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Recently, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) revealed that Sundarbans National Park has experienced a deterioration in its conservation outlook status from 'Good with Some Concerns' to 'Significant Concerns' in the last five years.

About Sundarbans National Park

- **Location:** It is located in the southeastern region of **West Bengal, near Kolkata**, and forms part of the Gangetic Delta.
- It is part of the **larger Sundarbans mangrove forest**, one of the largest in the world.
- It was established in 1973 under **India's Project Tiger initiative** to protect the endangered Royal Bengal Tiger.
- It was designated as a **World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1987** for its natural ecosystem and tiger habitat.
- It was declared as a **Biosphere Reserve in 1989** by the Government of India.

- In 2001, it was included in the **UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves** for its role in biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.
- In 2019, the Sundarbans Wetland was **recognized as a Ramsar Site**, adding its importance for migratory birds and environmental sustainability.
- **Rivers:** The Sundarbans delta is formed by the coming together of three rivers, **Ganga, Brahmaputra and Meghna**.
- **Flora:** Some of the common species of plants which are found include Sundari tree, Golpati, Champa, Dhundul, Genwa and Hatal.
- **Fauna:** Royal Bengal Tiger, **fishing cats**, macaques, leopard cats, Indian grey mongoose, wild boar, **flying fox, pangolin**, and Indian grey mongoose.

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