

Son Ghadiyal Wildlife Sanctuary

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Why in News?

- The tribunal also **directed MoEF & CC** to look into the question of declaring parts of river Son, running in both states, as '**Son Ghadiyal Wildlife Sanctuary**' in accordance with law within three months.

About Son Ghadiyal Wildlife Sanctuary:

- The Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary in Sidhi District of **Madhya Pradesh**.
- It was declared a wildlife sanctuary **in 1981** by the State government to **protect and preserve** the faunal diversity of the river, **specifically the critically endangered Gharial and the vulnerable Marsh Crocodile**.
- Sanctuary consists an **altogether length of 210 km** encompassing lengths of 161 km of **Son river**, 23 km of **Banas river**, and 26 km of **Gopad River**.
- **Fauna:**
 - The sanctuary is home to a significant population **of Gharials**, as well as other species of fauna such as **Indian flapshell turtles, smooth-coated otters, Indian Skimmer** and a variety of **fish species**.
 - It is also a **breeding ground for the Indian Skimmer**.

- About **101 species of birds** registered in the sanctuary make it rich in aquatic and avifaunal biodiversity.
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Q1) What are the special features of crocodile?

Crocodiles have powerful jaws with many conical teeth and short legs with clawed webbed toes. They share a unique body form that allows the eyes, ears, and nostrils to be above the water surface while most of the animal is hidden below.

Source: Illegal mining near Son in UP: NGT slaps fine of Rs 15.96 cr on 2 private firms.

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