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Maps

Administrative Maps
Population Density
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Summary Statistics

Details		Unit
Total Area	sq.km	1025.00
Administrative Divisions		
Divisional Secretariats	Numbers	15
Electoral Divisions	Numbers	10
Grama Niladhari Divisions	Numbers	435
Villages	Numbers	1,453
Municipal Council	Numbers	01
Urban Councils	Numbers	03
Pradeshiya Sabhas	Numbers	13
MOH Divisions	Numbers	14
Education Zones	Numbers	05
Education Divisions	Numbers	15
Fisheries Inspector Divisions	Numbers	14
Population as at 31.12.2019		
Families	Numbers	197,133
Members	Numbers	616,462
Males	Numbers	299,027
Females	Numbers	317,435
Road		
"A" Class Road	km	279.69
"B" Class Road	km	227.50
"C" Class Road	km	543.66
"D" Class Road	km	45.08
Rural Road	km	3441.72

Jaffna District



JAFFNA DISTRICT

LOCATION

Jaffna District is the northern end of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka, about 410 km away from Colombo. It consists of the peninsula and seven inhabited Island. North, East and West boundaries of the District are Indian Ocean, South is Jaffna Lagoon and Kilinochchi District. The total land area including Inland waters is 1,025.00 sq.km. Jaffna District is divided into four sub regions. They are Islands, Valikamam, Thenmaradchy and Vadamaradchy. Jaffna District falls under dry zone. Peak rainfall is during the months of October to December during North East Monsoon and the scattered during April to May. The inter monsoon rain is uncertain. The District received 1,375.8 mm of rain during the year 2019. The Minimum temperature is 25.3 and Maximum 31.9 celsius.

SOIL

The soil and water resource of the Jaffna Peninsula are both related to the lime stone geology of the land. The soils are formed on the marine deposits and sediments under the influence of sea waves and winds on lime stones. Tile lime stone being a porous rock is the source of groundwater for the Peninsula. Well drained and high productive calcic Red Yellow latasol and Red Yellow latasol soil types are found in central areas (60,000 ha). Alkalin saline soil and Regasol are found in coastal areas (26,000 ha) and Alluvial soil is in Valukai Aru area (10,000 ha). In certain areas coral lime stone is available. This different soil types offer scope for cultivation of exotic as well as local crops. Tile depth of soil varies from 90cm- 150cm.

WATER

Jaffna Peninsula has a source of ground water store in the sub terrain layer of limestone. The limestone is the main aquifer. This aquifer has several isolated caves and caverns capable of storing ground water without evaporation losses. It is an excellent aquifer. The entire ground water is generated from percolated rainfall and it forms a freshwater lens beneath the peninsula. It is found that the fresh water lens do not extend below the base of the lime stone. The fresh water lens is sustained by the buoyancy of fresh water in relation to sea water. Difference in density, (1.0,1.025) giving a ratio of 40:1. That is every meter of fresh water above the sea level requires a depth of fresh water lens of 40m when no mixing between fresh and seawater takes place. There is no sharp interface between fresh and seawater.