

Facts About Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary

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About Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in **Palamner - Kuppam forest ranges** of Chittoor district of **Andhra Pradesh**.
- It is the only sanctuary in the whole state housing **Asian elephants**.
- This Sanctuary comes under Project elephant - a Country wide Elephant Conservation Project taken up by Government of India.
- **Rivers:** Kaigal and River Kaundinya flow through this sanctuary and is characterized by high hills, deep valleys.
- **Vegetation:** Southern tropical dry deciduous forest, with patches of thorn, scrub and grassy plains.
- **Flora:** Plants like Albizzia amara, Ficus glomerata, Zizyphus xylocarpus, Gymnosporia Montana, etc;
- **Fauna:** Elephant, Panther, Sloth bear, Wild boar, Chowsingha, Nilgai, Hyena, Jackal, etc.

Key facts about Sri Lankan golden-backed frog

- It is also known as **Gravenhorst's frog** or Sri Lanka wood frog, belongs to the family Ranidae.

- It was considered endemic to Sri Lanka, commonly found from **sea level to 1250 meters** in various districts including Anuradhapura, Galle, and Kandy.
 - The separation of India and Sri Lanka dates back to the **early Miocene era**, around 15 million years ago.
 - Throughout the **Pleistocene**, fluctuating sea levels periodically exposed and submerged the land bridge across the Palk Strait, facilitating biotic exchanges.
 - *Hylarana gracilis*, typically associated with freshwater habitats, shows a shallow genetic divergence (0.2% to 1.1%) between populations in the Eastern Ghats and Sri Lanka.
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Q1:What are Deciduous Forests?

A deciduous forest is a biome dominated by deciduous trees which lose their leaves seasonally. The Earth has temperate deciduous forests, and tropical and subtropical deciduous forests, also known as dry forests.

Source: [Sri Lankan golden-backed frog rediscovered after 200 years in India at Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary](#)

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