

Inland mangrove of Guneri

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Recently, the Gujarat government declared the inland mangrove in Kutch district's Guneri village as the first Biodiversity Heritage Site of Gujarat.

About Inland Mangrove of Guneri

- It is a **natural inland mangrove** site located in **Kutch district of Gujarat**.
- It is located at a distance of **45 km from the Arabian Sea** and four km **from the Kori Creek**, where seawater never approaches.
- It is also devoid of any sludge, and is spread over a flat piece of land like a forest.
- It is the last remains of **inland mangrove** in India.
- This inland mangrove is rare and has been reported from only eight locations across the globe till date.
- They are assumed to have originated **either after the marine transgression** which occurred in the area **during the Miocene period** or on the bank of the lost river (the Saraswati River) in the Great Rann of Kachchh.
- Studies elsewhere have reported that the **inland mangroves survive** in areas having **limestone deposition** which connects with the sea bed.

- The limestone provides a continuous flow of groundwater to the mangrove ecosystem/vegetation. The Western Kutch and areas surrounding the Guneri mangroves have records of limestone depositions.
- The announcement has been done under the **provisions of The Biodiversity Act, 2002**. The Act empowers the state government to notify an area as a BHS after consulting concerned local bodies.

Inland Mangrove of Guneri FAQs

Q1: What are mangroves?

Ans: Mangroves are a group of trees and shrubs that live in the coastal intertidal zone.

Q2: Which is the largest mangrove forest in India?

Ans: Sundarbans

Q3: How many Biodiversity Heritage Sites are there in India?

Ans: 47

Q4: Which act is responsible for biodiversity heritage site?

Ans: Section 37 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002

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