

Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary

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Goa's State Board for Wildlife recently recommended that the proposal for wildlife clearance for iron ore handling at Kalem railway station in Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park be placed before the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) for their "consideration".

About Bhagwan Mahaveer Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located on the **eastern border** of the state of **Goa**, near the village of Mollem.
- Set amidst the **foothills of the Western Ghats**, it covers an area of **240 sq. km**, out of which **170 sq.km.** is **dedicated to the Mollem National Park** built at the core of the sanctuary.
- **Originally known as the Mollem Game Sanctuary**, it was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1969 and then renamed the Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary.
- It is also home to the famous **Dudhsagar waterfall**, the **Devil's Canyon**, the **Tambdi Surla temple**, the **Tambdi falls**, and a number of other historic and religious sites.

- **Vegetation:** **West Coast tropical evergreen forests, West Coast semi-evergreen forests,** and **moist deciduous** forests.
- **Flora:** **Teak, bamboo, cashew, and eucalyptus** trees dominate the landscape.
- **Fauna:**
 - The sanctuary is particularly known for its **Leopards, Elephants, Deers & Gaur,** or Indian Bison.
 - The chief attraction of the sanctuary is the **King Cobra,** which is found here in abundance.
 - It is home to around 200 species of various types of birds, like the **Malabar pied hornbill, Indian black woodpecker, great Indian hornbill,** kingfishers, paradise flycatcher, shrikes, grey jungle fowl, etc.

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