

Heronries of Kerala 2014

- A total number of 10,380 nests belonging to 14 species of waterbirds from 157 sites were counted during the survey from 11 district of Kerala.
- No information was available on heronries from the districts of Eranakulam, Idukki and Kollam districts

Fig. 1 Heronries, species and nests in the 11 districts

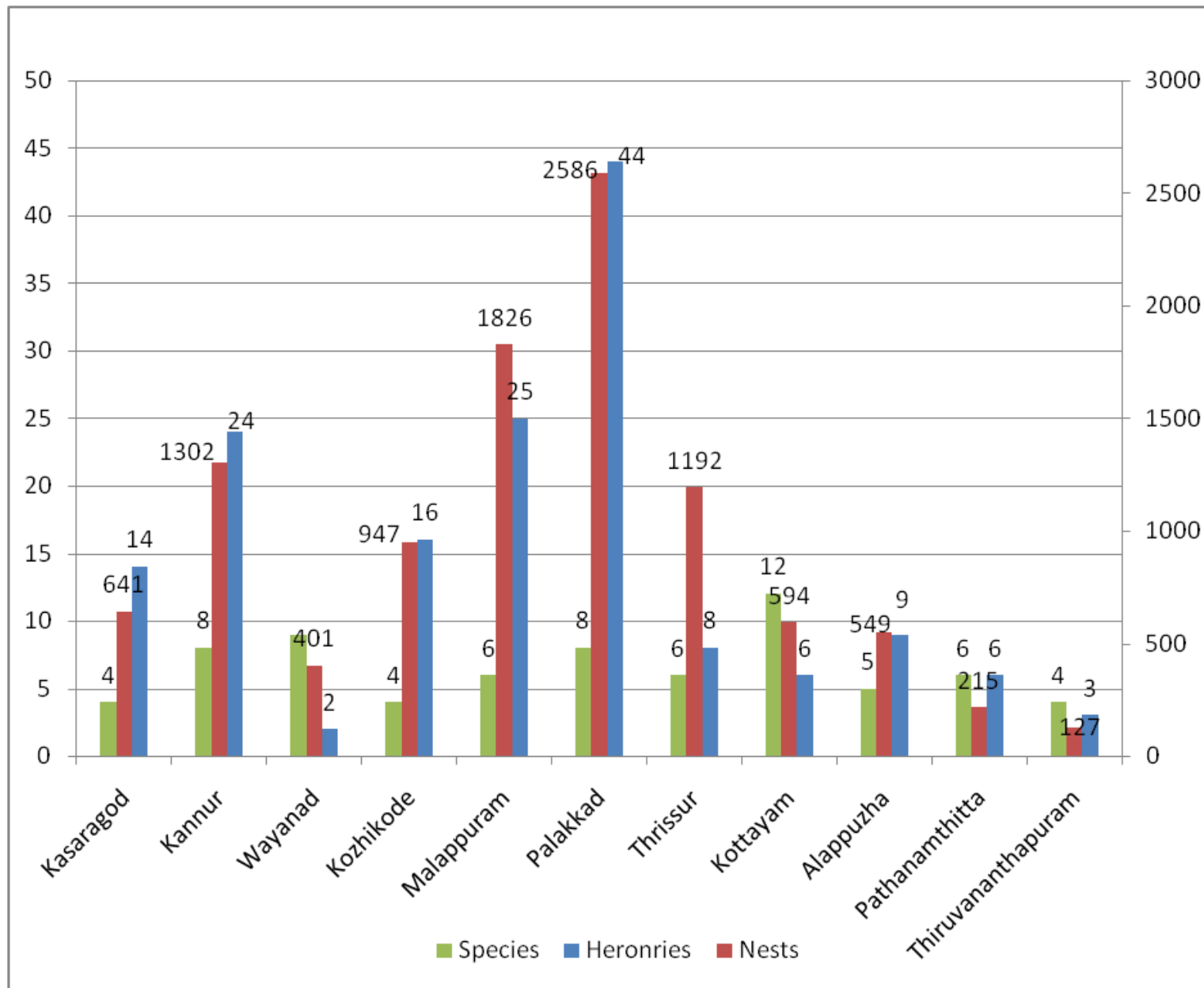


Table 2. Location of heronries

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Location of the Heronry</i>	<i>Sites</i>	<i>Percentage %</i>	<i>Ownership</i>	<i>General Threats</i>
1	Roads, Large Towns, Small Towns	99	63.05	P.W.D / Railways	Road widening, complaint from traders, auto-rickshaw drivers, commuters etc.
2	Riverbank	1	0.64	Revenue Dept.	Encroachment
3	Mangrove islet	3	1.92	Revenue/ private	Habitat alteration
4	Compounds of Govt./Public Buildings <i>Railway property, KSRTC Bus Stand, KTDC Compound, Zoo Compound, Educational Institution Compound, Police Station Compound</i>	7	4.45	Govt.	Trees liable to be cut down
5	Private Land <i>House compound/ Temple compound</i>	20	12.74	Private	Trees may be cut down, birds driven away, poaching.
6	Unspecified	27	17.20	Unknown	Unknown
Total		157			

Fig. 2. Nests and Heronries

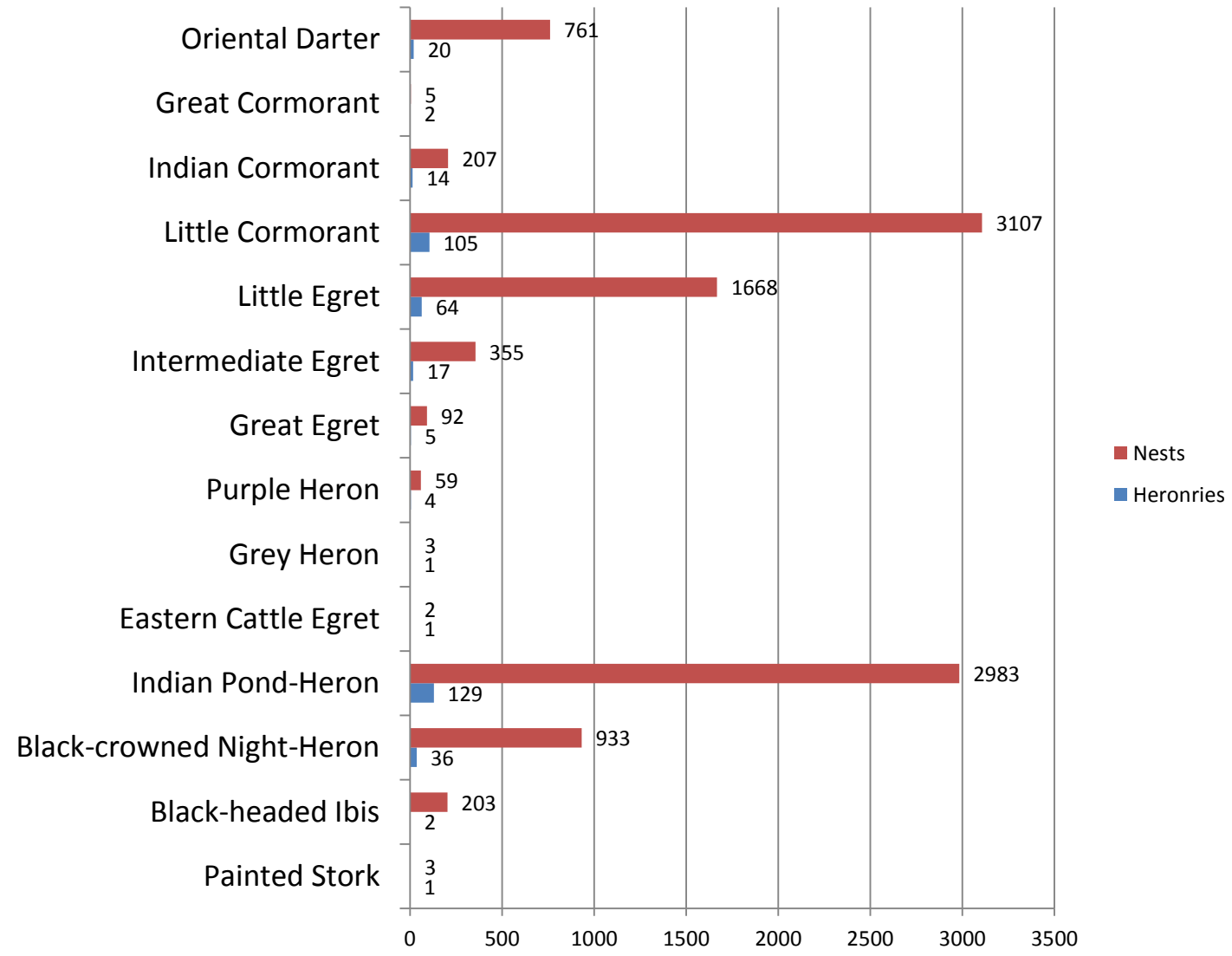
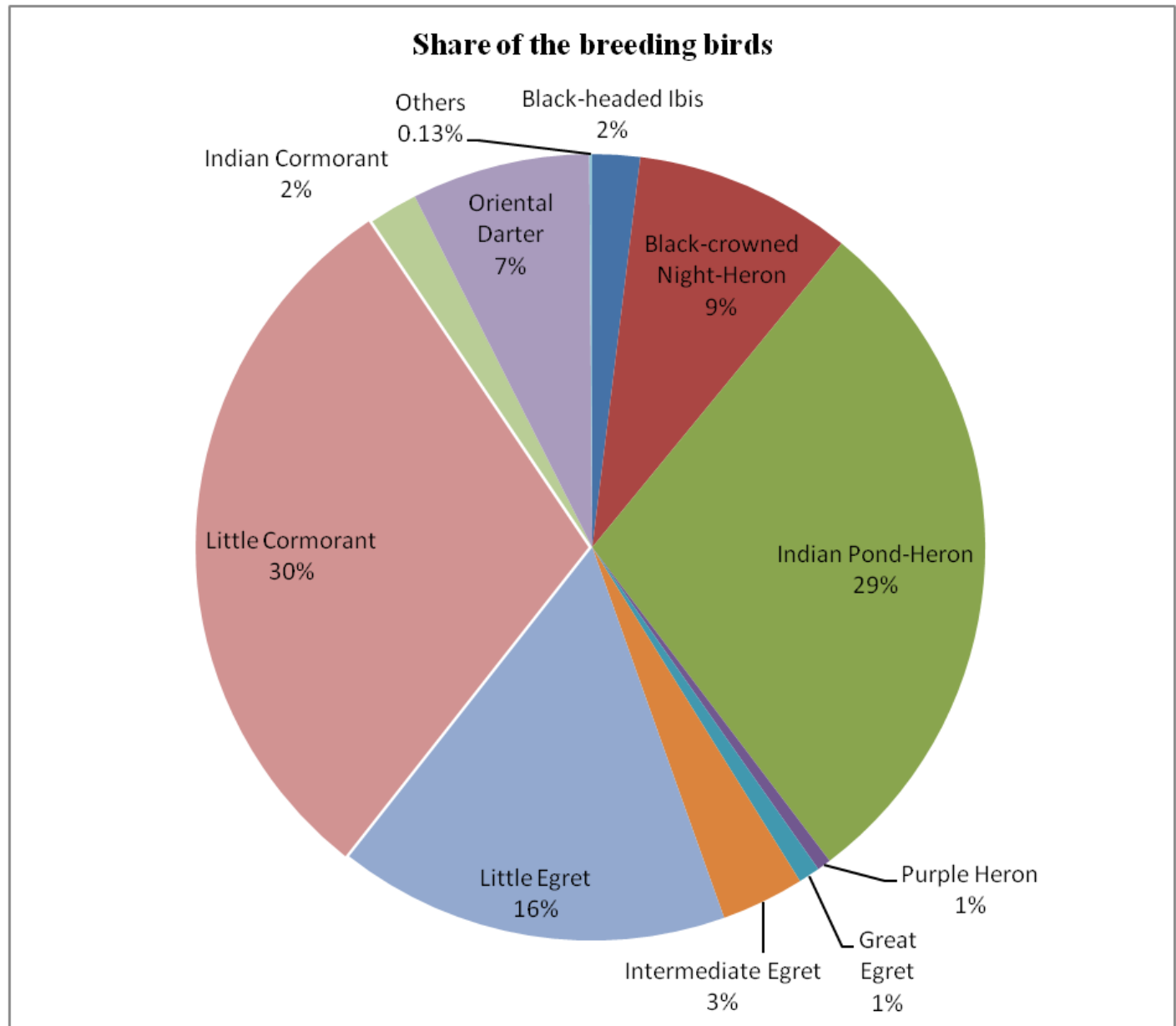


Fig. 3. Share of the breeding birds



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