

Kali Tiger Reserve

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The Union environment ministry proposes an Eco-Sensitive Zone around Karnataka's Kali Tiger Reserve, spanning 663.32 sq km.

About Kali Tiger Reserve

- It is located in the central portion of the Uttara Kannada (North Canara) district of **Karnataka**.
- The Tiger Reserve **comprises** two important protected areas of the region viz., **Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary** (475.018 Km²) and **Anshi National Park** (339.866 Km²).
 - These two protected areas are contiguous to each other and **form a single tract of the protected area** located in the biologically sensitive **Western Ghats**.
- It shares a **border with Bhimghad Wildlife Sanctuary in the north**, which is further connected to Radhanagari and Koyna wildlife sanctuaries in Maharashtra.
- **To the west**, Kali Tiger Reserve shares **borders with five protected areas in Goa**.

- The terrain is incredibly diverse, ranging from rolling hills and steep escarpments to riverine valleys and plateaus.
- **River:** The **Kali River**, which forms the major **source of water for Uttara Kannada**, flows through the tiger reserve, hence the name.
- **Vegetation:** It is a blend of **semi-evergreen and moist deciduous** forests, **interspersed with patches of bamboo and grasslands**.
- **Flora:** The reserve is rich in plant diversity, featuring species like **teak, silver oak, eucalyptus**, and various **medicinal plants**.
- **Fauna:**
 - Animals found in the Tiger Reserve include **Tiger, Leopard, Elephant, Bison, Wild dog, Sambar, Spotted deer, Sloth bear, Wild boar, Hanuman langur, Bonnet macaque**, etc.
 - The area holds one of the **highest populations of Great Indian Hornbills in the Western Ghats**.
 - It is also home to **rare black panthers**.

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