiyagala           | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°34'13.00"E | 7°31'45.99"N |
| Kalthota              | Moist Savanna                               | 80°52'15.55"E | 6°39'33.84"N |
| Palabaddala           | Moist Savanna                               | 80°27'35.45"E | 6°47'42.06"N |
| Balangoda             | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                | 80°40'1.45"E  | 6°38'59.19"N |
| Polpithigama          | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°24'42.47"E | 7°48'45.16"N |
| Kurunagala            | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°21'43.68"E | 7°32'27.05"N |
| Malkaduwawa           | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°20'9.08"E  | 7°28'7.68"N |
| Girulla               | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°7'23.95"E  | 7°19'54.37"N |
| Rajanganaya           | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°11'47.20"E | 8°9'56.59"N |
| Nikawaratiya          | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°7'54.09"E  | 7°44'46.99"N |
| Polpithigama          | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°24'42.65"E | 7°48'50.64"N |
| Kobeyigane            | Tropical Dry Shrubland                       | 80°7'33.99"E  | 7°39'18.49"N |
| Yapahuwa              | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°17'55.37"E | 7°49'39.56"N |
| Kurunagala            | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°21'59.41"E | 7°30'58.42"N |
| Thiththawella         | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest      | 80°20'50.78"E | 7°30'59.06"N |

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| Area                                      | Habitat                                         | Longitude | Latitude |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Sigiriya                                  | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°45'36.58"E | 7°57'18.18"N |
| Katukalawa                                | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest        | 80°35'18.31"E | 8°21'8.74"N |
| Sigiriya                                  | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°45'48.04"E | 7°57'27.35"N |
| Bandimawwa                                | Rural Gardens                                   | 80°47'18.33"E | 8°0'19.12"N |
| Diyabaduma                                | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest        | 80°53'59.42"E | 7°56'38.39"N |
| Trincomalee                               | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest        | 81°10'35.75"E | 8°33'19.53"N |
| Minneriya                                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°54'44.43"E | 8°3'9.99"N  |
| Herathgama                                | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 80°12'15.18"E | 7°39'50.69"N |
| Pandulagama                               | Rural Gardens                                   | 80°21'16.45"E | 8°19'40.66"N |
| Habarana                                  | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 80°44'28.70"E | 8°2'12.09"N |
| Minneriya                                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°54'40.01"E | 8°2'48.55"N |
| Deiyiyandara                              | Tropical Moist Shrubland                       | 80°36'07.9"E  | 6°09'16.3"N |
| Buththala                                 | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 81°14'52.5"E  | 6°39'00.6"N |
| Yattyana                                  | Tropical Moist Shrubland                       | 80°35'54.5"E  | 6°01'29.6"N |
| Tissa                                     | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 81°16'28.0"E  | 6°18'52.7"N |
| Lunugamvehera                             | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 81°12'04.3"E  | 6°21'10.5"N |
| Ranawaranawa                              | Rural Gardens                                   | 81°08'55.2"E  | 6°24'24.6"N |
| Wallawaya                                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 81°05'49.2"E  | 6°44'02.8"N |
| Okkampititiya                             | Plantations                                     | 81°18'37.4"E  | 6°45'27.9"N |
| Thalakolawewa                             | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 81°15'51.4"E  | 6°43'09.3"N |
| Paranigama                                | Plantations                                     | 81°05'49.1"E  | 8°03'51.4"N |
| Kethsirigama                              | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 81°39'36.2"E  | 7°12'28.1"N |
| Nawaththadu                                | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 79°50'34.7"E  | 8°10'00.7"N |
| Norochholai                               | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 79°42'54.5"E  | 8°02'30.4"N |
| Ilanthadiya                               | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 79°42'52.6"E  | 8°04'03.7"N |
| Ilanthadiya                               | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 79°43'36.9"E  | 8°10'39.0"N |
| Ekkala                                    | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 79°51'01.4"E  | 8°08'47.9"N |
| Baduraliya                                | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°14'20.4"E  | 6°31'02.0"N |
| Badugama                                  | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°07'17.1"E  | 6°32'25.7"N |
| Miriswaththa                              | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°08'43.1"E  | 6°57'41.2"N |
| Wanduramba                                | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°15'48.5"E  | 6°07'58.4"N |
| Unawatuna                                 | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°15'42.6"E  | 6°00'33.2"N |
| Wanduramba                                | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°14'44.9"E  | 6°08'29.7"N |
| Baddegama                                 | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°11'31.6"E  | 6°10'37.5"N |
| Karandeniya                               | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°06'10.2"E  | 6°16'26.1"N |
| Poddala                                   | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°12'46.5"E  | 6°07'27.7"N |
| Yakkalamulla                              | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°21'06.6"E  | 6°05'30.4"N |
| Elpitiya                                  | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°09'13.6"E  | 6°17'18.8"N |
| Udgama                                    | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°21'02.8"E  | 6°14'09.1"N |
| Imaduwa                                   | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°23'10.0"E  | 6°02'05.8"N |
| Hunnasgiriya                              | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                  | 80°41'32.1"E  | 7°23'18.0"N |
| Hanguranketha                             | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                  | 80°48'33.1"E  | 7°10'11.9"N |
| Wirambugedara                             | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest        | 80°14'22.7"E  | 7°28'35.4"N |
| Katupotha                                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°10'30.0"E  | 7°32'50.9"N |
| Horambawa                                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°11'11.1"E  | 7°28'51.4"N |
| Hettipola                                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°04'46.0"E  | 7°35'43.4"N |
| Narammala                                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°14'50.6"E  | 7°25'05.2"N |
| Hettipola                                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°04'45.0"E  | 7°35'49.9"N |
| Madalagama                                | Tropical Moist Shrubland                       | 80°30'05.3"E  | 6°33'53.8"N |
| Wariyapola                                | Tropical Moist Shrubland                       | 80°24'17.4"E  | 7°37'15.3"N |
| Kulyapitiya                               | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°03'30.1"E  | 7°28'32.2"N |
| Pallegama                                 | Tropical Moist Shrubland                       | 80°03'25.7"E  | 7°17'44.6"N |
| Thalageya                                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°17'34.3"E  | 7°28'03.3"N |
| Hulogedara                                | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°11'19.4"E  | 7°47'45.3"N |
| Aliyawa                                   | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°10'01.5"E  | 7°45'21.9"N |
| Nilegama                                  | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°09'50.5"E  | 7°45'57.3"N |
| Kobeiygane                                | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°08'00.8"E  | 7°39'22.7"N |
| Galaha                                    | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°35'43.0"E  | 7°16'03.1"N |
| Galway's Land                              | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                  | 80°46'37.2"E  | 6°58'01.1"N |
| Hingurukaduwa                             | Moist Savanna                                  | 81°08'25.3"E  | 6°49'16.7"N |
| Bandarawela                               | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                  | 80°59'30.2"E  | 6°49'07.8"N |
| Diyathalawa                               | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                  | 80°57'59.2"E  | 6°47'57.7"N |
| Area                        | Habitat                                         | Longitude | Latitude       |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Thelijjawila                | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°29’35.9”E | 6°01’43.1”N   |
| Waligama                    | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°28’55.2”E | 6°01’38.3”N   |
| Walihinda                   | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest         | 80°28’02.9”E | 5°58’54.4”N   |
| Yakkalamulla                | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°21’48.4”E | 6°06’36.9”N   |
| Pinnaduwa                   | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°16’25.2”E | 6°04’07.4”N   |
| Udugama                     | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°20’40.3”E | 6°13’53.5”N   |
| Uhana                       | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 81°38’27.6”E | 7°22’51.4”N   |
| Udawalawa                   | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°48’11.5”E | 6°26’45.2”N   |
| Iginiyagala                 | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°33’05.8”E | 7°12’04.4”N   |
| Uhana                       | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°38’09.8”E | 7°22’25.9”N   |
| Galapita gala               | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°38’30.7”E | 7°28’02.5”N   |
| Maduru oya                  | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest         | 81°12’58.1”E | 7°38’57.0”N   |
| Ampara                      | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 81°40’04.2”E | 7°13’59.7”N   |
| Ganewalpolo                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°37’40.5”E | 8°5’15.4”N    |
| Ipalagama                   | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°31’57.5”E | 8°4’22.7”N    |
| Periya madu                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°58’53.3”E | 8°52’29.4”N   |
| Madu                        | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°12’15.2”E | 8°51’22.9”N   |
| Horowupathana               | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 80°50’6.0”E  | 8°33’33.4”N   |
| Anuradhapura                | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 80°21’48.8”E | 8°18’28.3”N   |
| Mihinthalaya                | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 80°30’16.4”E | 8°21’8.7”N    |
| Seepukulama                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°35’24.9”E | 8°22’50.8”N   |
| Ewuankulama                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 79°52’48.3”E | 8°16’23.1”N   |
| Rajanganaaya                | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°11’47.2”E | 8°9’56.5”N    |
| Galkadawala                 | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 80°41’33.0”E | 8°1’52.8”N    |
| Maduru oya                  | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°13’17.5”E | 7°38’10.1”N   |
| Kuchchaweli                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 81°5’50.6”E  | 8°48’53.4”N   |
| Henanigala                  | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°5’31.1”E  | 7°35’3.6”N    |
| Wanduragala                 | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest         | 80°56’40.5”E | 7°5’14.8”N    |
| Dabaranduwa                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 81°11’19.2”E | 7°38’45.2”N   |
| Udawalawa                   | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°54’7.9”E  | 8°23’47.7”N   |
| Udawalawa                   | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°53’55.7”E | 8°26’28.8”N   |
| Balangoda                   | Tropical Moist Shrubland                       | 80°42’17.31”E| 8°40’0.7”N    |
| Alahara                     | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 80°47’36.4”E | 7°44’3.7”N    |
| Kimbissa                    | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°43’37.15”E| 7°56’14.3”N   |
| Habaran                    | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 80°45’6.94”E | 8°1’55.9”N    |
| Kaudulla                    | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 80°51’15.08”E| 8°6’9.7”N     |
| Diyabeduma                  | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°52’15.53”E| 7°55’58.3”N   |
| Angamadiilla                | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 80°55’14.79”E| 7°55’31.6”N   |
| Habaran                    | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 80°44’55.25”E| 8°2’12.7”N    |
| Ranawarapitiya              | Tropical Dry Shrubland                         | 80°53’51.89”E| 8°7’22.1”N    |
| Ambalantota                 | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest         | 81°01’52.4”E | 6°06’57.2”N   |
| Mriijawila                  | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°05’00.3”E | 6°07’04.3”N   |
| Walsapugala                 | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°05’32.7”E | 6°14’48.8”N   |
| Vilamana                    | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°12’44.5”E | 6°11’58.9”N   |
| Katharagama                 | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°20’47.8”E | 6°25’00.4”N   |
| Thanamalvila                | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°08’14.3”E | 6°26’52.9”N   |
| Wiravila                    | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°13’42.5”E | 6°15’38.9”N   |
| Kimbul ara                  | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°08’11.3”E | 6°25’16.6”N   |
| Wellawaya                   | Tropical Dry Grassland                         | 81°06’24.4”E | 6°44’27.4”N   |
| Lunugamwehera               | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°16’07.2”E | 6°30’43.3”N   |
| Katharagama                 | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°19’08.9”E | 6°24’58.7”N   |
| Dambagalla                  | Tropical Dry Grassland                         | 81°22’53.3”E | 6°59’31.8”N   |
| Bibila                      | Tropical Dry Grassland                         | 81°21’12.4”E | 6°51’38.9”N   |
| Buddangala                  | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 81°12’40.8”E | 6°12’00.7”N   |
| Wanathawiliwa               | Tropical Dry Forest                            | 79°51’24.9”E | 8°11’14.1”N   |
| Galagedara                  | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°32’05.9”E | 7°22’30.7”N   |
| Medadumbera                 | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                  | 80°50’29.7”E | 7°19’45.2”N   |
| Samanpura                   | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest         | 80°23’27.0”E | 6°32’03.8”N   |
| Kamburupitiya               | Plantations                                    | 80°33’53.9”E | 6°05’37.6”N   |
| Hakmana                     | Plantations                                    | 80°39’44.1”E | 6°05’51.7”N   |
| Deyiyandara                 | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                  | 80°36’26.1”E | 6°09’11.9”N   |
| Area                        | Habitat                                         | Longitude | Latitude |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Bandagiriya                 | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 81°10'04.7"E | 6°16'15.9"N |
| Thammanwawa                 | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest          | 80°35'30.9"E | 8°22'29.0"N |
| Suriyawewa                  | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 81°01'31.4"E | 6°17'56.1"N |
| Gannoruwa                  | Plantations                                      | 80°35'19.4"E | 7°17'28.4"N |
| Ambalanthota                | Plantations                                      | 81°01'59.8"E | 6°08'25.7"N |
| Katagamuwa                 | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 81°22'30.3"E | 6°24'04.4"N |
| Galge                       | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°17'46.4"E | 6°32'04.0"N |
| Nimalawa                    | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 80°25'41.2"E | 6°04'30.4"N |
| Bundala                     | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest          | 81°12'38.9"E | 6°11'59.1"N |
| Yala                        | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 81°32'14.8"E | 6°26'12.3"N |
| Elagolla                    | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                   | 80°47'08.4"E | 7°20'45.0"N |
| Ampara                      | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°35'32.2"E | 7°18'04.8"N |
| Batticaloa                  | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°35'26.2"E | 7°42'13.8"N |
| Minipe                      | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°00'12.9"E | 7°13'51.4"N |
| Kaballabokka                | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest          | 81°28'13.0"E | 7°13'41.6"N |
| Palabaddala                 | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°27'08.7"E | 6°47'48.2"N |
| Kuruwita                    | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°22'58.9"E | 6°47'29.6"N |
| Veheragala                  | Tropical Dry Shrubland                          | 80°19'41.2"E | 7°42'51.1"N |
| Athimale                    | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°02'45.3"E | 6°52'07.9"N |
| Kotiyagala                  | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°30'52.7"E | 6°46'57.7"N |
| Thenagallanda               | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°23'31.7"E | 6°48'03.8"N |
| Marawa                      | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest          | 80°27'48.5"E | 7°15'14.7"N |
| Kahambana                   | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°22'49.5"E | 6°46'02.5"N |
| Okkampitiya                 | Tropical Moist Shrubland                        | 81°18'26.5"E | 6°45'07.1"N |
| Maligawila                  | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 81°21'05.0"E | 6°43'44.4"N |
| Lahugala                    | Tropical Dry Shrubland                          | 81°42'35.0"E | 6°52'42.5"N |
| Kumanaya                    | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 81°41'40.0"E | 6°32'14.0"N |
| Nilgala                     | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 81°15'44.4"E | 6°42'38.3"N |
| Mullegama                   | Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest          | 80°00'39.2"E | 6°53'01.9"N |
| Baduluwela                  | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°32'21.8"E | 7°09'51.4"N |
| Bibila                      | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°21'23.3"E | 6°51'50.3"N |
| Iginiyagala                 | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°32'26.9"E | 7°13'31.2"N |
| Galoya                      | Tropical Dry Shrubland                          | 81°28'17.8"E | 7°12'27.6"N |
| Akkarapaththuwa             | Tropical Dry Shrubland                          | 81°50'43.8"E | 7°14'10.4"N |
| Panama                      | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°48'14.6"E | 6°45'52.6"N |
| Haldummulla                 | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                   | 80°53'05.1"E | 6°45'32.7"N |
| Seelathanna                 | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                   | 80°53'25.3"E | 6°46'01.4"N |
| Beragala                    | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                   | 80°54'50.6"E | 6°45'56.1"N |
| Mayilaththawa               | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 80°45'48.4"E | 7°56'33.8"N |
| Makulugolla                 | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°00'37.9"E | 7°24'56.6"N |
| Mahawewa                    | Tropical Dry Shrubland                          | 79°48'43.3"E | 7°27'30.9"N |
| Norwood                     | Tropical Moist Montane Forest                   | 80°37'11.5"E | 6°50'30.3"N |
| Nargama                     | Tropical Moist Shrubland                        | 80°07'04.9"E | 6°07'40.9"N |
| Waddagala                   | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°30'01.5"E | 6°23'26.8"N |
| Ruunakanda                  | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°19'02.2"E | 6°27'26.4"N |
| Baduraliya                  | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°14'12.1"E | 6°31'35.3"N |
| Mathugama                   | Tropical Moist Shrubland                        | 80°07'12.2"E | 6°32'29.4"N |
| Payagala                    | Tropical Moist Shrubland                        | 79°59'46.1"E | 6°31'10.1"N |
| Yatadola                    | Tropical Moist Shrubland                        | 80°04'59.1"E | 6°31'32.1"N |
| Kalupahana                  | Tropical Moist Shrubland                        | 80°09'45.9"E | 6°28'58.0"N |
| Somawathi                   | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°10'23.6"E | 8°07'25.5"N |
| Mihinthalaya                | Tropical Dry Forest                             | 80°29'34.4"E | 8°22'32.0"N |
| Mullaitivu                  | Tropical Dry Shrubland                          | 80°49'00.2"E | 9°15'51.6"N |
| Thanthirimala               | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 80°15'21.3"E | 8°34'09.2"N |
| Mahawilachchiya             | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 80°10'46.7"E | 8°26'22.7"N |
| Eluwankulama                 | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 79°53'34.8"E | 8°17'06.4"N |
| Kalaya                      | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 80°06'21.7"E | 8°12'17.6"N |
| Kukukatuwu                  | Tropical Dry Shrubland                          | 80°09'01.8"E | 8°21'58.6"N |
| Dambana                     | Tropical Dry Grassland                          | 81°08'34.7"E | 7°24'42.0"N |
| Kotuathhawala               | Tropical Dry Shrubland                          | 80°07'15.6"E | 7°48'04.2"N |
| Ilbagamuwa                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland                          | 80°26'47.6"E | 7°33'17.4"N |
| Maimbul kanada              | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest                   | 80°07'06.6"E | 7°08'15.3"N |
Table 1 (continued)

| Area                      | Habitat                           | Longitude | Latitude |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Wathurugama               | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 80°55'11.8"E | 7°45'14.4"N |
| Rathkinda                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 81°05'08.0"E | 7°31'60.0"N |
| Manampitiya               | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 81°07'48.5"E | 7°54'30.2"N |
| Weheragala                | Rural gardens                     | 81°15'54.5"E | 6°32'56.0"N |
| Ududumbara                | Plantations                       | 80°53'10.2"E | 7°15'50.6"N |
| Alla                      | Tropical Moist Montane Forest     | 81°02'57.0"E | 6°51'30.2"N |
| Wallawaya                 | Tropical Dry Grassland            | 81°06'18.6"E | 6°44'36.2"N |
| Migalawa                  | Tropical Dry Grassland            | 80°23'17.6"E | 8°01'43.6"N |
| Karandugala               | Tropical Dry Grassland            | 81°19'57.4"E | 7°16'04.2"N |
| Pitakumbura               | Tropical Dry Grassland            | 81°17'28.1"E | 7°11'01.1"N |
| Buddangala                | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 81°41'55.8"E | 7°19'06.8"N |
| Thelijjawila              | Tropical Moist Shrubland          | 80°29'32.4"E | 6°01'33.2"N |
| Kanneliya                | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 80°20'05.4"E | 6°14'56.4"N |
| Dekweela                  | Plantations                       | 80°41'23.4"E | 5°58'36.2"N |
| Walihinda                 | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 79°59'45.4"E | 6°55'21.9"N |
| Yagirala                  | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 80°09'44.9"E | 6°22'20.4"N |
| Aviththawa                | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 80°08'49.6"E | 6°22'12.0"N |
| Elpitiya                  | Tropical Moist Shrubland          | 80°09'48.0"E | 6°18'07.5"N |
| Kalupahana                | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 80°09'51.1"E | 6°28'46.7"N |
| Horapawita                | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 80°35'20.7"E | 6°06'31.9"N |
| Kumbalgoda                | Tropical Moist Shrubland          | 80°41'02.9"E | 6°03'52.2"N |
| Mulatiyana                | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 80°35'21.2"E | 6°10'19.2"N |
| Maththala                 | Tropical Dry Grassland            | 81°06'40.4"E | 6°17'52.9"N |
| Kahatagas degiliya       | Tropical Dry Grassland            | 80°41'54.7"E | 8°23'57.5"N |
| Andara wewa               | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 81°04'46.6"E | 6°19'04.8"N |
| Phimbiyagollewa           | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 80°37'05.4"E | 8°30'45.8"N |
| Karawita                  | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 80°25'17.1"E | 6°35'10.5"N |
| Hangamuwa                | Tropical Moist Shrubland          | 80°24'16.2"E | 6°38'30.5"N |
| Henegama                  | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 80°27'12.8"E | 6°03'20.9"N |
| Paharanwila               | Tropical Moist Shrubland          | 80°28'39.0"E | 6°04'19.9"N |
| Kirinda                   | Tropical Dry Grassland            | 81°20'31.2"E | 6°14'04.8"N |
| Galkaduwa                 | Tropical Dry Grassland            | 81°22'52.7"E | 6°19'50.3"N |
| Rikilagaskada             | Tropical Moist Montane Forest     | 80°48'11.0"E | 7°09'13.2"N |
| Poramadulla               | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 80°46'46.3"E | 7°08'00.5"N |
| Kegalle                   | Tropical Moist Lowland Forest     | 80°18'53.9"E | 7°15'26.3"N |
| Chenkaladi                | Tropical Dry Grassland            | 81°33'50.4"E | 7°46'56.8"N |
| Mangalagama               | Tropical Dry Grassland            | 81°30'41.3"E | 7°30'23.3"N |
| Bakkriela                 | Tropical Moist Montane Forest     | 81°36'00.4"E | 7°29'08.5"N |
| Erathna                   | Tropical Moist Montane Forest     | 80°24'14.3"E | 6°49'55.1"N |
| Heerallugama              | Tropical Dry Forest               | 80°38'00.1"E | 8°37'04.1"N |
| Thanthirimale             | Tropical Dry Forest               | 80°18'56.4"E | 8°34'01.7"N |
| Okkampitiya               | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 81°20'34.8"E | 6°46'07.8"N |
| Hulandawa                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 81°20'12.1"E | 6°50'47.0"N |
| Wattegama                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 81°28'41.0"E | 6°46'59.9"N |
| Bingiriya                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 79°56'37.4"E | 7°36'52.0"N |
| Bangadeniya               | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 79°50'13.0"E | 7°37'58.8"N |
| Boraluwewa                | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 80°03'21.0"E | 7°41'38.3"N |
| Welpothuwewa              | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 80°01'33.2"E | 7°42'20.6"N |
| Ambanpola                 | Tropical Dry Shrubland            | 80°12'23.3"E | 7°56'40.5"N |
| Dodangoda                 | Plantations                       | 80°01'59.8"E | 6°33'07.0"N |
| Mahooya                   | Tropical Dry Forest               | 81°22'30.9"E | 7°39'04.4"N |
| Dimbulagala               | Tropical Dry Forest               | 81°12'20.1"E | 7°46'33.6"N |
| Sunavila                  | Tropical Dry Forest               | 81°06'47.3"E | 8°05'01.6"N |
| Kanthale                  | Tropical Dry Forest               | 80°59'55.2"E | 8°24'12.8"N |
| Welioya                   | Tropical Dry Forest               | 80°45'11.9"E | 8°57'31.5"N |
| Nelumkulama               | Tropical Dry Forest               | 80°05'43.0"E | 6°58'12.7"N |
| Lankapura                 | Tropical Dry Forest               | 81°06'46.8"E | 8°00'24.9"N |
| Medirigiriya              | Tropical Dry Forest               | 81°03'53.0"E | 8°10'45.8"N |
| Wathurugama               | Plantations                       | 80°06'34.3"E | 7°02'43.7"N |
Table 2
Data received from DWC offices on reported the crimes involving pangolins includes date of crime, approximate GPS coordinates of areas where crimes occurred, type of crimes and the fines charged.

| DWC office                        | Date          | Longitude | Latitude | Type of Crime                  | Fine (LKR) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Ritigala Strict Nature Reserve    | 13-Apr-2017   | 80°37'40.50"E | 5°15'40.40"N | Possession of flesh          | 30000.00   |
| Kakirawa Range                    | 16-Feb-2016   | 80°31'57.57"E | 4°22.72"N   | Possession of flesh          | On going   |
| Vavuniya Range                    | 23-Nov-2010   | 80°58'53.30"E | 52°29.40"N  | Possession of flesh          | 30000.00   |
| Vavuniya Range                    | 8-Sep-2012    | 80°12'15.28"E | 51°22.90"N  | Possession of cooked flesh    | 10 days community service |
| Horowuropothana Elephant Detention Center | 13-Aug-2017 | 80°50'6.04"E  | 33°33.48"N  | Possession of flesh          | 30000.00   |
| Anuradhapura Regional             | 15-Nov-2013   | 80°21'4.88"E | 18°28.35"N  | Killing of pangolin within protected area | 240000.00 |
| Anuradhapura Regional             | 13-Jan-2015   | 80°30'16.43"E | 21°8.75"N   | Possession of flesh and explosive | 80000.00   |
| Anuradhapura Regional             | 15-Feb-2015   | 80°31'15.23"E | 22°9.35"N   | Possession of flesh          | 75000.00   |
| Anuradhapura Regional             | 14-Jan-2015   | 80°35'24.90"E | 22°50.89"N  | Possession of cooked flesh    | 75000.00   |
| Wilpattu National Park            | 3-Jan-2011    | 79°52'48.30"E | 16°23.10"N  | Possession of flesh          | 30000.00   |
| Wilpattu National Park            | 10-May-2008   | 80°11'47.20"E | 9°56.59"N   | Possession of scales         | 20000.00   |
| Wilpattu National Park            | 12-May-2006   | 80°16'34.22"E | 9°34.56"N   | Possession of flesh          | 30000.00   |
| Wilpattu National Park            | 6-Jan-2010    | 80°41'33.07"E | 1°52.87"N   | Possession of flesh and explosive | Not mentioned |
| Ulhitiya Range                    | 18-Sep-2002   | 81°13'17.15"E | 38°10.15"N  | Possession of flesh, unauthorized entry to the National Park and possession of weapons | Two years imprisonment and paused imprisonment for five years |
| Ulhitiya Range                    | 31-Dec-2010   | 81°8'45.02"E  | 31°13.91"N  | Possession of flesh          | Paused imprisonment for Five years |
| Pigeon Island National Park       | 5-Aug-2017    | 81°5'50.67"E  | 48°53.94"N  | Killing of pangolin          | 30000.00   |
| Maduru oya National Park          | 28-Mar-2004   | 81°5'31.11"E  | 35°3.61"N   | Possession of flesh and exhibit for sale | 25000.00   |
| Maduru oya National Park          | 18-Sep-2002   | 80°56'40.58"E | 5°14.89"N   | Possession of flesh and weapons | Not mentioned |
| Maduru oya National Park          | 31-Dec-2014   | 81°11'14.33"E | 38°52.47"N  | Possession of flesh and weapons | 70000.00   |
| Maduru oya National Park          | 29-Jun-2017   | 81°11'14.33"E | 38°52.47"N  | Possession of flesh          | On going   |
| Maduru oya National Park          | 6-May-2007    | 81°5'31.11"E  | 35°3.61"N   | Possession of flesh          | 30000.00   |
| Maduru oya National Park          | 29-Aug-2007   | 81°11'19.23"E | 38°45.26"N  | Attempt of capture within protected area | 30000.00   |
| Udawalawa National Park           | 3-Aug-2016    | 80°54'7.92"E  | 25'47.79"N  | Possession of flesh and exhibit for sale | 60000.00   |
| Udawalawa National Park           | 23-Dec-2000   | 80°53'53.76"E | 28'24.85"N  | Killing of pangolin          | Not mentioned |
| Udawalawa National Park           | 25-Apr-2001   | 80°53'55.77"E | 28'28.88"N  | Possession of flesh          | Not mentioned |
| Udawalawa National Park           | 3-Aug-2003    | 80°53'55.77"E | 28'28.88"N  | Possession of flesh          | Not mentioned |
| Samarala Range                    | 14-Oct-2014   | 80°42'17.31"E | 40'0.70"N   | Possession of live pangolin  | 35000.00   |
| Alahara Range                     | 21-Apr-2008   | 80°47'36.47"E | 44'3.78"N   | Possession of live pangolin  | 15000.00   |
| Segiriya Range                    | 13-Feb-2010   | 80°43'37.15"E | 56'14.37"N  | Possession of flesh          | 20000.00   |
| Minneriya National Park           | 14-Jan-2002   | 80°45'6.94"E  | 8°15.95"N   | Possession of flesh          | Not mentioned |
| Minneriya National Park           | 2-Nov-2002    | 80°51'15.08"E | 6°9.76"N    | Possession of flesh and weapons | 20000.00   |
| Minneriya National Park           | 13-Apr-2005   | 80°54'23.01"E | 2°19.22"N   | Killing of pangolin          | Not mentioned |
| Minneriya National Park           | 20-Jun-2013   | 80°52'15.53"E | 55'58.31"N  | Possession of flesh          | 30000.00   |
| Angamadilla National Park         | 20-Aug-2015   | 80°55'14.79"E | 55'31.60"N  | Killing of pangolin          | Not mentioned |
| Kaudulla National Park            | 18-Feb-2008   | 80°44'55.25"E | 2°12.71"N   | Possession of flesh and exhibit for sale | Not mentioned |
| Kaudulla National Park            | 14-Jan-2017   | 80°53'51.89"E | 7°22.17"N   | Possession of flesh          | 100000.00  |
| Hambanthota Range                 | 29-Jun-2011   | 8°01'52.4"E   | 06'57.2"N   | Possession of flesh          | 80000.00   |
| Hambanthota Range                 | 27-May-2013   | 8°05'00.3"E   | 07'04.3"N   | Possession of flesh          | 30000.00   |
| Hambanthota Range                 | 15-May-2016   | 8°05'32.7"E   | 14'48.8"N   | Possession of flesh          | 30000.00   |
Table 2 (continued)

| DWC office               | Date          | Longitude   | Latitude   | Type of Crime                                      | Fine (LKR)  |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Bundala National Park   | 24-Jun-2014   | 81°12'44.5"E | 6°11'58.9"N | Possession of flesh                                 | 80000.00    |
| Uva Province Regional   | 7-Dec-2007    | 81°20'47.8"E | 6°25'00.4"N | Possession of flesh                                 | 15000.00    |
| Lunugamvhera Range      | 13-Oct-2011   | 81°08'14.3"E | 6°26'52.9"N | Possession of flesh                                 | 15000.00    |
| Lunugamvhera Range      | 8-Nov-2001    | 81°13'42.5"E | 6°15'38.9"N | Possession of live pangolin                         | Not mentioned|
| Lunugamvhera Range      | 5-Mar-2005    | 81°08'11.3"E | 6°25'16.6"N | Possession of flesh                                 | 12500.00    |
| Lunugamvhera Range      | 22-Jun-2006   | 81°06'24.4"E | 6°44'27.4"N | Possession of flesh                                 | 15000.00    |
| Lunugamvhera Range      | 27-Oct-2013   | 81°16'07.2"E | 6°30'43.3"N | Possession of flesh                                 | 90000.00    |
| Galge Range             | 21-Sept-2007  | 81°19'08.9"E | 6°24'58.7"N | Possession of scales                                | 15000.00    |
| Gal oya National Park   | 15-Jan-2017   | 81°22'53.3"E | 6°59'31.8"N | Possession of flesh                                 | On going    |
| Gal oya National Park   | 21-Feb-2017   | 81°21'12.4"E | 6°51'38.9"N | Possession of skin                                 | On going    |
| Ampara Range            | 14-Feb-2018   | 81°12'40.8"E | 6°12'00.7"N | Possession of live pangolin                         | 50000.00    |
| Northwest Regional      | 29-Jul-2107   | 79°51'24.9"E | 8°11'14.1"N | Possession of cooked flesh                          | 30000.00    |
| Randenigala Range       | 10-Jul-2016   | 80°32'05.9"E | 7°22'30.7"N | Possession of flesh and exhibit for sale            | 80000.00    |
| Central Regional        | 14-Oct-2014   | 80°45'54.3"E | 7°19'19.8"N | Possession of flesh                                 | 35000.00    |
| Waddagala Range         | 13-Feb-2013   | 80°23'27.0"E | 6°32'03.8"N | Possession of flesh                                 | 50000.00    |

Table 3
Data on the areas where rescue activities of Indian Pangolins were carried out in Sri Lanka; approximate GPS coordinates of those areas; health conditions at the rescue and post rescue.

| Area             | Longitude   | Latitude   | Health condition at rescue | Health conditions at post rescue |
|------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Kanakapuram      | 80°23'14.07"E | 9°23'0.27"N | Healthy                    | Released to the same range       |
| Kilinochchi      | 80°22'37.20"E | 9°22'49.04"N | Healthy                    | Released to different range      |
| Trincomalee      | 81°12'54.76"E | 8°35'14.51"N | Healthy                    | Released to the same range       |
| Kahatagas wewa   | 80°53'25.83"E | 8°26'42.41"N | Healthy                    | Released to different range      |
| Puliyankulama    | 80°34'44.27"E | 8°28'38.25"N | Healthy                    | Released to the same range       |
| Kakerawa         | 80°35'37.80"E | 8°2'31.57"N  | Healthy                    | Released to different range      |
| Palugas wewa     | 80°41'17.42"E | 8°3'37.59"N  | Diseased                   | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Mullaitivu       | 80°48'47.3"E  | 9°15'50.9"N  | Diseased                   | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Wilputtu         | 80°2'51.50"E  | 8°27'22.94"N | Diseased                   | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Hunuvela gama    | 80°10'11.30"E | 8°19'2.14"N  | Diseased                   | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Narakwewatulla   | 80°7'54.09"E  | 7°44'46.59"N | Healthy                    | Released to the same range       |
| Maduru oya       | 81°11'9.67"E  | 7°39'24.87"N | Healthy                    | Released to the same range       |
| Panamure         | 80°46'6.78"E  | 6°20'37.77"N | Healthy                    | Released to different range      |
| Kalamatiya       | 80°56'14.50"E | 6°5'31.87"N  | Injured                    | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Udawalawa        | 80°49'26.28"E | 6°25'6.61"N  | Injured                    | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Kolambage ara    | 80°46'49.17"E | 6°25'6.08"N  | Healthy                    | Released to different range      |
| Dikwellana       | 80°41'42.38"E | 5°58'18.04"N | Diseased                   | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Kahawatta        | 80°34'27.83"E | 6°34'57.18"N | Injured                    | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Lellopitiya      | 80°28'55.09"E | 6°40'0.29"N  | Injured                    | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Udawalawa        | 80°48'16.65"E | 6°28'20.57"N | Healthy                    | Released to different range      |
| Kalthota         | 80°52'14.55"E | 6°39'32.84"N | Healthy                    | Released to different range      |
| Balangoda        | 80°42'17.31"E | 6°40'0.70"N  | Diseased                   | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Dahayagala       | 80°34'13.00"E | 7°31'45.99"N | Diseased                   | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Kalthota         | 80°52'15.55"E | 6°39'33.84"N | Injured                    | Died while receiving treatment   |
| Palabaddala      | 80°27'35.45"E | 6°47'42.06"N | Healthy                    | Released to different range      |
| Balangoda        | 80°40'1.45"E  | 6°38'59.19"N | Healthy                    | Released to the same range       |
| Polpitigama      | 80°24'42.47"E | 7°48'45.16"N | Healthy                    | Released to the same range       |

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Table 3 (continued)

| Area                     | Longitude | Latitude       | Health condition | Health conditions at post rescue               |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Kurunagala               | 80°21'43.68"E | 7°32'27.05"N  | Diseased         | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Mulkaduwawa              | 80°20'9.8"E  | 7°28'7.68"N   | Diseased         | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Girilulla                | 80°7'23.95"E | 7°19'54.37"N  | Healthy          | Released to different range                  |
| Rajanganaya              | 80°11'47.20"E | 8°9'56.59"N  | Diseased         | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Balangoda                | 80°41'1.43"E | 6°38'56.19"N  | Healthy          | Released to different range                  |
| Nikawaratiyaa            | 80°7'54.09"E | 7°44'46.99"N  | Healthy          | Released to different range                  |
| Nikawaratiyaa            | 80°7'54.09"E | 7°44'46.99"N  | Healthy          | Released to different range                  |
| Polpithigama             | 80°24'42.65"E | 7°48'50.64"N  | Diseased         | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Polpithigama             | 80°26'54.01"E | 7°51'36.36"N  | Healthy          | Released to different range                  |
| Kobeiygane               | 80°7'33.99"E | 7°39'18.49"N  | Healthy          | Released to different range                  |
| Yapahuwa                 | 80°17'55.37"E | 7°49'39.56"N  | Diseased         | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Kurunagala               | 80°21'59.41"E | 7°30'58.42"N  | Injured          | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Thiththawella            | 80°20'50.78"E | 7°30'59.06"N  | Healthy          | Released to different range                  |
| Sigiriya                 | 80°45'36.58"E | 7°57'18.18"N  | Healthy          | Released to different range                  |
| Katukalawya              | 80°35'18.31"E | 8°21'8.74"N   | Healthy          | Released to different range                  |
| Sigiriya                 | 80°45'48.04"E | 7°57'27.35"N  | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Bandirmaawa              | 80°47'18.33"E | 8°0'19.12"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Diyabeduma               | 80°53'59.42"E | 7°56'38.39"N  | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Trincomalee              | 81°10'35.75"E | 8°33'19.53"N  | Injured          | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Minneriya                | 80°54'44.43"E | 8°39'9.99"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Herathgama               | 80°12'15.18"E | 7°39'50.69"N  | Diseased         | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Pandulategama            | 80°21'16.45"E | 8°19'40.66"N  | Injured          | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Habarana                 | 80°44'28.70"E | 8°2'12.09"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Herathgama               | 80°12'12.16"E | 7°39'51.67"N  | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Minneriya                | 80°54'40.01"E | 8°2'48.55"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Deiyiandara              | 80°36'07.9"E  | 6°09'16.3"N   | Diseased         | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Denagama                 | 80°39'38.9"E  | 6°06'29.4"N   | Diseased         | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Tissa                    | 81°14'28.0"E | 6°17'52.8"N   | Healthy          | Released to different range                  |
| Yatiyana                 | 80°35'54.5"E  | 6°01'29.6"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Tissa                    | 81°16'28.0"E | 6°18'52.7"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Lunugamvehera            | 81°12'04.3"E  | 6°21'10.5"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Ranawaranawa             | 81°08'55.2"E  | 6°24'24.6"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Wallawaya                | 81°05'49.2"E | 6°44'02.8"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Okkampitiya              | 81°18'37.4"E | 6°45'27.9"N   | Diseased         | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Mullegama                | 80°00'39.4"E | 6°53'04.2"N   | Diseased         | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Paranigama               | 81°05'49.1"E | 8°03'51.4"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Kethsirigama             | 81°39'36.2"E | 7°12'28.1"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Nawaththadu              | 79°50'34.7"E | 8°10'00.7"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Norochcholai             | 79°42'54.5"E | 8°02'30.4"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Illanthadiya             | 79°42'52.6"E | 8°04'03.7"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Illanthadiya             | 79°43'36.9"E | 8°10'39.0"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Ekkala                   | 79°51'04.1"E | 8°08'47.9"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Baduraliya               | 80°14'20.4"E | 6°31'02.0"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Badugama                 | 80°07'17.1"E | 6°32'25.7"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Miriswaththa             | 80°08'43.1"E | 6°57'41.2"N   | Injured          | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Wunduramba               | 80°15'48.5"E | 6°07'58.4"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Unawatuna                | 80°15'42.6"E | 6°00'33.2"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Wunduramba               | 80°14'44.9"E | 6°08'29.7"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Baddegama                | 80°11'31.6"E | 6°10'37.5"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Karandeniya              | 80°06'10.2"E | 6°16'26.1"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Poddala                  | 80°12'46.5"E | 6°07'27.7"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Yakkalamulla             | 80°20'09.6"E | 6°05'30.4"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Alpitiya                 | 80°09'13.6"E | 6°17'17.8"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Udugama                  | 80°21'02.8"E | 6°14'09.1"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Imaduwa                  | 80°23'10.0"E | 6°02'05.8"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Wattakopola              | 80°39'12.3"E | 7°21'06.0"N   | Injured          | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Manikshina               | 80°42'33.0"E | 7°18'56.4"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Wirambugedera            | 80°14'22.7"E | 7°28'35.4"N   | Injured          | Died while receiving treatment                |
| Katupotha                | 80°10'30.0"E | 7°32'50.9"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Horambawa                | 80°11'11.1"E | 7°28'51.4"N   | Healthy          | Released to the same range                   |
| Hettipola                | 80°04'46.0"E | 7°35'43.4"N   | Injured          | Died while receiving treatment                |
1.1. Data on the distribution

Data on the distribution (Table 1) include location information gathered by direct and indirect field observations of the research team and location information extracted from rescue and wildlife crime records of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Sri Lanka.

1.2. Data on crime records

Data on crime records involving Indian pangolins (Table 2) include information extracted from registries of DWC offices pertaining to the period January 2000 to December 2018.

1.3. Data on rescue records

Data on rescue records of Indian pangolins (Table 3) include information extracted from registries of DWC offices, animal rescue centers and Pinnawala National Zoological Garden, pertaining to the period January 2000 to December 2018.

2. Experimental design, materials, and methods

Collection of ecological data on nocturnal elusive mammals such as pangolin is difficult due to lower number of records per significant time period [2]. Thus indirect methods such as camera trap surveys, sign surveys and community surveys are often used by researchers [3–5]. Field data gathered by the authors during ecological surveys to determine the abundance [6,7], and habitat utilization of Indian pangolins [5] in the South-west lowland forest and associated landscapes in Sri Lanka (Yagirala: 6°21’ to 6°26’ N and 80°08’ to 80°11’ E), and two other study locations (Wilpattu: 13° to 8°40’N and 79°50’ to 80°10’E and Yala: 6°18’ to 6°42’N and 81°24–81°43’E) from August 2013 to December 2018 were used as primary data on pangolin recordings. We collected data on the
distribution, rescue and wildlife crimes involving Indian pangolins from January 2000 to December 2018 to update the distribution and conservation status of *Manis crassicaudata* in Sri Lanka. Indian pangolin is the only pangolin species in Sri Lanka [8] and it has a wide distribution from coastal areas to central hills [7]. The data on the distribution, habitats, crimes and rescue activities involving this species are dispersed throughout the country. Hence, an island-wide data collection method from multiple sources was employed for a comprehensive assessment. Owing to the elusive nature of the animal, locals are less aware about the Indian pangolin [9]. Thus, relying only on community surveys to gather data on distribution can generate biased information. Therefore, to obtain more accurate information, the data was collected from the registries of government and nongovernmental stake holder institutions committed to the conservation of wildlife. The data records from the mass media such as newspapers, web, television and radio were also included to the respective data sets after verifying with responsible authorities. The data on crime records in Table 2 was collected from the offense records maintained by the beet/range/national Park/regional offices of the DWC. The records on rescue activities in Table 3 was collected from the rescue records maintained by the aforesaid offices of DWC and animal health care centers managed by both DWC and nongovernmental organizations. Further, data from the rescue registry of Pinawa National Zoological Garden, Sri Lanka, was also added to data on rescue activities because it is directly involved in the rescue of pangolins from its surrounding areas. The data on the distribution in Table 1 was produced by combining the data of both rescue and crime activities as well as the verified data collected from field and mass media records involving pangolins.

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