

A RECOMPUTATION OF THE AREA OF SRI LANKA

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Before metrication, the area of Sri Lanka was commonly accepted as 25,332 square miles. With metrication this was converted to 65,610 square kilometres. In the paper, the concept of 'area of a country' is examined and the results of computations by different methods - numerically, using co-ordinates and a computer; graphically using 1" sheets; by electronic area meter etc. are compared. The land area is worked out to be 65,522 square kilometres and two schedules are annexed, one giving the areas of lagoons and bays and the other giving the area of the large fresh water reservoirs.