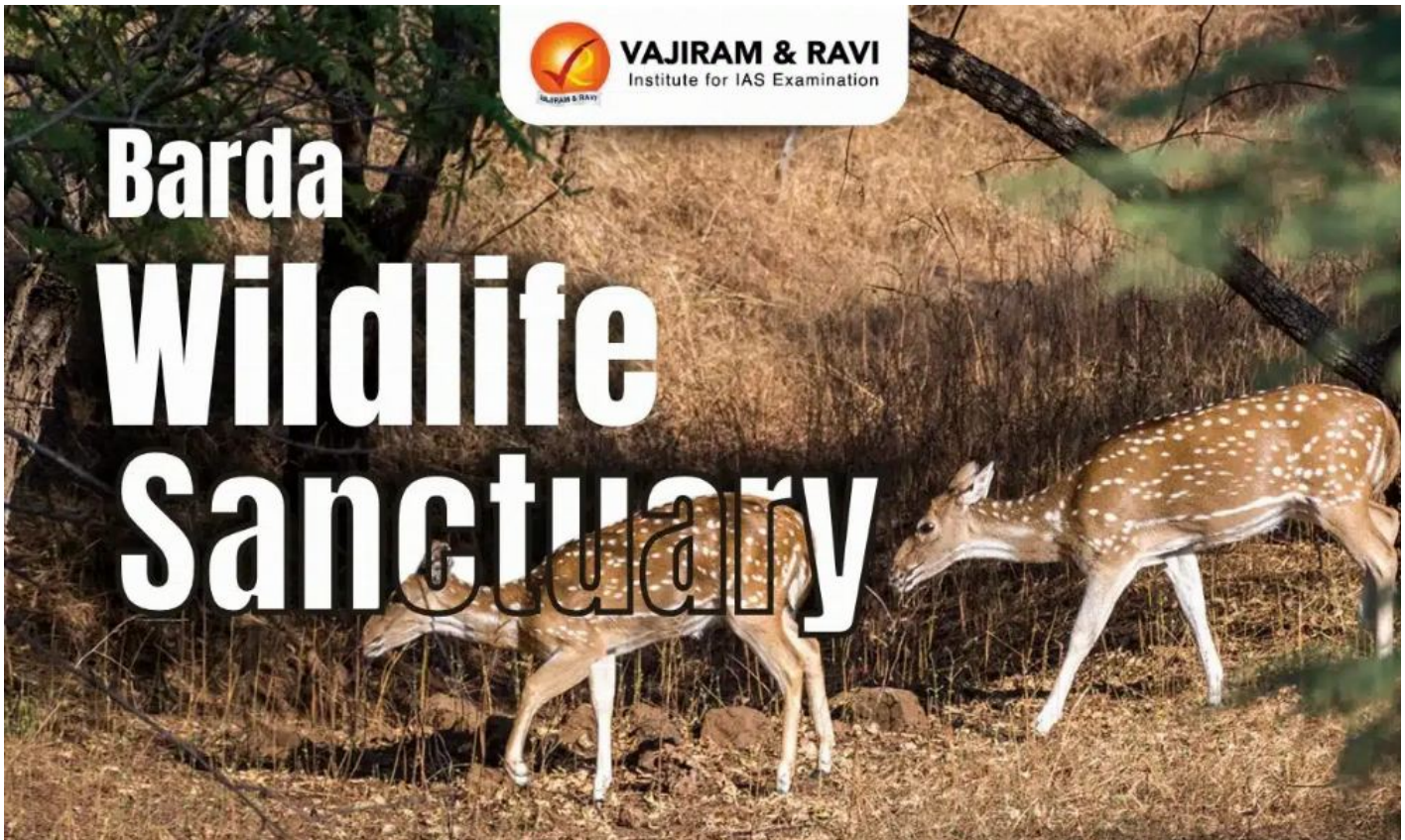


## Barda Wildlife Sanctuary

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Barda Wildlife Sanctuary is being developed as a crucial second habitat for Asiatic lions to reduce the extinction risk posed by keeping the world's entire wild lion population confined to Gir Forest alone.

### About Barda Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in the Barda Hills of **Gujarat**, near the coastal city of **Porbandar**.
- Known locally as Jam Barda, it was once a private hunting ground for the royal families of Jamnagar and Porbandar.
- It is **surrounded by agricultural fields, wastelands, and forest**, and the terrain of Barda is almost **hilly**.
- **Rivers:** There are two waterways, the **Bileshvary River** and the **Joghri River**, and two **dams, Khambala and Fodara**.
- **Tribes:** Ethnic races such as **Maldharis, Bharvads, Rabaris, and Gadhvis** live in this region.
- The sanctuary is a significant biodiversity hotspot and a key area for the **conservation of Asiatic Lions**.

- To develop Barda as the second home for the Asiatic lion, the **state government** implemented the '**Gir-Barda Project**' in **1979**.
- It is the **first fully protected satellite lion habitat in Gujarat**.
- **Flora:**
  - About **650 plant and tree species** constitute the flora of the park, and that includes trees and plants like **Babul, Bamboo, Amli, Jamun, Dhundhlo**, Ber, Gorad, Rayan, Dhav, etc.
  - **Medicinal plants** of great use grow profusely within the forested belt of the sanctuary.
- **Fauna:**
  - It shelters species like **leopards, wolves, sambar deer, chinkara**, hyenas, and blue bulls (nilgai).
  - The sanctuary is also a paradise for bird watchers, with numerous resident and migratory birds such as **eagles, owls, crested serpent eagles**, and partridges found here.

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