

Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary

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With Chandaka wildlife sanctuary having a lot of anthropogenic pressure, particularly due to the presence of cattle, the wildlife wing of the forest department has put on hold the ambitious Indian gaur (bison) translocation programme.

About Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located on the **outskirts of Bhubaneswar in Odisha**.
- It represents the **northeastern limits of the Eastern Ghats**.
- It was declared **primarily to preserve wild elephants** and elephant habitats.
- **The Kumarkhunti reservoir** is the only water reservoir inside the sanctuary that sustains wildlife during the summer.
- **Vegetation:** Flora is moderately diverse with an intimate **mixture of evergreen and deciduous elements**.

- **Flora:** Main tree species are **Kochila, Kalicha, Belo,** Kangada, Giringa, Sunari, Sal, Kumbhi, **Jamu,** Karanja, **Teak,** and Sidha.
- **Fauna:**
 - **Elephants, Chital, Barking Deer, Wild Boar,** Rhesus Monkey, **Pangolin,** Sloth Bear, Indian Wolf, Hyena, and other mammals.
 - A variety of snakes, like the Python and the monitor lizard, can also be sighted there.
 - **Prominent birds** of the sanctuary are **peafowl, red junglefowl, crested serpent eagle,** great horned owl, black headed oriole, paradise flycatcher, coucal and stone curlew.

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