

Wild Sri Lanka

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EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Land of Lakes

The plains of Sri Lanka offer a wildlife spectacle to rival Africa's Serengeti. The landscape may seem timeless, but everything is in a state of constant change. Life on the plains is dominated by Sri Lanka's extraordinary climate. Situated at the point where two tropical oceans meet, it is deluged by two separate monsoons each year. It's a climate that every living thing must adapt to, by changing, by migrating – and sometimes by forming the most unlikely alliances with each other, and also with man.

2. Forest of Clouds

Sri Lanka as a country contains an astonishing diversity of species. But one environment on the island is a biodiversity hotspot – even richer and more complex than anywhere else. Half of all species unique to Sri Lanka live nowhere except its central highlands – in the cloud forests. It's a fast-vanishing habitat. The cool, high, damp conditions are perfect for growing tea. Throughout Sri Lanka's uplands, niche habitats that have existed for millions of years without change are now vanishing. Some species are learning to adapt. No it's our turn; people must adjust their way of life – or risk losing truly unique species forever.

3. Coast of Giants

The seas around Sri Lanka boast an incredible diversity of habitats, all of them full of life. Sri Lanka's seas tell us much about how the island came to be – the vast, slow forces that underpin the extraordinary diversity of the island we see today. They also tell the story of Sri Lanka's complex climate – and the ancient roots of many of the species that inhabit the island today.

1. Episode 001

