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### 15. Land tenure /ownership of:

(a) site Kohalankala lagoon is owned by the salt Corporation of Sri Lanka, a state agency  
Rest of land in the Bundala Sanctuary including the lagoons are state owned.

(b) surrounding area

Comprises both private as well as state owned (crown) land

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**16. Conservation measures taken:** (national category and legal status of protected areas - including any boundary changes which have been made; management practices; whether an officially approved management plan exists and whether it has been implemented)

Declared a sanctuary under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapt.469) by Government gazette No 14844 of 5.12.1969. At the moment the sanctuary is directly under the supervision of a Senior Game Ranger, a staff of 4 officers are stationed in the sanctuary itself in a permanent building.

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**17. Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented:** (e.g. management plan in preparation; officially proposed as a protected area etc.)

To upgrade to the status of a National Park

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### 18. Current land use: principal human activities in:

(a) site Salt production subsistence fishing Wildlife Tourism, cattle grazing  
collecting of fire wood.

(b) surroundings/catchment Some area have been cleaned and developed under the Kirindi Oya  
Irrigation settlement Project (KOISP)

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### 19. Disturbances/threats, including changes in land use and major development projects:

(factors which may have a negative impact on the ecological character of the wetland)

(a) at the site Being sanctuary the protection given is limited. Major disturbances are  
subsistence, fishing grazing of cattle salt production and collection  
of molluscs shells for lime kilns. Uncontrolled tourist visitation.

(b) in the surroundings/catchment Illicit felling and poaching, Encroachment on state land,  
collection of molluscs shells for lime kilns. Major  
Irrigation projects.

**20. Hydrological and physical values:** (groundwater recharge, flood control, sediment trapping, shoreline stabilisation etc.)

Controlling of floods by the inter connected net work of canals and the existing the marshes. Also being a santuary the site accords shore line stabilisation and protect the sand dunes as well.

**21. Social and cultural values:** (e.g. fisheries production, forestry, religious importance, archaeological site etc.)

- Salt Production
- Small scale subsistance fisheries
- Wildlife tourism

**22. Noteworthy fauna:** (e.g. unique, rare, endangered, abundant or biogeographically important species; include count data etc.)  
Bundala Sanctuary is most important wetlands out side the Northen province for winteing shore birds (migrating). The area regularly accomodates over 15000 shore birds at one time. Peak counts in recent years (1983-1988) have indicated the following numbers.

31.	<u>Recurvirostra</u> <u>Avoseta</u>	16.	<u>Limicola</u> <u>Falcinellus</u>
90.	<u>P. Squatarola</u>	800.	<u>Pluvialis</u> <u>Dominica</u>
3300.	<u>C. Alexandrinus</u>	85.	<u>Charadrius</u> <u>Dubius</u>
490.	<u>Limosa</u> <u>Limosa</u>	1500.	<u>C. Mongolus</u>
3600.	<u>T. Stragnatalis</u>	330.	<u>T. Totanus</u>
1000.	<u>T. Glareola</u>	250.	<u>T. Nubularia</u>
11700.	<u>Calidris</u> <u>Minuta</u>	280.	<u>Arenaria</u> <u>Interpres</u>
150.	<u>Philomachus</u> <u>Pugnax</u>	1700.	<u>C. Ferruginea</u>

**23. Noteworthy flora:** (e.g. unique, rare, endangered, or biogeographically important species/communities etc.)

No Information

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**24. Current scientific research and facilities:** (e.g. details of current projects; existence of field station etc.)

Numerous water fowl surveys and shore bird census have been conducted in this sanctuary.

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**25. Current conservation education:** (e.g. visitors centre, hides, information booklet, facilities for school visits etc.)

Nil

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**26. Current recreation and tourism:** (state if wetland used for recreation/tourism; indicate type & frequency/intensity)

Local tour guides conduct wildlife tours (Bird watching) into the sanctuary.

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**27. Management authority:** (name and address of body responsible for managing the wetland)

Dept. of Wildlife Conservation, SRI LANKA

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**28. Jurisdiction:** (territorial e.g. state/region and functional e.g. Dept of Agriculture/Dept of Environment etc.)

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**29. Bibliographical references:** (scientific/technical only)

- (i) Directory of protected areas - Sri Lanka (Final draft)  
World Conservation monitoring centre (1988)
- (ii) Directory of Asian wetlands - IUCN (1989)

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**30. Reasons for inclusion:** (state which Ramsar criteria - as adopted by Rec.C.4.15 of the Montreux Conference - are applicable)

1b, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b,

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**31. Map of site** (please enclose the most detailed and up-to-date map available - preferably at least 1:25,000 or 1:50,000)

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