

Similipal Tiger Reserve

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Recently, 4 rare black tigers were spotted in Similipal Tiger Reserve.

About Similipal Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** It is situated in the Mayurbhanj district of **Odisha**.
- The park is named after the Simul (silk cotton) tree, which grows in abundance here.
- It is situated in the **Deccan Peninsular Bio-geographic Zone**, it harbours a unique blend of Western Ghats, Eastern Ghats, and eastern Himalayan biodiversity.
- It has some beautiful waterfalls like **Joranda and Barehipani**.
- It is surrounded by high plateaus and hills, the highest peak being the twin peaks of **Khairiburu and Meghashini** (1515 m above mean sea level).
- **Tribes:** It is also home to various tribes, including Kolha, Santhala, Bhumija, Bhatudi, Gondas, Khadia, Mankadia, and Sahara.

- **Vegetation:** The forest is predominantly moist mixed deciduous forest with tropical semi-evergreen forest in areas with suitable microclimatic conditions and sporadic patches of dry deciduous forests and grasslands.
- **Flora:** Sal is the dominant tree species here.
 - It houses 7% of the flowering plants and 8% of India's orchids. The park also has extensive grasslands that are grazing grounds for many of the herbivores.
- **Fauna:** It is known for the tiger, elephant, and hill mynah, leopard, sambar etc.

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