

Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary

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Recently, a rescued Chinese pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*) and an Asian palm civet (*Prionivivax*) have been released into Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary.

About Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary

- **Location:** It is located in **the state of Meghalaya**, within the Eastern Himalayan Global Biodiversity Hotspot.
- It was **established in 1981** as a protected sanctuary under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- **Topography:** Features undulating plains, low hills, and rugged terrain shaped by the Umtrew River and its tributaries (Umrang, Umling, Umtasor).
- **Vegetation:** The major part of the habitat is **Tropical Moist Deciduous forest** with patches of **Tropical Semi-evergreen forest**.
- **River:** **Umtrew River**, forming the western boundary of the sanctuary.

- **Flora:** Dominant species include *Shorea robusta*, *Tectona grandis*, *Terminalia myriocarpa*, and *Gmelina arborea*.
- **Fauna:** Home to over 400 bird species, including the endangered Rufous-necked Hornbill, and mammals like the Clouded Leopard, Elephant, and Himalayan Black Bear.
 - Four species of hornbills occur in the area, including the **Great Pied, Indian Pied, and Wreathed Hornbills**.

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