

Table 4 Occurrence and distribution of Mangroves and associates in 56 estuaries of Tamil Nadu

No.	Groups	West Coast (3)	Gulf of Mannar (10)	Palk Bay (13)	South Coromandel Coast (13)	North Coromandel Coast (17)
1	Mangroves	5	6	2	6	14
2	Mangrove associates	14	17	15	14	17
Total		19	23	17	20	31