

Greater Flamingo Sanctuary

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Recently, concerns have been raised over a proposed wind farm near Greater Flamingo Sanctuary in Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu.

About Greater Flamingo Sanctuary

- **Location:** It is located in Dhanushkodi in Ramanathapuram district of **Tamil Nadu**.
- It is nestled within the ecologically sensitive **Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve**.
- The designated area is home to a variety of ecosystems, including mangroves, sand dunes, mudflats, and marshes.
- It is a critical stopover point along **the Central Asian Flyway** for thousands of migratory wetland birds.
- **Fauna:** This region supports 128 bird species, including **Greater and Lesser Flamingos** and provide habitats for marine life, including **fish, crustaceans, molluscs**, and nesting sea turtles.
- **Flora:** It features diverse ecosystems and mangrove forests like **Avicennia and Rhizophora**, which stabilise the coastline.

Key Facts about Greater Flamingo

- It is a large **wading bird** known for its distinctive pink feathers and unique feeding habits.
- **Distribution:** Its range spans Africa, western Asia, and southern Europe.
- **Habitat:** It is usually found in shallow, saline, alkaline wetlands, such as salt lakes, coastal lagoons, intertidal mudflats, and saltworks during the breeding season.
- **Conservation Status of Greater Flamingo**
 - **IUCN:** Least concern
 - **Wild Life Protection Act:** Schedule-II

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