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|---------------------------------|---|----------|-----------|--------|--|
| National | Emission of carbon dioxide (Metric tons) | 1995 | 5900000 | 5 | |
| | Consumption of Ozone depleting substances (Tonnes per year) | 1995 | 784.3 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| | Annual withdrawal of surface water (Cubic km) | 1970 | 6.3 | 7 | |
| | Length of marine coast line (Kilometer) | 1998 | 1585 | 3 | Year indicates year of publication of CES |
| | Total mangrove coverage (Hectare) | 1996 | 9000 | 7 | |
| | Percent of urban population in large coastal cities (Percent) | 1990 | 84 | 1 | |
| | Annual Catches of marine species (Metric tons) | 1990 | 145800 | 3 | average annual catch |
| | | 1995 | 217500 | 3 | average annual catch |
| | | 1996 | 206300 | 3 | average annual catch |
| | Geographical area (Hectare) | 1998 | 6523240 | 3 | year indicates year of publication |
| | Cultivable land (Square km) | 1994 | 5500 | 3 | |
| | Barren and uncultivable land (Hectare) | 1982-88 | 77480 | 3 | |
| | Pasture and grazing land (Square km) | 1994 | 4400 | 3 | permanent pasture |
| | Wetlands (Hectare) | 1982-88 | 61810 | 3 | |
| | | 1997 | 62550 | 3 | |
| | Urban area (Hectare) | 1997 | 29959 | 3 | |
| | Irrigated agricultural land (Percent) | 1985-87 | 30 | 1 | percent of cropland |
| | | 1992-94 | 29 | 7 | |
| | Fertiliser consumption (Kg per ha per year) | 1985-87 | 106 | 1 | |
| | | 1990 | 122 | 4 | average |
| | | 1994 | 113 | 7 | |
| | Pesticide use (Metric tons) | 1992 | 2111.58 | 3 | Active ingredients |
| | | 1993 | 1727.97 | 3 | Active ingredients, excluding carbamates |
| | | 1995 | 1714.9806 | 3 | Active ingredients, excluding carbamates |
| | Annual rate of soil erosion (Tons per ha per year) | 1984 | 291.96 | 3 | |
| | Area affected by soil erosion (Hectare) | 1989 | 700000 | 4 | |
| | Protected land area as % of total land area (Percent) | 1992 | 11.9 | 4 | |
| | | 1994 | 12.3 | 6 | |
| | Threatened/endangered floral species (Number) | 1992 | 220 | 4 | |
| | Threatened/endangered faunal species (Number) | 1992 | 30 | 4 | mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes |
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| | Total forest area (Hectare) | 1980 | 2094000 | 7 | |
| | | 1990 | 1897000 | 7 | |
| | | 1997 | 2118800 | 3 | |
| | Deforestation rate (Percent) | 1980-90 | 1 | 7 | average annual percent change |
| | | 1990-95 | 1.1 | 7 | average annual percent change |
| | Afforestation rate (Hectare per year) | 1995 | 10307 | 3 | |
| | Protected forest area (Hectare) | 1997 | 859000 | 7 | All protected areas (IUCN categories I-V) |
| | | 1998 | 822000 | 3 | Year indicates year of publication |
| | Annual energy use (Metric tons of oil equivalent) | 1994 | 1728000 | 6 | |
| | Annual energy use (Peta joules) | 1995 | 190 | 7 | |
| | Annual power generation (Peta joules) | 1995 | 16 | 7 | |
| Total population (Number) | 1981 | 14846750 | 3 | | |
| | 1990 | 17000000 | 4 | | |
| Total urban population (Number) | 1981 | 3192489 | 3 | | |
| | 1990 | 3638000 | 4 | | |

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| | Total rural population (Number) | 1981 | 11654261 | 3 | |
| | | 1990 | 13362000 | 4 | |
| | Rate of growth of urban population (Percent) | 1981 | 1.21 | 3 | |
| | | 1980-90 | 0.2 | 4 | |
| | Population below poverty line (Percent) | 1981-95 | 4 | 6 | people living on less than \$1a day purchasing power parity |
| | Population with access to safe drinking water facility in urban area (Percent) | 1988-91 | 100 | 2 | |
| | Population with access to safe drinking water facility in rural area (Percent) | 1988-91 | 64 | 2 | |
| | Population with sanitary facilities in urban areas (Percent) | 1988-91 | 73 | 2 | |
| | Population with sanitary facilities in rural areas (Percent) | 1988-91 | 56 | 2 | |
| | Motor vehicles per thousand habitants (Number) | 1990 | 48 | 3 | Approximate figure |
| | Frequency of occurrence of flood (Number) | 1964-86 | 12 | 4 | |
| | Frequency of occurrence of draught (Number) | 1964-86 | 5 | 4 | |
| | Frequency of occurrence of cyclone (Number) | 1964-86 | 3 | 4 | |
| | Frequency of occurrence of earthquake (Number) | 1964-86 | 0 | 4 | |
| | Environmental acts promulgated for water pollution control | 1998 | Yes | 3 | |
| | Environmental acts promulgated for air pollution control | 1994 | Yes | 3 | |
| | Environmental acts promulgated for hazardous waste management | 1996 | Yes | 3 | |
| | Environmental acts promulgated for preservation of natural resources | 1995 | Yes | 3 | |
| | Environmental guidelines formulated for EIA | | Yes | 3 | Year not indicated |
| | Programmes of environment statistics, indicators, and accounting | 1995 | Yes | 3 | |
| Anuradhapura | Annual average maximum temperature (Degree Centigrade) | 1990 | 29.3-35.3 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | | 1995 | 30.6-35.4 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | | 1996 | 29.9-36.1 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | Annual total rainfall (Millimeter) | 1990 | 1298.8 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| | | 1995 | 921.3 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| | | 1996 | 1069.3 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| Batticaloa | Annual average maximum temperature (Degree Centigrade) | 1990 | 28.1-33.4 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | | 1995 | 28.3-34.0 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | | 1996 | 28.4-34.3 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | Annual total rainfall (Millimeter) | 1990 | 1833.9 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| | | 1995 | 1403.6 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| | | 1996 | 1681.7 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| Beira Lake | Concentration of BOD (Milligrams per liter) | 1993 | 18-29 | 3 | mean value |
| | Concentration of COD (Milligrams per liter) | 1993 | 68-114 | 3 | mean value |
| | Concentration of lead (Milligrams per liter) | 1993 | 0.081-0.131 | 3 | mean value |
| | Coliform count (Colonies per 100 ml) | 1993 | 36850-178200 | 3 | Faecal coliforms |
| | Concentration of suspended solids (Milligrams per liter) | 1993 | 69-112 | 3 | |
| Colombo | Annual average maximum temperature (Degree Centigrade) | 1990 | 30.1-32.4 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | | 1995 | 30.2-32.8 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | | 1996 | 29.8-32.3 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | Annual total rainfall (Millimeter) | 1990 | 2341.4 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| | | 1995 | 2400.1 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| | | 1996 | 2163.1 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| | Concentration of fluoride (ppm) | 1986 | 0.1-0.5 | 3 | General ground water characteristics in the area of Colombo |
| | Concentration of nitrate (ppm) | 1986 | 20-40 | 3 | General ground water characteristics in the area of Colombo |
| Kalametiya Lagoon | Concentration of BOD (Milligrams per liter) | 1994 | 8-16 | 3 | |
| Kandy Lake | Concentration of BOD (Milligrams per liter) | 1993 | 2.9-3.7 | 3 | |

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| | Concentration of suspended solids (Milligrams per liter) | 1993 | 4.0-8.0 | 3 | |
| Kurunegala | Annual average maximum temperature (Degree Centigrade) | 1990 | 30.2-34.9 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | | 1995 | 30.2-35.0 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | | 1996 | 29.7-35.0 | 3 | Mean monthly value |
| | Annual total rainfall (Millimeter) | 1990 | 1949.1 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| | | 1995 | 2054.8 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| | | 1996 | 1757.8 | 3 | Unit not indicated |
| Parliament Lake | Concentration of BOD (Milligrams per liter) | 1993 | 1 | 3 | |
| | Concentration of suspended solids (Milligrams per liter) | 1993 | 2 | 3 | |
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