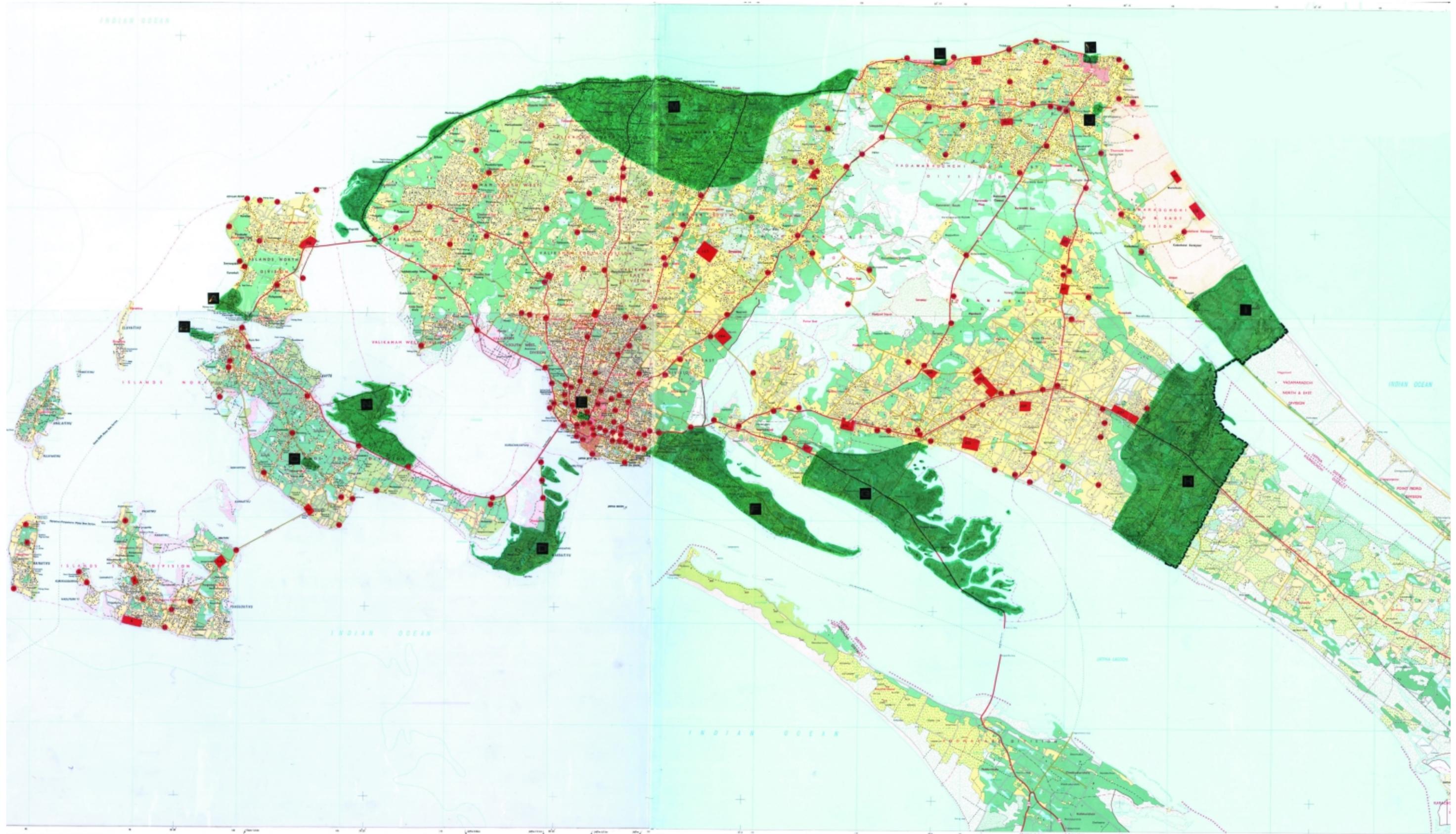


### JAFFNA HIGH SECURITY ZONES



This is a file map from 2003 showing the High Security Zones that existed then in the Jaffna peninsula. The green areas are those that the Sri Lankan military had declared High Security Zones, denying the local population access to their homes, farmlands and fishing access points. Since then, the Sri Lankan military has claimed even fertile land as High Security Zones on which to build or expand Army and Navy camps in the peninsula. Apart from these demarcated zones, military forces also operate alongside police and paramilitary forces across the rest of the peninsula, resulting in Jaffna being termed an 'open air prison' by many who have visited in the last few years.