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Bengal Fox Latest News

Researchers and conservationists from many districts in the state of Tamil Nadu, where the Bengal fox used to thrive, have reported no sightings of the species in the last few years.

About Bengal Fox

- It is also known as **Indian Fox or the Indian desert fox, is a small-sized carnivorous mammal.**
- **Habitat:** It generally prefers **foothills and non-forested regions** such as open **grassland**, thorny scrub, semi-desert and arid environments.
- **Distribution:** It is native to the Indian subcontinent, including **India, Nepal and Pakistan** and is widespread throughout its range.
 - These foxes are found in the **Himalayan foothills** to the tip of the **Indian peninsula.**
- **Behaviour:** It is known for their **monogamous behaviour**, forming lifetime bonds.
- Bengal fox populations alter their active periods from daytime to **crepuscular and nocturnal habits.**
 - These foxes **are 'edge species'**, inhabiting habitats between forests and agricultural areas.

- **Breeding:** Its breeding season typically occurs from **December to January and** gestation period is 50-60 days.
- **Conservation Status**
 - **IUCN:** Least Concern
 - **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:** Schedule II
- **Threats:** **Habitat loss**, the fragmentation of open scrubland, direct persecution during traditional festivals, and the **encroachment of feral dogs** bringing disease into fox territories.

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