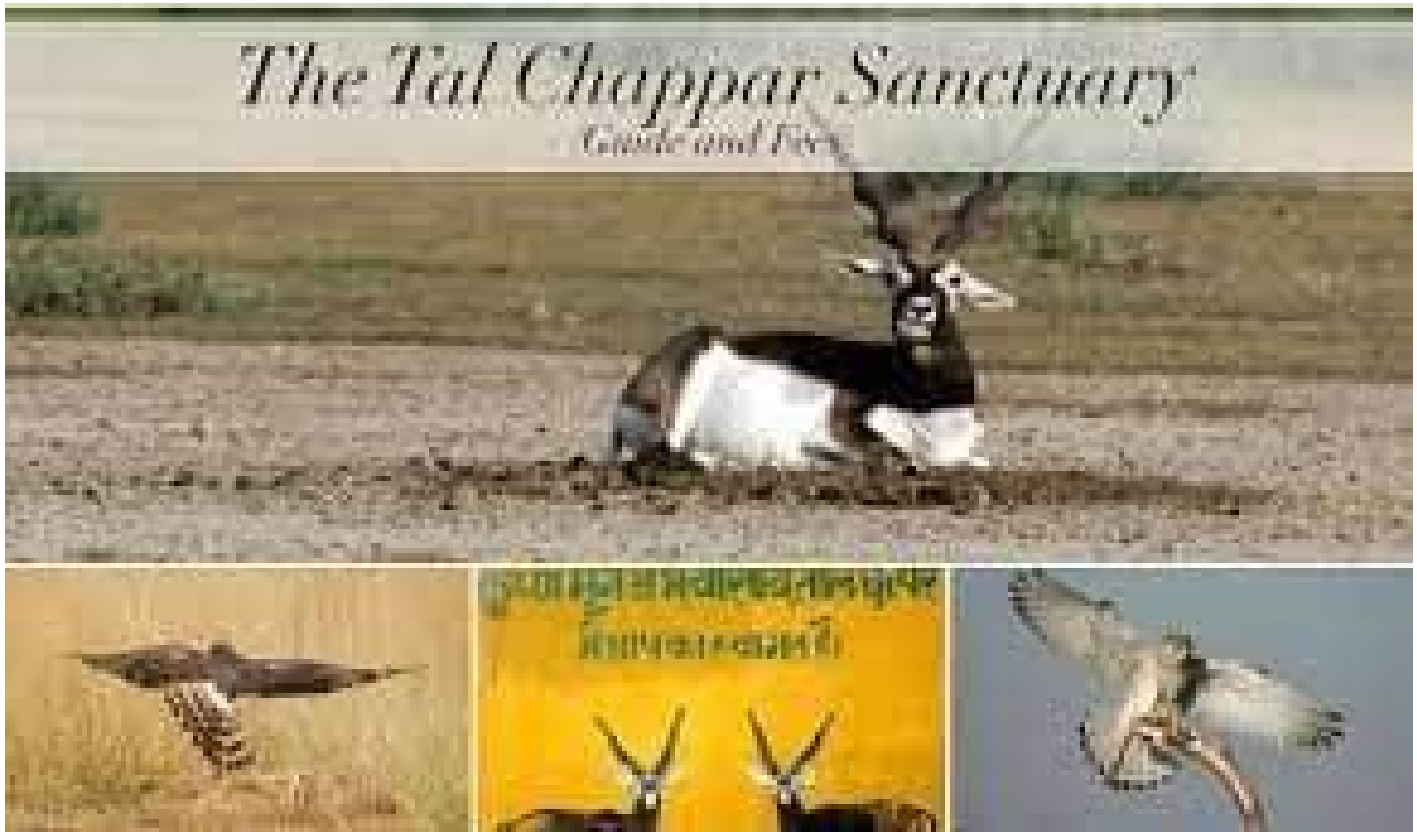


Tal Chhappar Wildlife Sanctuary

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About Tal Chhappar Sanctuary:

- Tal Chhappar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Sujangarh tehsil of **Rajasthan's Churu district** and spanning **7.1977 square Km.**
- It is situated on the **border of the Great Indian Thar Desert.**
- It was established **as a "Reserved area" in 1962** and was given the status of a **sanctuary in 1966.**
- **Topography:** This Sanctuary has nearly **flat territory** and combined **thin low lying region.**
- **Fauna:**
 - The sanctuary is home to over **4,500 Blackbucks, Chinkara, and more than 250 species of birds,** including migratory raptors.
 - It is a distinctive shelter of the most graceful Antelope seen in India, **"the Blackbuck".**
 - It is one of the **top halting places for migratory birds** such as harriers. The migratory birds come from **Central Asia and Europe.**
- **Flora:** It has got open and **wide grasslands** with spread **Acacia and Prosopis plants** that offer it a look of a **characteristic Savanna.**

What is Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ)

- In order **to manage and conserve biodiversity across the Protected Areas** MoEF Change notifies Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs) around the Protected Areas.
- In the year **2002**, it was decided that an area around each Protected Areas, requires to be notified as Eco-Sensitive Zone for **creating a buffer as further protection around Protected Areas (PAs)** under **Environment protection act, 1986**.
- Eco-sensitive Zone could **go upto 10 Kms** around a Protected Areas.
- The Supreme Court on 3 June 2022, modified its previous order mandating **a minimum 1-km eco-sensitive zone** around national parks or wildlife sanctuaries.

Q1) Why blackbuck is hunted?

These animals are hunted for their skin. Poachers have made this species of animal a main target from the 20th century. Conservation: The IUCN List has declared this species as Nearly Threatened. Hunting of blackbuck is prohibited under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.

Source: [MoEF proposes to designate Tal Chhapar Sanctuary as Eco-Sensitive Zone.](#)

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