

What are Baobab Trees?

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About Baobab Trees:

- Baobabs are **long-lived deciduous, small to large trees** from **20 to 100 ft** tall with **broad trunks and compact tops**.
- The Baobab Tree is **also known as the upside-down tree**.
- The baobab **is a prehistoric species** which **predates both mankind** and the splitting of the continents **over 200 million years ago**.
- **Distribution:**
 - There are **9 species of baobab tree**. **Two** are native **to mainland Africa, six to Madagascar**, and **one to Australia**.
 - **Mandu, in the Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh**, is perhaps the **only place in India** where baobab trees are found in abundance, with an **estimated 1,000 trees** in the periphery of Mandu town.
- **Features:**

- Baobab trees **can live to become thousands of years old**. The oldest baobab tree on record was the Panke baobab in Zimbabwe, which lived to be a venerable 2450 years old
 - They only have **very faint growth rings**.
 - Mature trees have massive trunks that are bottle-shaped or cylindrical and tapered from bottom to top.
 - **The fruit** of the tree is **round or oval-shaped and is highly nutritious**.
 - **Why are they called the 'Tree of Life'?**
 - They **can store large amounts of fresh water** in their extraordinary **trunks**.
 - It also allows the baobab tree **to produce nutritious fruits even during the driest years**.
 - This makes them **true life savers during times when water is scarce**.
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Q1) Where are Baobab Trees found in India?

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Source: [MP: Forest dept can't permit translocation of Baobab trees](#)

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