

Katepurna Wildlife Sanctuary

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About Katepurna Wildlife Sanctuary:

- **Location:** It is located in **Akola District of Maharashtra**.
- This Sanctuary area is the **catchment of Katepurna Reservoir**, and it forms an **aquatic habitat** for many floral and faunal species.
- The sanctuary **derives its name from the Katepurna River**, which flows south to Northward almost through the central part of the sanctuary.
- **Landscape:** It is **undulating** and offers an interesting **contrast between the plateau and the plains**.
- **Vegetation:** **Southern tropical dry deciduous forest**.
- **Flora:**
 - The main species are **Ain, Dhawada, Kalamb, Salai**, Haldu, Medshing, Tendu etc.

- **Trees of Vad, Umber, Arjun, and Kalamb** are found in moist areas.
 - **Fauna:**
 - It is **renowned for its four-horned antelope and barking deer**.
 - Other animals that you can see at the sanctuary include **black buck, leopard, wolf, wild boar, hyena**, hare, nilgai, jungle cat and monkey.
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Q1) What is a Wildlife Sanctuary?

A Wildlife Sanctuary can be termed as a large geographical piece of land, usually forested, where animals are kept in their natural habitats. The primary purpose of designating areas as a Wildlife Sanctuary is to provide a shelter or refuge to the animals so that they can live and thrive in their natural homes. A Wildlife Sanctuary also insulates animals from being killed by poachers or from other more fierce animals.

Source: [Akola: Nature enthusiasts spot 309 animals during Katepurna Sanctuary initiative](#)

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