

**Indicator 25 : Proportion of Land Area Covered by Forest**

Districts	1992			1999		
	Total Forest Cover (Hectare)	Land Area (Hectare)	% of Forest Cover	Total Forest Cover (Hectare)	Land Area (Hectare)	% of Forest Cover
Ampara	171,330	422,200	40.6	168,763	422,200	40.0
Anuradhapura	301,635	666,400	45.3	269,828	666,400	40.5
Badulla	61,929	282,700	21.9	56,433	282,700	20.0
Batticaloa	56,807	261,000	21.8	56,736	261,000	21.7
Colombo	1,996	67,600	3.0	2,223	67,600	3.3
Galle	21,146	161,700	13.1	21,398	161,700	13.2
Gampaha	775	134,100	0.6	1,188	134,100	0.9
Hambantota	81,554	249,600	32.7	87,070	249,600	34.9
Jaffna	1,475	92,900	1.6	1,478	92,900	1.6
Kalutara	22,645	157,600	14.4	19,330	157,600	12.3
Kandy	37,305	191,700	19.5	38,357	191,700	20.0
Kegalle	16,498	168,500	9.8	16,313	168,500	9.7
Killinochchi	38,727	120,500	32.1	37,600	120,500	31.2
Kurunegala	31,392	462,400	6.8	27,951	462,400	6.0
Mannar	125,326	188,000	66.7	123,861	188,000	65.9
Matale	87,597	195,200	44.9	73,598	195,200	37.7
Matara	22,881	127,000	18.0	21,804	127,000	17.2
Moneragala	240,631	550,800	43.7	226,517	550,800	41.1
Mullativu	174,255	241,500	72.2	171,167	241,500	70.9
Nuwara Eliya	51,899	170,600	30.4	48,621	170,600	28.5
Polonnaruwa	142,524	307,700	46.3	139,657	307,700	45.4
Puttalam	106,081	288,200	36.8	94,499	288,200	32.8
Ratnapura	70,797	323,600	21.9	73,343	323,600	22.7
Trincomalee	131,875	252,900	52.1	127,236	252,900	50.3
Vavuniya	119,824	186,100	64.4	117,188	186,100	63.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,118,904</b>	<b>6,270,500</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>2,022,159</b>	<b>6,270,500</b>	<b>32.2</b>

**Natural Forest Cover** = Total Dense+Total Sparse

**Total Forest Cover** = Natural Forest Cover + Area of Forest Plantations

**Source** : Forest Department (GIS based Forest Cover data using satellite imagery)

**DEFINITION**

The proportion of land area covered by forest is the proportion of land area under forest cover as a share of total land area. Land area is the total surface area of the country less the area covered by inland waters. Forest area includes the area covered by the both natural forests and forest plantations.