

Abohar wildlife sanctuary

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About Abohar wildlife sanctuary: •

- It is located in the **state of Punjab**.
- The entire area of **Sanctuary is private or community**-owned land of 13 Bishnoi villages.
- **Flora:** Albizia lebbeck, Acacia nilotica, Azadirachata indica, A. tortilis etc.
- **Fauna:** Wild Boar, Blue Fauna Bull, Porcupines, Hare, Jackal, etc.

Key facts about Blackbuck

- It is the sole extant member of the genus **Antelope found in India**.
- It lives mainly in open **grasslands or dry deciduous forests**.
- The antelope is native to and found mainly in India (with small population in Nepal and Pakistan).
- It is widespread in the states of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and other areas throughout peninsular India.
- It has been declared as the **state animal** by the governments of **Punjab, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh**.

- **Conservation status:**

- **IUCN Red List:** Least concerned.
- **Wildlife Protection Act of 1972:** Schedule I
- **CITES:** Appendix III

Q1) What is CITES?

CITES stands for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. It is an international agreement between governments aimed at ensuring that international trade does not threaten the survival of wild animals and plants. CITES was established in 1973 and is administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Source: [Blackbuck count at Abohar sanctuary in Punjab going down reveals wildlife census](#)

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