

Satkosia Tiger Reserve

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The Odisha government's proposal to resume tiger re-introduction in Satkosia Tiger Reserve has received in-principal approval of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).

About Satkosia Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** It is located in the **state of Odisha** and spread over four districts, viz. Angul, Cuttack, Boudh, and Nayagarh.
- This reserve encompasses the **Satkosia Gorge Sanctuary** and **Baisipalli Wildlife Sanctuary**,
- **River:** The **river Mahanadi** flows through the valleys in the middle of the Reserve.
- The area is also a part of the **Mahanadi Elephant Reserve**.
- It is the meeting point of two biogeographic regions of India, the **Deccan Peninsula** and the **Eastern Ghats**.
- **Terrain:** The terrain is hilly with moderate to **steep slopes and narrow valleys**.

- **Vegetation:** The forest vegetation comprises North Indian **tropical moist deciduous forests** and **Moist peninsular low-level sal**.
- **Flora**
 - The main tree **species is sal**, which grows in gregarious formations.
 - Other associate species are Asan (*Terminalia alata*), Dhaura (*Anogeissus latifolia*), Bamboo (*Dendrocalamus strictus*), and Simal (*Bombax ceiba*).
- **Fauna**
 - The flagship species among the fauna include tiger, leopard, elephant, spotted deer, sambar, chowsingha, barking deer, bison, wild dog, sloth bear, jackal, giant squirrel, and porcupine.
 - It is the natural habitat of two endangered species, viz., **the freshwater crocodile and the gharial**.

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