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Integrating actions for wetlands into NBSAPs: experience from Sri Lanka

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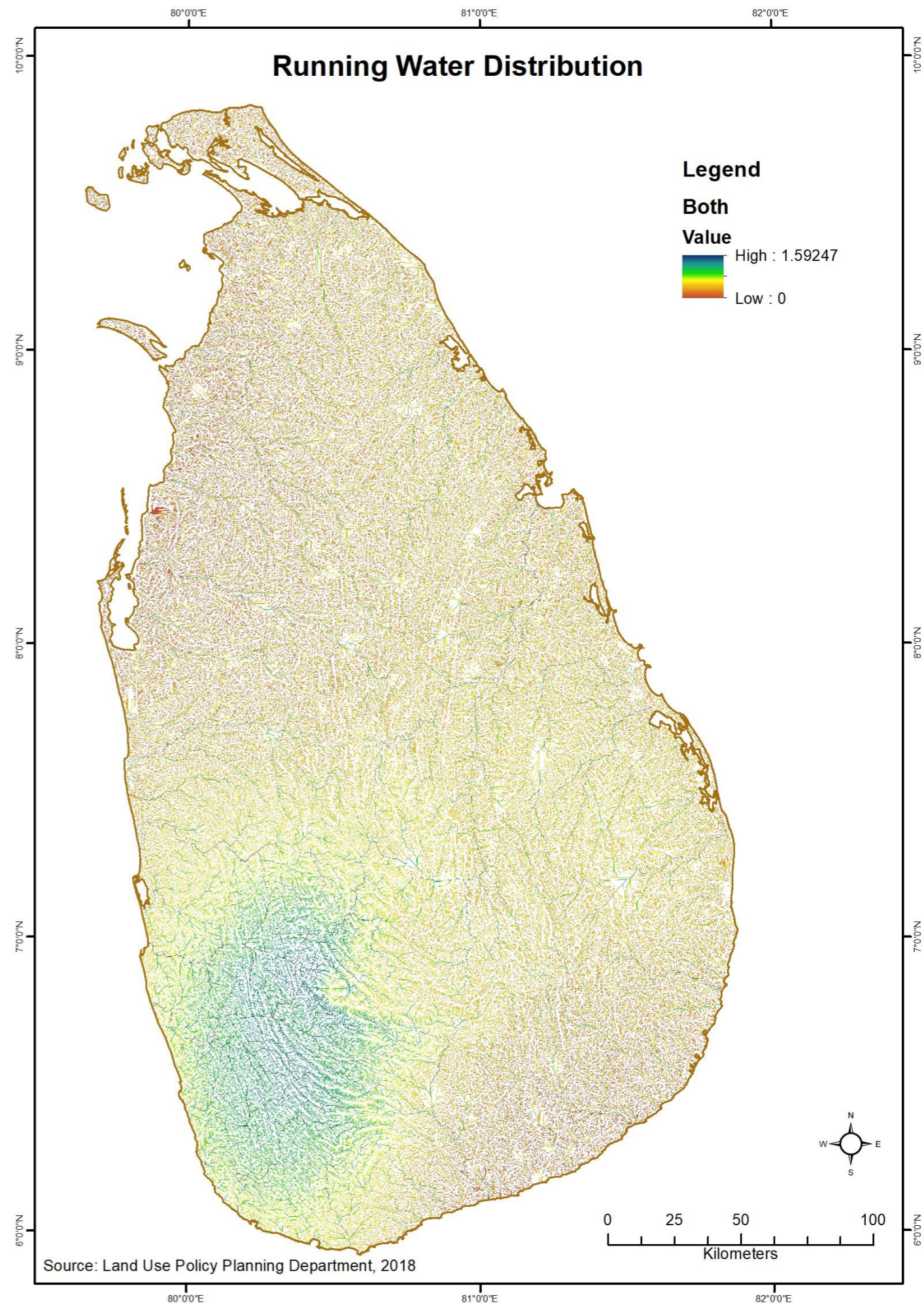
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Entire country is one wetland!

Hence, wetland interests have been in the agenda of conservation and in recent years in restoration too

Prior to NBSAP, wetland interests have been handled in different silos

NBSAP provided National targets linked to SDG, AICHI as well as a platform for sharing the responsibilities





Sri Lanka's experience in integrating wetlands into NBSAP

Policy

National Wetland Policy/ National Policy on Mangrove
Ecosystems Conservation and Sustainable Utilisation/
Environment Sensitive Area Policy/National Invasive Policy

Legal

Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance
National Environment Act
Sri Lanka Land Development Act

Institutional

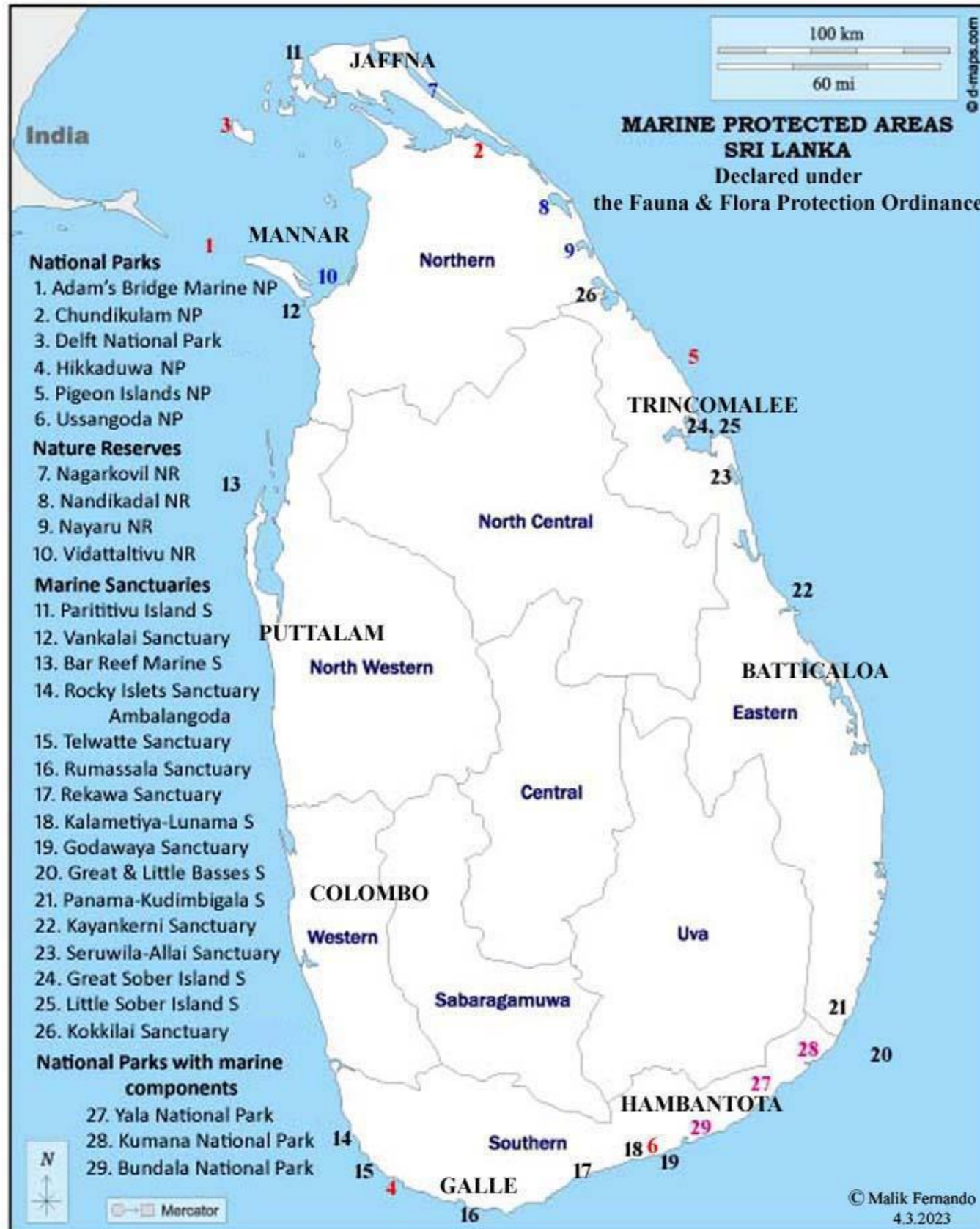
National Wetland Steering Committee

NBSAP Committee

Blue Carbon Task Force

National ESA Steering Committee

New Directions



Sri Lanka's EEZ is 517,000 Km²

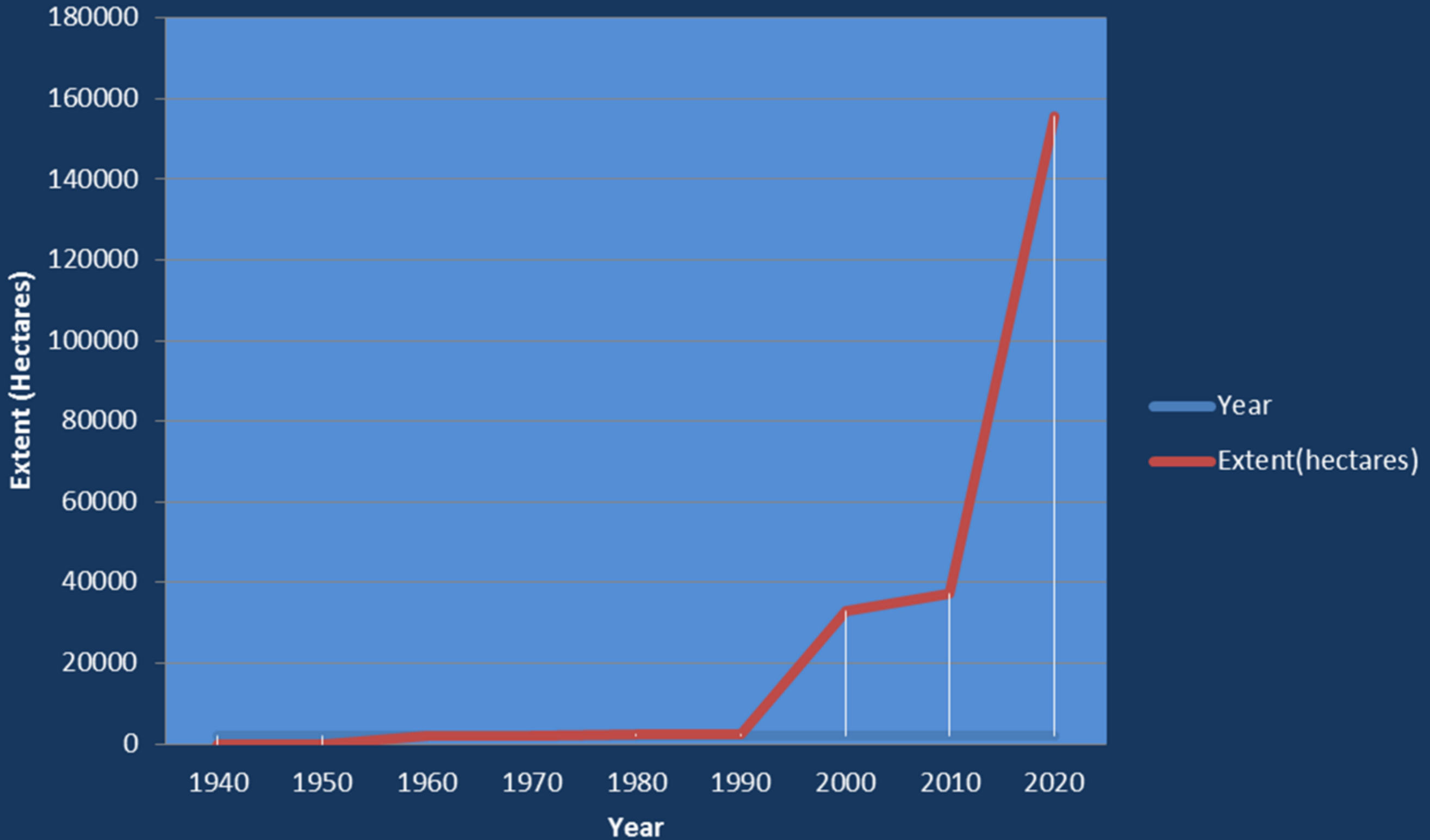
First Protected Area to be declared with a marine component was in 1938

The first Marine Protected Area was gazetted in 2002

Today we have 20 MPA's and 9 with a Marine component

That covers 0.32 % of our EEZ

Growth of Marine Protected Areas (1940-2020)



Wetland's under management and PAME

- Management planning is now an integral part of wetland management

Since 2023 PAME has been initiated

Management plans available 05

Under preparation 04

PAME assessment conducted 05





Role of RAMSAR focal point in NBSAP monitoring

- Ramsar Focal Point is a part of NBSAP monitoring

Also, a part of CBD's National Report compilation

A mandatory member of many committees that oversee environment



Room for NBSAP / RAMSAR Strategic Plan driven future

- KM-GBF and Ramsar Strategic Plan should be amalgamated where possible in NBSAP
- Can one portal for national reporting be maintained?
- Wetland focused strategic actions and their indicators can be agreed upon for national reporting
- NBSAP should be the synergy for other Multilateral Agreements on Environment and it should therefore play a pivotal role of binding all stakeholders